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An Act to enlarge the Term and Powers of an Act made in the Twenty ſeventh Year of His late Majeſty, for opening, making, widening, and keeping in Repair, a Road from *Ratcliffe Highway* through *Cannon Street*, in the County of *Middleſex*, and other Roads in the ſaid Act mentioned; and for lighting, watching, and watering, the ſaid Roads.

WHEREAS an Act was made in the Twenty ſeventh Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty, for opening, making, widening, and keeping in Repair, a Road from Ratcliff Highway through Cannon Street in the County of Middleſex, into the Road leading into the County of Eſſex; and alſo from the Weſt End of Brook Street into Cable Street, and from Upper Shadwell Street into the Back Lane in the ſaid County of Middleſex: And whereas the Sum of One thouſand nine hundred Pounds has been borrowed, and now remains due, on the Credit of the ſaid Act, which Sum, together with the Tolls collected, have been duly applied, and great Progreſs has been made in amending the ſaid Roads; but the ſame cannot be effectually done, and the Money ſo due and owing be repaid, unleſs the Term of the ſaid Act is further continued, Preamble.

nued, and the Powers thereof enlarged: And whereas, from the Vicinity of the said Roads to the City of London, Persons travelling thereon are exposed to Robberies and other Outrages and Violences, which would be in great Measure prevented if a regular Watch was kept upon the said Roads, and the same properly lighted in the Night-time: And whereas it would be of publick Advantage to have the said Roads watered at proper Seasons: 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 from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty five, the Trustees appointed or to be appointed, by or under the said recited Act, or any Five or more of them, shall have full Power and Authority to cause such and so many Lamps and Watch-houses to be erected or placed upon every Part of the said Roads, in such Manner, and at such Distances, as they shall from time to time think proper; and to fix such Lamps and Watch-houses to the Tenements or Premisses of any Person whomsoever, with the Consent of the Owner or Owners thereof, and to alter or remove the same from time to time, as they the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall think fit, making good the Damages occasioned thereby: And also to appoint a Number of fit and able bodied Men to watch and guard the said Roads: And also to cause all or any Part of the said Roads to be watered, at such Times, and in such Manner, as they the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall think proper and necessary; and shall also have full Power and Authority, from time to time, to contract with any Person or Persons for providing, lighting, maintaining, and repairing the said Lamps; and providing such Watch-houses, and for watering the said Roads, and to make such Allowances to the said Watchmen for their Attendance, and to give Orders and Directions concerning the same, and the Manner in which the said Watchmen shall be armed and cloathed, and where stationed upon the said Roads, and how often they shall go their Rounds, how long they shall continue on Duty; and may erect or hire a proper Place or Places within the said Roads for the Reception of such Watchmen; and to give such further Orders and Directions for the due and regular Performance of the said several and respective Services, as they the said Trustees,

Trustees Powers.

Lamps to be erected.

Watchmen appointed.

Roads watered.

Contract.

tees, or any Five or more of them, shall judge reasonable, necessary, or expedient, and as the Nature of the said Services may require; and shall also have full Power and Authority, from time to time, to remove or suspend any of the said Watchmen, and appoint others in their Stead, as they the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall see Cause; and in case of Misbehaviour or Neglect of Duty in any of the said Watchmen, such Watchman shall be subject and liable to the Penalty of Five Shillings for each Neglect or Misbehaviour: And that the Expences of erecting, lighting, and maintaining, such Lamps, erecting, providing, and maintaining, such Watch-houses, watering the said Roads, and the Allowances to be made to such Watchmen, and all other Charges incident to the said respective Services, shall be paid and defrayed out of the Money raised or to be raised by virtue of the said former Act, or by virtue of this present Act; any thing in the said former Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso.

Provided always, That no Contract shall be made for, or any Monies expended in watering the said Roads, until the same shall be effectually lighted, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Duty and Power of Watchmen.

And be it further enacted, That the said Watchmen shall, during the Time of their being stationed upon the said Roads, use their best Endeavours to prevent Murders, Robberies, and all other Outrages and Misdemeanors; and to that End it shall and may be lawful to and for such Watchmen, or any of them, to apprehend and secure all Malefactors, Rogues, Vagabonds, and other disorderly Persons, who shall be found loitering, wandering, or misbehaving themselves, or committing any Disorders or Offences upon any Parts of the said Roads, or whom the said Watchmen shall have Reason to suspect of any evil Designs; and the Person or Persons so apprehended, shall be delivered, as soon as conveniently may be, into the Custody of a Constable or other Peace Officer, who is hereby required to secure such Person or Persons, and, as soon as conveniently may be, convey him, her, or them, before some Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of Middlesex, to be examined and dealt with according to Law.

This Act not to excuse Parishes, &c. before liable.

Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing herein before contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to excuse any Parish, Hamlet, or Place whatsoever, from erecting and maintaining such and so many Lamps, or from keeping the same Watch and Ward, as every or any such

Parish, Hamlet, or Place, now ought by any Act or Acts of Parliament, or by any Law, Custom, or Usage whatsoever, to erect, and maintain or keep.

Penalty on wilfully breaking Lamps, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall wilfully break, throw down, or otherwise damage any of the said Lamps, or any Watch-houses which shall be erected by the said Trustees, or any of the Posts, Irons, or other Furniture thereof, or extinguish any of the said Lamps when lighted, it shall and may be lawful to and for any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of Middlesex, and he and they is and are required, upon Oath made of the committing of any such Offence, to issue a Warrant or Warrants for apprehending the Party accused; or it shall be lawful for any Person who shall see any of the said Offences committed to apprehend, as also for any Person to assist in apprehending, the Offender, and by Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant, to convey and deliver him into the Custody of a Peace Officer, in order to be secured and conveyed before some Justice of the Peace for the said County of Middlesex, to be dealt with as herein-after is directed; and the Party accused being brought before any such Justice, or on Oath being made before him that such Party cannot be found and apprehended, the said Justice shall proceed to examine upon Oath any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear, or be produced to give Information touching such Offence: And if the Party accused shall be convicted of such Offence, either by his own Confession, or upon such Information as aforesaid; the Offender so convicted shall, for the First Offence respectively, forfeit the Sum of Ten Shillings for each Lamp, or each Watch-house, or the Posts, Irons, or other Furniture thereof, or of either or any of them so broken, thrown down, or otherwise damaged, or for each Lamp so extinguished as aforesaid; and for the Second Offence the Sum of Fifteen Shillings; and for the Third, and every other subsequent Offence, the Sum of Twenty Shillings; and full Satisfaction shall also be made to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or to their Surveyor, by such Offender for the Damage so done as aforesaid; and in case such Offender shall not upon Conviction pay such Forfeiture by him incurred, and make such Satisfaction as aforesaid, the Justice before whom such Offender shall be convicted, is hereby required to commit such Offender to the House of Correction for the County of Middlesex, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calen-

Lamps, &c. vested

dar Months, nor less than Fourteen Days; And such Offender shall not be discharged before the Expiration of the Time for which he shall be committed, unless such Forfeiture and Satisfaction shall be sooner paid and given; One Moiety of which said respective Forfeitures when recovered, shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety shall be applied (if not otherwise directed by the said former Act or this Act) in such Manner, as the Tolls granted by the said former Act are directed to be applied and disposed of; And if any Person shall negligently or accidentally break, throw down, or otherwise damage any of the said Watch-houses, Lamps, or any of the Posts, Irons, or other Furniture thereof; and shall not, upon Demand of the Surveyor or other Officer of the said Road, make Satisfaction to the Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or to their Surveyor or other Officer, for the Damage by such Person done as aforesaid; it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the said County of Middlesex, who is hereby required upon Complaint made by any Five or more of the said Trustees, or by their Surveyor or other Officer, to summon the Party complained of, and upon his Appearance, or making Default to appear (Oath being made that the Party complained of was served with such Summons, or that it was left at his Place of Abode, if known, or that he cannot be found) such Justice shall proceed to examine the Matter of the said Complaint, and upon Proof thereof, either by the Confession of the Party complained of, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, shall award and order such Satisfaction to be made by the Party complained of, for the Damage so by him done, as to such Justice shall appear just and reasonable; and shall cause the Sum so awarded, if it be not forthwith paid upon the making such Award or Order, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattles, rendering to him the Overplus (if any be) upon Demand, after the Charges of prosecuting such Complaint, and of such Distress, and the keeping and Sale thereof, shall be deducted.

Lamps, &c. vested.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Right and Property of all such Lamps as shall be erected or fixed in pursuance of this Act, with the Posts, Irons, and other Furniture of such Lamps, and also of all Watch-houses, Arms, Cloaths, Implements, and Things, to be provided for the said Watchmen; and also the Right and Property of all and every the Gates, Bars, Turnpikes, Toll-houses, Store-houses,

Rooms,

Rooms, Sheds, Carts, Engines, Weights, Mile-stones, Materials for Repairs, Pavements, Posts, Rails, Implements, Utensils and Things whatsoever, which are or shall be erected and set up, or bought and purchased, by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or by their Order, or otherwise belonging to, and used for, the Purposes of this Act, or the said former Act, shall be vested in the said Trustees; and they, or any Five or more of them, are hereby impowered to dispose of the same as they shall think fit, and to bring Actions in the Names of any Five or more of them, or in the Name of their Clerk, Treasurer or Surveyor, for the time being, or to prefer and prosecute with Effect, Bills of Indictment, against any Person who shall steal, secrete, throw down, spoil, deface, damage, or dispose of the same, or any of them, to their own Use or Uses, or shall disturb the said Trustees in the Possession of the Property thereof.

Trustees:

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Trustees appointed by or under the said former Act, shall be, and they, and their Successors, to be chosen in Manner in the said recited Act mentioned, shall be Trustees for putting the said Act, and this Act, in Execution; and they are hereby authorized and impowered to put the same in Execution, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and they, or any Five or more of them, shall meet for that Purpose, at such Times and Places as they are, or shall, or may be, adjourned to, or which shall be otherwise appointed for such Meetings, from time to time, according to the Intent of the said former Act, or this Act; and that no Order, Act, or Determination, of the said Trustees at such Meeting, shall be good or valid, unless there be Five or more of the said Trustees present at such Meetings respectively; nor unless such Order, Act, or Determination, be made with the Consent of the major Part of the Trustees present at such Meetings; nor unless such Meetings be held according to such Adjournment or previous Appointment, or in Pursuance of some Resolution of the Trustees present at some former Meeting or Meetings; nor shall any Order made, or to be made, by any Five or more of the said Trustees as aforesaid, be revoked, repealed, or set aside, by any subsequent Order of Trustees, unless Nine or more of the said Trustees shall be present at, and concurring in, the making such subsequent Order.

Their Meetings.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the Clerk to the said Trustees

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shall at any Time refuse or neglect to give Notice, or shall be prevented from giving Notice of any of the Meetings appointed to be held by the said Trustees, pursuant to the said former Act, or this Act, it shall and may be lawful for any Five or more of the said Trustees (the Time or Times of such intended Meeting or Meetings being elapsed) to appoint the Trustees to meet at the Place the last Meeting was held at, on that Day Week after Notice in Writing thereof shall be given by them, by affixing the same on or near all the Turnpike-gates erected, or to be erected; and the same shall be deemed and taken to be sufficient Notice for any such Meeting. In case the Clerk shall omit to give Notice, Trustees may do it.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person appointed a Trustee, shall have any Share or Interest in any Contract, or be appointed to, or enjoy, any beneficial Employment under or by virtue of this Act; every such Person shall, during his Continuance in such Employment, or during such Contract, be disabled from acting as a Trustee; and that no Trustee shall be present at the Debate, Consideration, or Determination, of or upon any Proposal, Contract, Matter, or Thing whatsoever, wherein he is personally interested. Trustees not to act where interested.

Provided also, and it is enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall be capable of acting as a Trustee in any Case in the Execution of the said former or this Act, unless, at the Time of acting therein, he shall have or be seized of, in his own Right, or in Right of his Wife, and in the actual Possession and Enjoyment or Receipt, of the Rents and Profits of a Real Estate, in Law or Equity, of the clear yearly Value of Forty Pounds above Reprizes; or shall be Heir Apparent of some Person having such Estate of the clear yearly Value of One hundred Pounds above Reprizes; or possessed of a Personal Estate to the Amount or Value of Eight hundred Pounds: And if any Person, hereby disqualified or deemed incapable to act, shall nevertheless 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, Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection, 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 Qualification of Trustees. Penalty on acting, not being qualified.

son had acted as a Trustee in the Execution of this or the said former Act;

And, forasmuch as the Monies to be collected by the Receipt of the Tolls or Duties by the said former Act granted, may not be sufficient at present to answer the Purposes intended; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall and may, and they are hereby impowered, from time to time, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to borrow or take up any Sum of Money not exceeding One thousand Pounds, and to assign over the Tolls or Duties, or any Part thereof, granted by the said former Act (the Costs and Charges of which Assignment to be borne and paid out of such Tolls and Duties) during the Continuance of the Term of the said former and of this Act, or for any Part of such Term, as a Security for any Sum or Sums of Money to be borrowed as aforesaid for that Purpose, unto such Person or Persons, or their Trustees, who shall advance the same, as a Security for the Repayment thereof, with Interest; which Money so borrowed, together with the Tolls or Duties, are hereby vested in the said Trustees, and shall be applied by them, or any Five or more of them, to pay all the Expences and Costs attending the procuring and passing of this Act, and to and for the several Purposes in this present Act, and the said former Act, mentioned and directed, and not otherwise; and the said Assignments shall, from time to time, be assignable by the Person intitled thereto; and a Memorandum or Entry of all such Assignments, and the Days the same were brought to be so entered, shall be made by the Clerk to the said Trustees, in a Book hereby required to be kept for that Purpose, at the Expence of the said Trustees; and that the said Entries shall be made gratis, and shall and may, at all seasonable Times, be inspected by any Person interested therein; but no such Assignment shall be deemed good and effectual, until such Memorandum or Entry shall be made.

Tolls may be assigned for Money borrowed.

Assignments may be transferred.

Entries to be made of all Assignments.

Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any personal Charge upon the said Trustees, nor to subject them in their private Capacity, to the Payment of any Monies so to be borrowed as aforesaid, by reason of their executing such Assignment or Security, to be made in pursuance of the said former Act, or of this Act,

Trustees not subject to the Payment of Debts contracted upon this Act.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall claim and take the Benefit of any of the Exemptions from Payment of Toll mentioned in

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this or the said former Act, not being intitled thereto, every such Person shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

Persons aggrieved may appeal to the Quarter Sessions.

Provided also, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Person shall think himself aggrieved by any Thing which shall be done by virtue of the said former Act, or this present Act (for which no particular Method of Relief hath been already appointed) every such Person may appeal to the Justices of the Peace, at any General or Quarter Session of the Peace to be held for the County of Middlesex, Four Calendar Months after the Cause of such Complaint arose; such Appellant giving Fourteen Days Notice to the Clerk of the said Trustees for the time being, of such his Intention to appeal, and of the Cause or Matter thereof, and within Six Days after such Notice, entering into Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the said County, with Two sufficient Sureties, to try such Appeal at, and abide the Order of the said Session: And the said Justices at the said Session, upon due Proof of such Notice given, and of such Recognizance so entered into, shall hear, and finally determine such Appeal in a summary Way; and if they shall see Cause, may, by Order of such Session, mitigate at their Discretion, all or any of the said Penalties and Forfeitures; or vacate and set aside any Conviction or Convictions, but not for want of Form only, and set the Party at Liberty, or otherwise may ratify and confirm the same, and may award, in any Case, such Costs as they shall think proper; and the Determination of such Session shall be binding and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes, and shall not be liable to be removed by Certiorari or other Process whatsoever.

Notice of Appeal to be given.

Recognizance to be entered into.

Penalties and Forfeitures how to be recovered and applied.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Penalties and Forfeitures hereby inflicted (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not hereby particularly directed) shall, upon Proof made of the Offences respectively, before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the County or Place where the respective Offenders reside, or the Offences are committed, either by the Confession of the Offender, or the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of such Offenders, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of such Justice or Justices; and the Overplus, if any, shall (after such Penalties and Forfeitures, with the Charges of such Distress, and the Keeping and Sale thereof, are

deducted) be returned upon Demand unto the Owner or Owners of such Goods or Chattles; and the said Penalties and Forfeitures, when paid or levied, shall be (if not otherwise directed to be applied by this Act) from time to time paid to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or to their Clerk or Treasurer for the time being, and applied in the Execution of the said former Act, and of this present Act: And in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, or such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be paid forthwith, it shall and may be lawful to and for such, or any other Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County or Place, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, or their Hands and Seals, to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, nor less than Fourteen Days, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures, and all reasonable Charges, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Trustees may reward Informers.

Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, from time to time, if they shall see Cause, to pay and apply such Part of the said Penalties and Forfeitures, and the Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted by the said former Act, or any of them, as they shall think proper, not exceeding One Moiety of them, or any of them, to and for the Use of the Informer or Informers, or any of them; any thing herein, or in the said former Act, contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Distress may be sold in 4 Days.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases of Distress which shall be taken by virtue of the said former Act, or this Act, for any Sum or Sums of Money which shall be due and unpaid, for or in respect of any Tolls, Duties, Compositions, Rates, Charges, or otherwise, except for Penalties and Forfeitures aforesaid; every such Distress shall and may be kept and detained for the Space of Four Days from the Time of taking thereof, unless the Sum or Sums of Money for which such Distress shall be so taken, together with the reasonable Charges of keeping and taking the same, be sooner paid; and after the Expiration of the said Four Days, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Person or Persons making such Distress, to sell and dispose of the same, returning the Overplus, if any, to the Owner or Owners thereof, on Demand, after such Sum or

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Sums of Money, for which such Distress hath been so made, with the reasonable Charges of taking, keeping, and selling such Distress, shall be deducted and paid.

Defaulters may be followed into other Counties.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty five, where any Penalties, Forfeitures, or Sums of Money are by the said former Act, or this present Act, directed to be levied by Warrant of Distress in case of Non-payment, and sufficient Distress cannot be found within the said County of Middlesex; then upon Oath made before any Justice of the Peace of any other County or Place, where sufficient Distress may be found, of the Hand Writing of the Justice of Middlesex set to such Warrant (which said Justice of such other County or Place, where such Distress may be found, is hereby required to indorse his Name upon such Warrant) the Goods and Chattles of the Person or Persons against whom such Warrant shall be issued, shall be subject and liable to such Distress in such other County or Place where the same shall or may be found, and may by virtue of such Warrant and Indorsement be distrained and sold by the Person or Persons bringing such Warrant, or to whom such Warrant shall have been originally directed, in the same Manner as if such Goods and Chattles had been found in the said County of Middlesex.

Distress not to be deemed unlawful for want of Form;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That where any Distress shall be made by virtue of the said former Act, or of this present Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed 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 in the Appointment of the Collector or Collectors, Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Officers, or in any other Proceedings relating thereto; nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers ab initio, on account of any Irregularity which shall happen to be done in making such Distress; but the Party or Parties aggrieved by such Irregularity shall or may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damages which he, she, or they may have sustained thereby, with usual Costs, and no more, in an Action of Trespass, or on the Case, at the Election of the Party or Parties so aggrieved.

nor the Party distraining, a Trespasser *ab initio*.

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

Provided nevertheless, That no Plaintiff shall recover in any Action for any Irregularity as aforesaid, if Tender of good and sufficient Amends shall have been made by or on the behalf of the Party or Parties distraining,

in before such Action brought, not if such Tender of Amends shall be made at any Time after the said Action brought, and before the Trial thereof, together with Costs of Suit to the Time of such last mentioned Tender; but on Proof made of such Tender on any Trial to be had in such Action, the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall suffer Judgement as in Cases of Nonsuit, with Double Costs, to be recovered in the same Manner as any Defendant or Defendants may recover Costs in any other Case by Law.

Writings to be without Stamps.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Warrant, Order, Writing, Assignment of Tolls, Acts, or other Proceedings whatsoever, under the Hand and Seal of any Trustee or Trustees, Justice or Justices, or exhibited before them, or any of them, touching, or in Execution of any of the Powers or Authorities by the said former Act, or this present Act, granted, shall be liable to, or chargeable with any Stamp Duty whatsoever.

Commencement and Continuance of this Act.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Act made in the Twenty seventh Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, and all the Authorities, Powers, Provisions, and Clauses, therein contained, now in force, and subject to the several Provisions, Regulations, Additions, and Amendments, herein contained, shall be executed according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said former Act, and of this present Act, and shall be further continued from the Expiration of the said former Act; and also of the additional Term granted by an Act made in the Twenty eighth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, An Act to amend an Act made in the Twenty sixth Year of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the Amendment and Preservation of the Publick Highways and Turnpike Roads of this Kingdom, and for the more effectual Execution of the Laws relating thereto*, for and during the further Term of Twenty one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, as fully and effectually as if the same were particularly repeated and re-enacted in this present Act; which said additional Term hereby created, as well as the said subsisting Term, shall be, and are hereby declared to be, subject and liable to the Payment as well of the said Sum of One thousand nine hundred Pounds, and all Interest now due, or hereafter to grow due thereon, as of all other Sum and Sums of Money hereafter to be borrowed on the Credit of the said Tolls and Duties,

ties, or any of them, and Interest thereof, by virtue of the said Act, or of this present Act.

Justices may administer Oaths.

And be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases where an Oath is by this Act, or the said former Act, directed to be taken by any Person or Persons, it shall and may be lawful for any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, within the County or Place where the Matter to be sworn to shall arise or be cognizable, and he is, and they are respectively hereby authorized and required to administer the same without Fee or Reward.

Limitation of Actions.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, the same shall be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards; and shall be laid and brought in the County of Middlesex, and not elsewhere: And the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance, and by the Authority of this present Act; and if it shall appear so to have been done, or that such Action or Suit was brought after the Time before limited for bringing the same, or brought or laid in any other County or Place as aforesaid; or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of his, her, or their Action or Actions after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared; or if, upon Demurrer, Judgement shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants, or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have such Remedy for the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have in any Case by Law.

General Issue.

Treble Costs.

Publick Act.

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

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