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Georgii III. Regis.

An Act for amending, widening, and keeping in Repair, ſeveral Roads leading from the *Buck's Head* at *Watling-ſtreet*, to *Beckbury* and the *New Inn*, and from the *Birches Brook* to the Hand Poſt, in the Pariſh of *Kemberton*, in the County of *Salop*.

WHEREAS the Roads leading from the Sign of the Buck's Head at Watling-ſtreet, in the County of Salop, over Layley Bank and Dawley Green, by the Cuckow Oak, and to a certain Hand Poſt in the Pariſh of Sutton and County of Salop; and from the ſaid Hand Poſt by Stableford, over Crows Heath, Rudge Heath, and to a certain Inn called the New Inn, in the County of Salop, being a Part of the high Road leading from Wellington, Wem, Elleſmere, Watling-ſtreet, and ſeveral other Towns and Villages, unto the ſeveral Cities of Worceſter, Glouceſter, Bath, and Briſtol; and alſo the Road leading from the aforeſaid Hand Poſt in the Pariſh of Sutton, by Harrington, and to the Town of Beckbury, being a Part of the high Road leading from Much Wenlock, Broſeley, Colebrooke Dale, Madeley, Madeley Wood, and Dawley, in the ſaid County of Salop, unto Wolverhampton, Willenhall, Bilſon, Walſall, Blockſage, and Birmingham; and alſo the Roads leading from the Birches Brooke, dividing the Pariſhes of Madeley and Buildwas, in the ſaid County of Salop, through Colebrooke Dale, over Lincoln Hill, through Madeley, Preamble.

Madeley, by the aforesaid Cuckow Oak; and to a certain Hand Post in the Parish of Kemberton and County of Salop, being Part of the high Road leading from Much Wenlock and Ludlow, to Shiffnall and Newport, in the County of Salop aforesaid, are in a ruinous Condition, and in many Places narrow and incommodious for Carriages, and the said Roads cannot be effectually amended, widened, and kept in Repair, by the present Methods provided by Law; May it therefore please your Majesty, that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That Sir John Astley Baronet, Sir Richard Acton Baronet, Ashwood of Madeley Esquire, Christopher Astley, John Asprey, Henry Bridgeman, William Bagott, George Bridgeman, Francis Turner Blithe, Robert Burton, Richard Boycott, Charles Bolas, Esquires; Henry Bowdler, Thomas Birch, the Reverend Baker Clerk, Thomas Barker, Thomas Bache, Thomas Botfield, Edward Chudde, William Congreve Esquire, John Chambre, the Reverend Rowland Chambre Clerk, John Corfield, Thomas Child, John Corson, Sherrington Davenport Esquire, Arthur Davis, Thomas Devey, the Reverend Robert Daubrie, John Eykyn, James Eykyn of Ackleton, Brook Forrester, Cecil Forrester, George Forrester, William Ferriday, Esquires; the Reverend Faile Clerk, William Farmer, the Right Honourable George Harry Grey commonly called Lord Grey, the Reverend Gibbons Clerk, George Goodwin, Robert Gilpin, Gittins, Gentlemen; Sir Rowland Hill Baronet, Richard Hill, Thomas Hill, Samuel Hill, Noel Hill, Henry Harnage, Esquires; the Reverend Hodgkis Clerk, William Hinton, the Reverend William Hinton, the Reverend Honeyborne Vicar of Pattingham, John Henshaw, Sir Thomas Jones Knight, Robert Jenkins, John Jenkins, Esquires; Edward Jefferies, John Jasper, Clement Kynnersley, Roger Kynaston, Edward Kynaston, Esquires; Richard Lyster, William Lutwiche, Esquires; Joseph Littleford Gentleman, Thomas Mytton of Shipton Esquire, Thomas Ottley Esquire, Adam Ottley, Henry Onions, Edward Pemberton, Humphry Pitt, Esquires; Benjamin Poole, Thomas Parsons, Thomas Poole, Richard Phillips senior, Richard Phillips junior, John Parsons, William Plimley, William Reynolds, Richard Reynolds, Sir Edward Smith Baronet, Walter Smith, John Smytheman, Plowden Slaney, Esquires;

Trustees Names.

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John Stubbs, William Stubbs, Walter Stubbs, John Smith, Thomas Smith, Thomas Turner, John Thomaſon of Stockton, John Thomaſon of Aſtol, Valentine Viccars, the Honourable John Ward, the Reverend Sir Richard Wrottesley Baronet, Sir Thomas Whitmore Knight of the Bath, John Wrottesley, Major General William Whitmore, George Whitmore, the Reverend Henry Whitmore Clerk, John Wilkinſon, and Edward Williams, ſhall be, and they and their Succeſſors, to be elected in Manner herein after mentioned, are hereby appointed Truſtees, for amending, widening, and keeping in Repair, the ſaid ſeveral Roads hereby intended to be repaired, and alſo for putting in Execution all other Powers by this Act granted.

Qualification of Truſtees.

And be it further enacted, That no Perſon ſhall be capable of acting as a Truſtee in the Execution of this Act, unleſs he ſhall be in his own Right, or in the Right of his Wife, in the actual Poſſeſſion and Enjoyment, or Receipt, of the Rents and Profits of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, of the clear yearly Value of Forty Pounds above Repriſes, or ſhall be Heir Apparent of ſome Perſon having ſuch Eſtate of the clear yearly Value of Eighty Pounds, or poſſeſſed of, or intitled unto, a Perſonal Eſtate, to the Amount or Value of One thouſand Pounds above Repriſes: And if any Perſon, hereby deemed incapable to act, ſhall preſume to act, every ſuch Perſon ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall inform and ſue for the ſame, to be recovered in any of his Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, by Action of Debt, or on the Caſe, wherein no Eſſoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, ſhall be allowed; and the Perſon ſo proſecuted ſhall prove that he is ſo qualified, or otherwiſe ſhall pay the ſaid Penalty, without any other Proof or Evidence on the Part of the Proſecutor, than that ſuch Perſon had acted as a Truſtee in the Execution of this Act.

Penalty on acting, not being qualified.

Time and Place of Truſtees Meeting.

And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees ſo as aforeſaid appointed for amending, widening, and keeping in Repair, the ſaid Roads, or any Five or more of them, ſhall meet together at the Houſe of Samuel Southal, called the Talbot New Inn, in the Pariſh of Pattingham, in the ſaid County of Salop, on the Firſt Day of June next enſuing; and the ſaid Truſtees ſhall then proceed to the Execution of this Act, and ſhall adjourn themſelves, from time to time, to ſuch Times and Places as the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, ſhall think proper, as often as it ſhall be neceſſary

In Default of a sufficient Number to act, Meeting to be adjourned.

cessary for putting this Act in Execution: And if it shall happen, that there shall not appear at any such Meeting a sufficient Number of Trustees to act, or to adjourn to any other Time and Place, then the Clerk of the Trustees shall adjourn the said Meeting to, and appoint the Trustees to meet at, the Place where the last Meeting was appointed to be held, on that Day Three Weeks next after the Day on which such last Meeting was appointed to be held; and shall cause Notice thereof to be affixed on all the Gates or Turnpikes then erected by virtue of this Act, at least Ten Days before such Meeting; and that the said Trustees, at all their Meetings, shall defray their own Charges and Expences.

Trustees to defray their own Expences.

Proviso.

Provided always, That Two Trustees shall be sufficient for the Purpose of Adjournment.

No Trustee to accept a Place of Profit arising from the Tolls.

And be it further enacted, That no Trustee shall be capable of acting as a Trustee under the Authority of this Act, who shall hold any Place of Profit arising out of the Tolls hereby granted.

Trustees who are in the Commission of the Peace to act as Justices.

And be it further enacted, That a Trustee or Trustees nominated or appointed in or by virtue of this Act, who shall be a Justice or Justices of the Peace, may, and is and are hereby authorized and impowered to act as a Justice or Justices of the Peace in the Execution of the Powers and Authorities hereby given to any Justice or Justices of the Peace, notwithstanding his or their being a Trustee or Trustees.

On Death, &c. of Trustees, others to be chosen:

And be it further enacted, That as often as any of the said Trustees shall die or refuse to act, it shall and may be lawful for the surviving or remaining Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, under their Hands and Seals, to appoint another Trustee in the Room of such Trustee so dying or refusing to act; and Notice of the Time and Place of Meeting for the Election of such Trustee, shall be given by the Clerk to the said Trustees, by affixing the same in Writing on all the Turnpikes which shall be erected by virtue of this Act, at least Fifteen Days before the Meeting for such Election; and the Person so appointed shall and may act in the Execution of this Act, as fully as the Trustees hereby nominated are impowered to do.

15 Days Notice thereof to be given.

Trustees may erect Turnpikes and Toll-houses, and take the following Tolls thereat.

And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall and may cause to be erected One or more Gate or Gates, Turnpike or Turnpikes, in, upon, or across the said Roads, and also a Toll-house to each Gate or Turnpike, and shall demand and take the following Tolls at each of the said Gates or Turnpikes,

Turnpikes, before any Cattle or Carriage shall be permitted to pass through the same; that is to say,

For every Horse, Mare, Gelding, Mule, Ass, or other Beast, drawing any Carriage, the Sum of Three Pence. The Tolls.

For every Horse, Mare, Gelding, Mule, Ass, or other Beast of Burthen, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of One Penny.

For every Drove of Oxen, Cows, or Neat Cattle, the Sum of Ten Pence per Score, and so in Proportion for any less Number.

For every Drove of Calves, Hogs, Sheep, or Lambs, the Sum of Five Pence per Score, and so in Proportion for any less Number.

Which said respective Sum or Sums of Money shall be demanded and taken in the Name of, or as a Toll; and shall be paid to such Person or Persons as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall appoint to collect the same; and the Money so to be raised is hereby vested in the said Trustees, and shall be applied in such Manner as is herein after-mentioned; and if any Person or Persons, subject to the Payment of any of the said Tolls shall, after Demand thereof made, neglect or refuse to pay the same, it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons appointed as aforesaid to collect the said Tolls, to seize and distrain any Horse or Horses, or other Cattle or Beasts, upon which such Toll is by this Act imposed, or any of the Goods or Chattles of such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing; and if such Toll, and the reasonable Charges of such seizing and distraining, shall not be paid within the Space of Four Days, the Person or Persons so seizing and distraining shall and may sell the Horses, Cattle, Beasts, or Goods, so seized and distrained, returning the Overplus (if any) upon Demand, to the Owner thereof, after such Tolls and all reasonable Charges shall be deducted.

Tolls vested in Trustees.

Tolls to be levied by Distress and Sale.

Distress may be sold after 4 Days.

And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to cause to be erected One or more Gate or Gates, Turnpike or Turnpikes, and Toll-house or Toll-houses, on the Side or Sides of the said Roads, or upon, in, or across, any Lane or Way leading into the same, to prevent Persons evading the Payment of the Tolls hereby granted; and there cause to be taken and levied such Tolls as are by this Act made payable at any Gate or Turnpike erected by virtue hereof; so as the same do not extend to a double Charge upon any Person passing through any other of the Gates or Turnpikes erected by virtue of this Act.

Trustees may erect Sidegates, &c.

and take Tolls thereat,

so as the same do not extend to a double Charge.

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Property of the Turnpikes and Toll-houses, &c. vested in the Trustees.

And be it further enacted, That the said Gates or Turnpikes and Toll-houses, and the Materials of which the same shall consist, and all Materials which shall be provided by the said Trustees, or by their Surveyor or Surveyors, for repairing the said Roads, shall be, and they are hereby vested in the said Trustees; and they, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorized and impowered to bring, or cause any Action or Actions to be brought, in the Name of their Treasurer or Clerk, or to prefer, order, and direct the preferring of Indictments against any Person or Persons who shall dig up, break, or pull down, steal, take, or carry away, spoil, injure, or destroy, any Gate, Turnpike, or Toll-house, which shall be erected by virtue of this Act, or any Part thereof, or any of the Materials of which the same shall be built or consist, or any of the Materials which shall be provided for the repairing of the said Roads.

Application of the Money.

And be it further enacted, That out of the First Money arising by the Tolls hereby granted, or out of such Money as shall be borrowed on the Credit thereof, the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall, in the first Place, pay and discharge all the Expences and Costs of procuring and passing this Act; and the Remainder of the Money so raised shall be applied in erecting Gates or Turnpikes and Toll-houses, and repairing, widening, and amending the said Roads, and defraying the necessary Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the same, and the Execution of this Act, and to no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

Trustees, with Consent of Creditors, may lessen the Tolls.

And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, with the Consent of the Person or Persons intitled to Two Thirds of the Money borrowed on the Credit of the said Tolls, to lessen the Tolls hereby granted, or any Part thereof, for such Time as the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall think proper; and such Tolls, so lessened, shall be collected, recovered, and applied, in the same Manner as the Tolls hereby granted are directed to be collected, recovered, and applied.

Tolls to be paid but Once a Day.

And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall have paid the Toll by this Act granted for the passing of any Cattle or Beast through any Gate or Turnpike erected by virtue of this Act, the same Person, upon producing a Note or Ticket denoting such Payment, shall be permitted to pass through the same, or any other Gate or Turnpike to be erected by virtue of this Act, with the same Cattle or Beast Toll-free, at any Time or Times during the same Day, to be computed

puted from Twelve of the Clock in one Night to Twelve of the Clock in the next Night; which said Note or Ticket the Collector of the Tolls is hereby required to give gratis upon the Payment of such Toll.

Trustees may lease, &c. the Tolls.

And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, may, at any Time during the Continuance of this Act, let the Tolls hereby granted, or any Part thereof, on Lease to any Person or Persons by the Year or otherwise, for such Sum or Sums of Money as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall think reasonable; which Sum or Sums of Money shall be paid to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same; and shall be applied as the Tolls hereby granted are to be applied, and to no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

Exemptions from Tolls.

And be it further enacted, That no Toll shall be demanded or taken for any Cattle drawing any Carriage laden with Materials for repairing any Road or Highway; or Compost of any Nature or Kind whatsoever, for manuring of any Garden or other Land or Ground, or Hay, Straw, or Corn in the Straw, not sold or disposed of, but to be laid up in the Houses, Outhouses, Barns, Yards, or Backsides, of the Owners thereof; or drawing any Plough, Harrow, or other Implement of Husbandry, or for any other Thing whatsoever employed in Husbandry, or for manuring or stocking of Land, in the several Townships, Parishes, Hamlets, or Places, in which the said Roads hereby intended to be repaired do lie; or drawing any Coaches or other Carriages, or from Passengers on Horseback, going to, or returning from, any Election of a Right or Knights of the Shire to serve in Parliament for the Counties of Salop or Stafford; or for any Cattle drawing the Coach or other Carriage of any Person or Persons going to and from Church, or other Places of Religious Worship, they usually resort to on Sundays; or attending the Funeral of any Person who shall die and be buried in any Parish through which the said Roads lead; nor shall any Toll be demanded or taken at any Gate or Turnpike to be erected cross any Lane or Way leading into, or out of, any of the Roads hereby directed to be repaired, unless the Horse, Cattle, or Carriage, passing through any such Gate or Turnpike shall pass the Space of Three hundred Yards on some Part of the Road by this Act directed to be repaired; or for any Cattle going to, or returning from, Pasture or Water; or for any Post Horse or Cattle drawing any Carriage with the

Wail; or for the Horses of any Officers and Soldiers on their March; or for any Cattle drawing the Carts or Carriages attending them; or for Horses or Cattle drawing Carriages travelling with Vagrants sent by Passes.

Penalty on making illegal Claims.

Provided nevertheless, That if any Person shall claim and take the Benefit of any of the Exemptions aforesaid, not being intitled to the same, such Person shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings; One Moiety whereof shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety shall be applied in repairing the Roads.

Penalty on Persons permitting or going thro' private Passage, &c.

And be it further enacted, That if any Person occupying any Land near to any Gate or Turnpike erected in pursuance of this Act, shall permit or suffer any Person or Persons to pass through any Gate, Passage, or private Way, with any Cattle; or if any Person shall with any Cattle pass through any such Gate, Passage, or private Way; or if any Person shall take off, or cause to be taken off, any Horse or other Beast from any Carriage on either Side of any Gate or Turnpike erected by virtue of this Act, in order to avoid the Payment of any of the Tolls hereby granted; or if any Person shall give to or receive from any Person any Note or Ticket by this Act directed to be given, or shall forge or counterfeit any such Ticket; or if any Person shall forcibly pass through any such Gate or Turnpike with any Cattle, whereby the Payment of any of the Tolls by this Act granted shall be avoided; every Person so offending in each of the Cases aforesaid, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings.

and on giving or receiving Tickets, &c.

to avoid Payment of the Tolls.

Tolls may be assigned for Money borrowed.

And, for the more speedy repairing and widening the said Roads, be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, from time to time, upon the Credit of the Tolls hereby respectively made payable, to borrow and take up at Interest any such Sum or Sums of Money as they, or any Seven or more of them, shall think needful; and they are hereby authorized and impowered to mortgage or assign over the said Tolls, or any Part or Parts thereof, to any Person or Persons, as a Security or Securities for the several Sums of Money that shall be so borrowed, and the Interest thereof as aforesaid, by the following Words of Assignment under the Hands of the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, or by any other proper Words for that Purpose; that is to say,

Form of Assignment.

BY virtue of an Act made in the Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, for we of the Trustees for putting the said Act in Execution, in Consideration of the Sum of to assign unto *A. B.* his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, such Proportion of the Tolls arising by virtue of this Act as the said Sum of shall bear to the whole Sum advanced on the Credit of the same; to hold to the said *A. B.* his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, from this Day of in the Year of our Lord until the said Sum of with Interest, at the Rate of *per Centum per Annum*, shall be repaid. Witness our Hands this Day of

Which said Sums of Money to be borrowed (the Charges of procuring and passing this Act in the Manner aforesaid being thereout first paid) shall be laid out and applied in and for the repairing and widening the said Roads, in such Manner as the said Tolls are hereby directed to be laid out and applied, and to and for no other Use or Purpose whatsoever; and a Copy of all such Mortgages or Assignments shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk or Clerks, Treasurer or Treasurers, to the said Trustees; and all and every Person and Persons, to whom any such Assignment or Assignments shall be made as aforesaid, or who shall be intitled to the Money thereby secured, may from time to time assign or transfer his, her, or their Right, Title, Interest, or Benefit to the Principal and Interest thereby secured, to any Person or Persons whatsoever, indorsing on the Back of such Security, before Two credible Witnesses, the following Words, or Words to the like Effect:

Assignments may be transferred.

I Do transfer this Assignment, with all my Right and Title to the Principal and Interest thereby secured and now due, unto *C. D.* his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Dated this Day of

Form of Transfer.

Which said Transfer or Assignment shall be produced and notified to the said Clerk or Clerks, Treasurer or Treasurers, who shall cause an Entry or Memorial to be made of such Assignment or Transfer, containing the Dates, Names of the Parties, and Sums of Money therein transferred, in the said Book or Books to be kept for the entering the said original Assignments; for which the said

Entries to be made of all Assignments.

said Clerk or Clerks, Treasurer or Treasurers, shall be paid the Sum of Two Shillings, and no more; and after such Entry made, but not till then, every such Assignment shall intitle such Assignee, his, her, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit thereof and Payment thereon; and every such Assignee may in like Manner assign again, and so toties quoties; and all such Transfers and Assignments shall intitle such Assignee, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit thereof and Payment thereon; and it shall not be in the Power of the Person or Persons, who shall have made such Assignments respectively, to make void, release, or discharge the same, or any Monies thereby due, or any Part thereof; and all and every Person and Persons to whom any such Mortgage or Assignment shall be made as aforesaid, shall be in Proportion to the Sum or Sums therein mentioned, Creditors on such Tolls (on the Credit whereof such Sum or Sums are advanced) in equal Degree one with another, and shall not have Preference in respect of the Priority of any such Security.

All Creditors to be deemed equal in Degree.

Trustees to appoint Officers;

and remove them, and appoint others.

Trustees to allow Officers Salaries.

Officers to account upon Oath.

And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, may appoint such Officers and other Persons as they shall think necessary to employ in the Execution of this Act; and such Officers and other Persons, or any or either of them, from time to time to remove, and to appoint others in case of Death or such Removal; and may, out of the Monies which shall arise by the Tolls aforesaid, or be borrowed on the Credit thereof, make such Allowances to such Officers and other Persons, for their Services, as to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall seem reasonable; and all and every such Officers and other Persons shall, from time to time (when thereunto required by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them) make and render to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, a true, exact, and perfect Account in Writing, under their respective Hands, upon Oath, to be taken before Two or more of the said Trustees (which Oath Two Trustees are hereby impowered to administer) of all Monies which he, they, and every of them respectively, shall to that Time have received, paid, and disbursed by virtue of this Act, or by reason of their respective Offices; and in case any Money so received shall remain in their or any of their Hands, the same shall be paid to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or to such Person as they shall appoint to receive the same; and

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In case any such Officer or other Person shall not make and render, or shall refuse to verify upon Oath, such Account, or to make such Payment as aforesaid, then any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County where such Officer or other Person shall reside, shall make Inquiry concerning such Default in a summary Way, as well by Confession of the Parties themselves, as by the Testimony of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby impowered and required to administer): And if any such Officer or other Person shall be convicted of all or any of the Offences aforesaid, such Justice or Justices shall commit the Offender to the common Gaol of the County where the Offence shall be committed, until he or they shall make and render a full, true, and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or until he or they shall have compounded and agreed with the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, and shall have paid such Composition to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same; which Composition the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, are hereby impowered to make.

Officers refusing to account,

Justices to inquire into the Default,

and commit the Offender,

All Creditors to be deemed equal in Degree,

until Payment or Composition made.

Trustees to appoint Officers;

and remove them, and appoint Treasurer;

And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorized and required to take such Security from the Treasurer or Treasurers to be appointed for the Purposes of this Act, for the due Execution of his and their said Office and Offices, as to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall seem meet.

give Security,

Trustees to allow Officers Salaries.

And be it further enacted, That no Person keeping an Inn, Alehouse, or other House of publick Entertainment, or who shall sell Ale, Wine, Brandy, or other Spirituous Liquors by Retail, shall be capable of holding any Place of Trust or Profit under this Act.

No Victuallers &c. to hold a Place of Profit.

And be it further enacted, That the Surveyor or Surveyors appointed by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or any Person or Persons appointed by such Surveyor or Surveyors, may, and is, and are hereby authorized and impowered to cut, dig, gather, take, and carry away, or cause to be cut, digged, gathered, taken, and carried away, any Materials proper for repairing of Roads, in, upon, out of, or from, any River or Brook, Waste, Common, or Wood, in any Parish Town, or Place, in, adjoining to, or lying near the Roads aforesaid, to be used in repairing the said Roads, without paying any thing for the same; they the said Surveyors,

Surveyors may dig Gravel, &c.

without paying for the same;

levelling the Pits.

veyors, or other Persons, filling up the Pits and Holes, and levelling the Ground, or making a sufficient Fence, to prevent any Misfortune or Accident happening in the Pits or Holes from whence such Materials shall be taken, or causing the same to be done; and if such Quantities of Materials sufficient for that Purpose cannot be found in or upon such Rivers or Brooks, Waste, Common, or Moor, then, and in such Case, to cut, dig, gather, take, and carry away, or cause to be cut, digged, gathered, taken, and carried away, any Quantity or Quantities of Materials proper and sufficient for that Purpose, in, upon, or out of and from, the Lands or Grounds of any Person or Persons where the same may be had or found, to be used towards repairing the said Roads (such Lands and Grounds not being a Yard, Garden, Orchard, Park, Paddock, Wood, Coppice, Nursery, or Avenue to a House) they the said Surveyors, or other Person or Persons, paying or offering to pay to the respective Owners or Occupiers of such Lands or Grounds such Damages for getting the said Materials, and for carrying the same over their Grounds, as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall think reasonable; and in case of any Difference between the said Trustees, Surveyors, or Person or Persons by them appointed as aforesaid, and the said Owners or Occupiers, or any or either of them, concerning the said Damages, any Two or more Justices of the Peace of the County where the said Materials shall be so cut, digged, gathered, taken, and carried away, shall and may, on Fourteen Days Notice thereof to be given by the said Surveyor or Surveyors to the said Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, or by them the said Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, to the said Surveyor or Surveyors, or left at their respective Places of Abode, with some or One of their respective Families, hear, settle, and determine the Matters of the said Damages.

If sufficient Materials cannot be had there, they may be taken from private Grounds;

making Satisfaction to the Owners.

Justices to determine Differences.

Surveyors may make Causeways, &c.

And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or the said Surveyor or Surveyors, or any Person or Persons by them or either of them appointed or employed, may, and is and hereby authorized and impowered to make, or cause to be made, Causeways in or along the Sides of any Part or Parts of the said Roads; and shall and may build, or cause to be built, any Bridge or Bridges upon, in, or across, the said Roads, or any Part thereof; and cut, or cause to be cut, any Watercourses in, through, or across, any Lands or Grounds, to prevent the said Roads, or any Part or Parts there-

of, from being overflowed, and erect Bridges over such Drains or Watercourses, if necessary; and shall and may also make, or cause to be made, a Road or Way by, through, or over, the adjoining Grounds of any narrow or ruinous Parts of the said Roads hereby intended to be repaired (not being the Site of a House or Ground whereon any House or Houses stand, or planted Walk, Yard, Park, Paddock, or Avenue to any House) to be made use of by all Passengers with Carriages and Cattle, or otherwise, as a publick Highway, whilst the old, narrow, or ruinous Road is repairing, and till such Time as it shall be convenient and safe for Carriages and Cattle to pass the same; making such reasonable Satisfaction to the Owners or Occupiers of such Lands or Grounds for the Damages they shall thereby sustain, as to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall seem reasonable.

may make a temporary Road;

making Satisfaction to the Owners of the Ground.

And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Surveyor or Surveyors, and such Person or Persons as he or they shall appoint, to remove all Annoyances on the said Roads, and to cut down Trees or Bushes growing in the said Roads, or in the Hedges or Banks adjacent thereto, in case the Owners or Occupiers of such Trees or Bushes shall neglect to cut down the same, or to remove such Annoyances for the Space of Fourteen Days after Notice in Writing given for that Purpose, under the Hand or Hands of the said Surveyor or Surveyors, the Charges whereof shall be reimbursed to the said Surveyor or Surveyors by such Owners or Occupiers neglecting to cut down such Trees or Bushes, or to remove such Annoyances as aforesaid; and in case such Owners or Occupiers shall not, upon Demand, pay and reimburse to the Surveyor or Surveyors such Charges as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for such Surveyor or Surveyors, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County where the Offence shall be committed, from time to time, to levy the Charges thereof upon such Owners or Occupiers by Distress and Sale of his and their Goods and Chattles, rendering the Overplus (if any be) to the Owners or Occupiers thereof, upon Demand, after all Charges paid: And if, after Removal of any of the said Annoyances, any Person or Persons shall again offend in the like Manner, every such Person so offending, and being thereof convicted, upon Oath, before Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay

Surveyors to remove Annoyances, &c.

and cut down Bushes, &c.

the Owners neglecting to remove the same after Notice;

the Charges thereof to be reimbursed to the Surveyor.

Penalty of a second Offence.

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to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be levied and recovered in Manner aforesaid.

Owners neglecting to scour their Watercourses, &c.

And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons who of Right ought to scour or cleanse any Ditch, Drain, or Watercourse, which shall lead into or out of any Part or Parts of the said Roads, shall not in a proper Manner cause the same to be scoured and cleansed, within the Space of Ten Days next after Notice in Writing shall for that Purpose be given to him, her or them respectively, or shall be left at his, her, or their respective Place or Places of Abode, by the said Surveyor or Surveyors; then the said Surveyor or Surveyors may cause such Ditches, Drains, and Watercourses to be scoured and cleansed, and pay for the scouring and cleansing the same; and if the said Person or Persons shall not repay the Money paid by such Surveyor or Surveyors upon Demand thereof upon him, her or them, respectively made, either in Person, or by Writing to be left at his, her, or their respective Place or Places of Abode, the said Money and every Part thereof, upon Proof of the cleansing and scouring the said Ditches, Drains, or Watercourses, and Payment of the said Money, and Demand thereof made, and Nonpayment thereof as aforesaid, by the Oath of One or more Witness or Witnesses, before any Justice of the Peace for the County or Place where such Person or Persons respectively shall live, shall and may, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal of such Justice, be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of such Person or Persons, rendering the Overplus (if any be) to the Owner or Owners thereof, upon Demand, after all Charges paid.

Surveyors may cleanse them,

and levy the Charge by Distress and Sale.

Bodies Politick, &c. may treat for the Sale of their Lands.

Trustees may contract for the Purchase of Lands, &c. to be laid into the Roads.

And be it further enacted, That in case the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall, at any Time or Times during the Continuance of this Act, think proper to widen, turn, or alter, any Part or Parts of the said Roads, for the better Accommodation of Passengers; that then the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall have full Power and Authority to treat, contract, and agree, with the several Owners, Proprietors, Occupiers of, and Persons interested in, any Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, for the Purchase of any such Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, or for the Loss or Damage such Owners, Proprietors, Occupiers, and Persons interested, or any of them, shall or may any Ways sustain by such widening, turning, or altering any Part of such Roads; and out of the Tolls by this

Owners neglecting to scour their Watercourses, &c.

Act

Act granted, or out of the Money to be borrowed on the Credit thereof, as aforesaid, to pay for such Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, and for such Loss or Damage, such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be agreed upon between such Owners, Proprietors, Occupiers, and Persons interested as aforesaid, and the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, and also the Costs and Charges attending such Agreement and Purchase.

And whereas it may happen that some Persons, or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Feoffees in Trust, or others, are or may be seised or possessed of Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, which may by the said Trustees be thought necessary or proper to be taken in and added to the said Roads, or through which the said Roads may be turned; and such Persons, or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, or Feoffees, may be willing to treat and agree for the Sale of such Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, but may be incapable of granting or conveying the same, by reason of Infancy or other Disability; be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, or other Trustees whatsoever, for or on Behalf of any Infants, Femes Covert, or Cestuique Trusts, and for all and every Person or Persons whomsoever, who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in, any such Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, to treat, contract, and agree with the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, for the Purchase of such Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, or for their Interest therein, for the Purposes aforesaid, and to sell and convey the same, as Occasion shall be or require; and all Contracts, Agreements, Sales, and Conveyances, which shall be so made, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes; any Law, Statute, Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, and Trustees, and all other Persons, are and shall be hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue or in pursuance of this Act.

Bodies Politick, &c. may treat for the Sale of such Lands.

And be it further enacted, That if any such Owner, Proprietor, Occupier, Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees, or other Person or Persons interested in any such

Owners neglecting to treat, &c.

Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, upon Notice to them given, or left in Writing at the Dwelling-house or Houses, or Place or Places of Abode of such Person or Persons, or of the Head Officer or Officers of such Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate Corporations Aggregate or Sole, or at the House of the Tenant in Possession of the Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, so to be taken in and added to the said Roads, or into or through which such Road is to be turned or altered as aforesaid, shall, by the Space of Twenty-one Days after such Notice given or left as aforesaid, neglect or refuse to treat, or shall not agree in the Premisses, or by reason of Absence shall be prevented from treating; then, and in every or any such Case, the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall cause to be enquired into and ascertained by and upon the Oaths of a Jury of Twelve indifferent Men of the County of Salop (which Oath any Two or more of the said Trustees are hereby impowered and required to administer) what Damages will be sustained by, and what Recompence and Satisfaction shall be made to, such Owners, Proprietors, Occupiers, or other Person or Persons interested, for or upon account of the taking such Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, into the said Roads, or of turning such Road into or through any such Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments; and, in order thereto, the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, are hereby impowered and required, from time to time, as Occasion shall be or require, to summon and call before the said Jury, and examine upon Oath, all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, who shall be thought necessary or proper to be examined as a Witness or Witnesses, touching or concerning the Premisses (which Oath any Two or more of the said Trustees are hereby impowered to administer) and they shall also order and cause the said Jury to view the said Places in Question, if there be Occasion, and use all lawful Ways and Means, as well for their own as for the said Jury's better Information in the Premisses, as they the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall think fit; and after the said Jury shall have enquired of, ascertained, and settled such Damage and Recompence, they the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall thereupon order, adjudge, and determine, the said Sum or Sums of Money so assessed by the said Jury, to be paid to the said Owners, Proprietors, or Occupiers of, or other Person interested in, the said Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, according to such Verdict or Inquisition of the said Jury; which

Jury to settle the Damage and Recompence.

Witnesses may be summoned and examined upon Oath.

which said Verdict or Inquisition and Judgement, Order, or Determination so had and made, shall be final, binding, and conclusive, to all Intents and Purposes, against all Parties and Persons whomsoever, claiming in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or otherwise, their Heirs and Successors, as well absent as present, Infants, Femes Covert, and Persons under any other Disability whatsoever, Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, as well as all other Person or Persons whomsoever; and all and every such Owners, Proprietors, and Occupiers, and all and every Person and Persons any ways interested in such Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, shall, upon Payment or Tender of the Sum or Sums of Money so assessed as aforesaid, be thereby from thenceforth, to all Intents and Purposes, divested of all Right, Title, Claim, Interest, and Property of, in, to, or out of, the same: And, for the summoning and returning such Jury or Juries, the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, are hereby impowered to issue out their Warrant or Warrants to the Sheriff of the County wherein such Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments shall lie, thereby commanding and requiring him to impanel, summon, and return, an indifferent Jury of Twenty four Persons, to appear before the Trustees, or any Five or more of them, at such Time and Place as in such Warrants shall be appointed; and the said Sheriff, or his Deputy or Deputies, is and are hereby required to impanel, summon, and return, such Number accordingly; and out of the Persons so impanelled, summoned, and returned, or out of such of them as shall appear upon such Summons, the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall swear, or cause to be sworn, Twelve, who shall be the Jury for the Purposes aforesaid; and in Default of a sufficient Number of Jurymen, the said Sheriff, or his Deputy or Deputies, shall return other honest and indifferent Men of the Standers-by, or that can speedily be procured to attend that Service, to the Number of Twelve; and all Persons concerned shall have their lawful Challenges against any of the said Jurymen when they come to be sworn; and the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, acting in the Premisses, shall have full Power from time to time to impose any reasonable Fine or Fines, not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds, on such Sheriff, his Deputy or Deputies, Bailiffs or Agents, making Default in the Premisses; and on any of the Persons that shall be summoned and returned on such Jury, and shall not appear,

Verdict of the Jury to be final.

Jury to settle the Damages and Recompence

Trustees to issue their Warrant to the Sheriff, to impanel and summon a Jury.

Witnesses may be summoned and examined upon Oath.

Jurors may be challenged.

Trustees may impose a Fine upon Sheriff, &c. making Default in the Premisses.

appear, or that shall refuse to be sworn on the said Jury, or, being so sworn, shall refuse to give, or shall not give their Verdict, or in any other Manner wilfully neglecting their Duty therein, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and on any of the Persons who, being required to give Evidence before the said Jury, touching the Premisses, shall refuse or neglect to appear, or, appearing, shall refuse to be sworn, and give Evidence; and from time to time to levy such Fine or Fines in the same Manner as any other Forfeiture or Penalty herein before mentioned is hereby directed to be levied, so that no such Fine shall exceed the Sum of Five Pounds upon any such Person for One Offence; and all such Fines shall be applied for such Uses, and in such Manner, as the Tolls granted by this Act are to be applied.

Fine not to exceed 5 *l.*

Money allowed for Lands, &c. how to be charged and tendered.

And be it further enacted, That all and every Sum and Sums of Money so assessed as aforesaid, is and are hereby charged upon the Monies which shall be raised by virtue of this Act, and shall be paid thereout accordingly by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or their Treasurer, to the Persons respectively intitled thereto, or to their Agents; and upon Payment thereof, or Tender thereof, to such Persons or their Agents, and in case of Refusal to accept the same, then upon leaving the same in the Hands of the Treasurer to the said Trustees, for the Use of such Persons, such Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, shall be laid into and made Part of the said Roads, and shall, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, become and be, and be deemed and taken to be, a publick and common Highway, and be from thenceforth Part of the said Roads for ever after, and shall be repaired and kept in Repair by such Ways and Methods, and in all Respects in such Manner as the old Road so widened, altered, or turned, was and ought to have been kept in Repair; and after such new Road shall be compleated, the Lands and Grounds comprised in or constituting the old or former Road, shall be vested in, and shall and may be sold by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to such Person or Persons as shall be willing to become the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, for the best Price that can be gotten for the same, and the Money arising by such Sale shall be applied and disposed of for the repairing the said Roads, and other the Purposes of this Act; and the Sale or Conveyance and Conveyances to be made of such Lands or Grounds, being executed by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, and inrolled with

Lands, &c. when purchased, to be made Part of the Roads,

and esteemed a publick Highway,

and kept in Repair as such.

Old Road may be sold.

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the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Salop, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Buildings, &c. not to be injured.

And be it further enacted, That in widening, turning, or diverting any Part or Parts of the said Roads, nothing shall be done which shall or may in any wise injure or damage any House or Building, or any Park, Garden, Orchard, Pale, Plantation, or Nursery of Trees, or any Walk of Trees, or Avenue to any House, unless the Owner or Proprietor thereof shall consent thereto.

Bodies Politick, &c. liable to the Repair of the Roads, to continue.

And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons, Towns, Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, and the Inhabitants thereof, Bodies Politick and Corporate, and the Members thereof, who before the making this Act have or hath used, or of Right ought, by reason of the Tenure of any Lands or Hereditaments, or on any other Account or Accounts, to repair any Part or Parts of the Roads hereby intended to be repaired, shall, notwithstanding this Act, be subject and liable to, and charged with, the repairing and keeping in Repair the same Parts of the same Roads, in the same Manner as they, or every of them, hath or have heretofore usually done or ought to do; and that the Inhabitants of the several Towns, Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, though which the Roads hereby intended to be repaired do lie, who, by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, are or shall be obliged or liable to perform the Work in the Highways for the repairing thereof, commonly called Statute-work, shall still be subject and liable to do and perform the same Work, and shall and are hereby required to do and perform such and so many Days Work in such Part of the said Roads by this Act directed to be repaired, and lying within the said Towns, Parishes, Hamlets, or Places, in which such Inhabitants respectively shall live, as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall direct or appoint, and at such Times, and in such Manner, as the Surveyor or Surveyors by them authorized shall direct or appoint; and that every Inhabitant of the said Towns, Parishes, Hamlets, and Places respectively, who shall rent, hold, or occupy, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, of the yearly Value of Fifty Pounds, shall be deemed and taken to keep a Team, and shall do and perform such Work in and towards the repairing the Highways of the several Towns, Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, in which they respectively

Money allowed to be raised for repairing the Roads.

Inhabitants to do Statute-work.

Persons renting 50 *l. per Ann.* deemed Team-holders.

respectively live, as Persons keeping Teams are obliged by Law and ought to do.

Surveyors of the Highways to give in Lists of Persons who are chargeable to do Statute-work.

And, to the End that the said Trustees may know the Inhabitants of all the Towns, Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, wherein the Roads, by this Act directed to be repaired, do lie, who are liable to do Statute-work in their Highways, and what Sort of Duty they ought respectively to do; be it further enacted, That the Surveyors of the Highways of and for every of the said Towns, Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, shall and they are hereby required, at the First Meeting of the said Trustees after the Twenty fifth Day of March in every Year, or oftener if thereunto required by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, during the Continuance of this Act (Ten Days Notice of such Meeting being fixed on all the Turnpikes erected by virtue of this Act) to deliver in to the said Trustees true and perfect Lists in Writing, under their respective Hands, of the Names of all the Inhabitants of such Towns, Parishes, Hamlets, and Places respectively, who are liable to do their Statute Duties in and upon the said Highways, and shall, in such Lists, and every of them, distinguish and set forth which of such Inhabitants shall, and by this Act shall be deemed to keep a Team or Teams, and which of them are Labourers only, or do not, or by this Act are not deemed to keep a Team or Teams.

Penalty on Surveyors, &c. neglecting to deliver in such Lists.

And be it further enacted, That if the Surveyor or Surveyors of the several Towns, Parishes, Hamlets, or Places, through which the said Roads lead, shall not deliver in to the said Trustees Lists of the Inhabitants of their said several Towns, Parishes, Hamlets, or Places, at such Times, and in such Manner, as by this Act is directed and required, such Surveyor or Surveyors, and every of them, shall forfeit and pay for every such Default, the Sum of Five Pounds; and if any or either of the Inhabitants of the said several Towns, Parishes, Hamlets, or Places, being obliged or liable by Law to do Statute-work in and upon the said Highways, shall not do such Statute-work in and upon the said Roads, at such Times and Places, and in such Manner, as they shall, by the Surveyor or Surveyors appointed by the said Trustees, be directed or appointed to do, such Inhabitants, and every of them, shall, for every such Neglect or Default, forfeit and pay the several Sums hereafter mentioned; that is to say, Every such Inhabitant or Person, who shall keep, or by virtue of this Act shall be deemed to keep, a Team or Teams, for every Day's

Penalty on Persons not performing Statute-work.

Work for each Team the Sum of Ten Shillings; and every other Inhabitant or Person not keeping or being by virtue of this Act not deemed to keep a Team, for every Day's Work the Sum of One Shilling and Six Pence; And if any Person or Persons who shall come to work as a Labourer or Labourers, or be sent with any Team, Draught, or Cart, to work on the said Roads for the Repairs thereof, commonly called Statute-work, shall be found idle and negligent, or shall not properly perform such Statute-work, the Turnpike Surveyor or Surveyors may and is and are hereby impowered and required to remove and discharge such Person or Persons, and it shall be deemed and taken as if such Person or Persons had not come or sent any Team, Draught, or Cart, to work on the said Roads, and he, she, or they shall be subject and liable to the respective Forfeitures as if he, she, or they had neglected or refused to do or perform the said respective Day's Work.

Persons found idle to be turned off.

And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, may, and they are hereby authorized and impowered to compound with the several Inhabitants of the several Towns, Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, through which the Roads hereby intended to be repaired, or any Part or Parts thereof, do or doth lie, for the several Days Statute-work to be by them respectively done upon the said Roads, at and for such Sum and Sums of Money, by the Year or otherwise, as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, and the said Inhabitants respectively, shall agree upon; which said Money shall be instantly paid to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or to their Appointment.

Trustees may compound for Statute-work.

And be it further enacted, That if the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways for the time being of any of the Towns, Parishes, Hamlets, or Places, wherein the said Roads directed by this Act to be repaired do lie, shall think the said Trustees have directed or appointed too large a Proportion of the Statute-work, in any Town, Parish, Hamlet, or Place, to be done on the said Roads, it shall and may be lawful for such Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways to appeal to the Quarter Sessions of the Peace next after such Direction or Appointment, unless the same shall be made within Ten Days preceding such Quarter Session, and then to the Second Quarter Session next after such Direction or Appointment; and the Justices in their said Quarter Session are hereby authorized and impowered finally to adjust and determine what Proportion of the Statute-work in any Town, Parish, Hamlet, or Place, shall be done on the Roads by this

Surveyors may appeal to the Quarter Sessions to proportion the Statute-work.

this Act directed to be repaired; such Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways having first given Eight Days Notice of such Appeal to the Surveyor or Surveyors appointed by the said Trustees.

Penalty on haling Timber, &c. otherwise than on Wheel Carriages.

And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall hale or draw, or cause to be haled or drawn, along any Part of the said Roads, any Tree or Trees, Piece or Pieces of Timber, or any Stone or Stones (except Mill Stones) otherwise than upon Wheel Carriages or Sledges, every such Person or Persons shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

Roads to be measured, and Mile-stones erected.

And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall cause the said Roads to be measured, and Mile-stones to be set up on the Sides of the said Roads, with Inscriptions to be made thereon, denoting the Number of Miles, and Distance of Places, and also Posts at the several Roads leading out of the Roads hereby directed to be repaired, with Inscriptions to be made thereon, denoting to what Place or Places the said Roads respectively lead; and

Penalty on defacing Mile-stones.

if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or designedly break or pull down, dig up, injure, or destroy, any or either of the Stones or Posts, that shall be so set up, or erase, obliterate, or deface, any of the Inscriptions which shall be made thereon, or cause the same to be done, every such Person so offending shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings for each Stone or Post so wilfully or designedly broken, obliterated, defaced, or pulled down.

Penalties and Forfeitures how to be recovered and applied.

And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not otherwise particularly directed) shall be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattles, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County wherein the Offence shall be committed, which Warrant the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby impowered and required to grant, upon the Information of any One or more credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby impowered and required to administer without Fee or Reward) and the Penalties and Forfeitures when recovered, after rendering the Overplus (if any be) when demanded, to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattles shall be so distrained and sold (the Charges of such Distress and Sale being first deducted) shall be

paid

paid to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or their Treasurer or Treasurers; and shall be applied, if not otherwise directed to be applied by this Act, for and towards the amending the said Roads, and other the Purposes of this Act; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, and such Penalties or Forfeitures shall not be paid, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or Justices, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction for any Time not exceeding Two Months, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures shall be sooner paid.

Persons aggrieved may appeal to the Quarter Sessions.

And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think him, her, or themselves aggrieved by any Act, Order, or Judgement of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, which shall by him or them be done, made, or awarded by virtue of this Act, or in the Execution of any of the Powers hereby to him or them given, such Person or Persons may appeal to the Justices of the Peace, at the next General Quarter Session of the Peace for the County of Salop, and which shall be holden next after the doing, making, or awarding of such Act, Order, or Judgement, he, she, or they causing reasonable Notice in Writing of such Appeal, and of the Cause or Matter thereof, to be given to the Person or Persons on whose Oath or Oaths, or Evidence, such Act, Order, or Judgement shall be so done, made, or awarded, and to some or One of the Collectors or Receivers of the said Tolls; which said Justices at their said Session, upon due Proof of such Notice being given, shall proceed in and hear and determine the Causes and Matters of the said Appeals, and every of them; and the Orders and Judgements of the said Justices shall be final and conclusive to all Parties concerned or interested therein.

Notice of Appeal to be given.

Proceedings not to be removeable by *Certiorari*.

And be it further enacted, That no Order made touching or concerning any of the Matters aforesaid, or any other Proceedings to be had touching the Conviction or Convictions of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, shall be removed or removable by Certiorari, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster; and that where any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed to be unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Summons, Conviction, Warrant of Distress, or other

Distress not unlawful for want of Form;

nor the Parties distraining deemed Trespassers *ab initio*.

other Proceedings relating thereunto; nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity, shall and may recover full Satisfaction for the Special Damage in an Action upon the Case.

Plaintiff not to recover, if Tender of Amends hath been made.

Provided always, That no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action for any such Irregularity as aforesaid, if Tender of Amends hath been made by or on Behalf of the Party distraining before such Action brought.

Proceedings to be entered in a Book.

And be it further enacted, That full, true, and fair Accounts and Entries of all the Monies which shall be collected and received, laid out, expended and paid by virtue of this Act, and of all Orders, Acts, Matters, Proceedings, and Things, which shall be done by the said Trustees in the Execution of the Powers hereby to them given, shall from time to time be duly and regularly entered in Books, which shall be kept for those Purposes.

Writings to be without Stamps.

And be it further enacted, That no Nomination, Appointment, Information, Order, Judgement, Conviction, Warrant, Mortgage, or Assignment, Transfer, or other Security, for the borrowing of Money, or other Writing whatsoever, under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals of, or only signed by, any Trustee or Trustees for putting this Act in Execution, or by any Justice or Justices of the Peace, or exhibited before them, or any of them, touching, concerning, or in Execution of any of the Powers or Authorities hereby vested in such Trustee or Trustees, Justice or Justices of the Peace, or any of them, or Transfer or Assignment of any of the Securities aforesaid, made by any Person or Persons, shall be charged or chargeable with any Stamp Duty whatsoever.

No Orders to be repealed, unless 7 Trustees be present.

And be it further enacted, That no Order made by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, in, for, or concerning the executing the Trusts, Powers, and Authorities of this Act, or any of them, shall be revoked, repealed, or set aside, by any subsequent Order of the Trustees, unless Seven Trustees shall be then present and consenting thereto.

Commencement and Continuance of this Act.

And be it further enacted, That this Act, and the several Authorities, Powers, and Tolls, hereby granted and made payable, shall commence and have Continuance from and after the passing of this Act, for and during the

the Term of Twenty one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament;

Limitation of Actions.

And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be brought against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, or in relation to the Matters herein contained, such Actions and Suits, and every of them, shall be commenced within Six Months next after the doing the Matter or Thing for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought, and not afterwards, and shall be brought, and laid, and tried in the County of Salop, and not in any other County; and that the Defendant or Defendants in such Actions and Suits, and every of them, may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter, in Evidence, at any Trial or Trials which shall be had thereupon, and that the Matter or Thing for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought, was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act: And if the said Matter or Thing shall appear to have been so done, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be commenced within the Time before for that Purpose limited, or shall be laid in any other County than as aforesaid, then the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in every such Action or Suit shall not recover therein; and if a Verdict or Verdicts shall be found for such Defendant or Defendants; or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall become Nonsuit, or suffer a Discontinuance of such Action or Actions; or if, upon any Demurrer or Demurrers, Judgement shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein; then, and in either of the Cases aforesaid, such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for Recovery thereof, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for his, her, or their Costs in any other Cases by Law.

General Issue.

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Treble Costs.

And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be adjudged, deemed, and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and other Persons whomsoever, without specially pleading the same.

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