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An Act for repairing the Church of the United Pariſhes of *All Saints* and *Saint John*, in the Town of *Hertford*.

WHEREAS the Church of the United Pariſhes of All Saints and Saint John, in the Town of Hertford, in the County of Hertford, is an ancient Fabrick, and, notwithſtanding the continual Expence the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſhes have been at in ſupporting the ſame, the whole Building is now very much decayed and out of Repair, and the Tower thereof now without any Spire: And whereas the Landlords and Proprietors of Houſes, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, are willing to contribute to the Repair of the ſaid Church and Tower thereof, and to the building a new Spire thereon: Now, to the Intent that the ſaid Church may be ſubſtantially repaired for the publick Worſhip of Almighty God, and a new Spire built on the Tower thereof, and that the ſame may be effected in a Manner leaſt burthenſome to the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſhes: May it 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 Con- Preamble.

sent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Trustees herein after appointed, or any Five or more of them, to meet together at the Vestry Room belonging to the said Church, on the Monday Sevennight after the Day of passing this Act; and then to adjourn themselves to the same or to any other Place, and meet together for the Purposes of this Act as often as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall think necessary for carrying this Act into Execution; and at any of their Meetings to enter into such Contracts and Agreements with any Person or Persons, and give such Orders and Directions for repairing the said Church and Tower, and building a Spire thereon in a strong and substantial Manner, as by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall be agreed upon: And if it shall happen that there shall not appear at any such Meeting a sufficient Number of Trustees to act, and to adjourn to another Day; then, and in such Case, the Clerk to the said Trustees (which Clerk the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorized and impowered to appoint) shall give Notice to the said Trustees to meet at the Place where the last Meeting was appointed to be held, on that Day Sevennight; and the said Trustees shall, at all their Meetings, defray their own Charges and Expences.

Trustees to meet.

Proviso. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend to impower the said Trustees to rebuild or repair the Chancel of the said Church.

Trustees. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, the Members who serve in Parliament for the Borough of Hertford for the time being, the Vicar of the said United Parishes for the time being, the Overseers of the Poor of the said United Parishes for the time being, Thomas Morgan, Benjamin Wellington, Thomas Dimsdale, Richard Iles, and Daniel Haydon, Esquires; Jeremiah Hammond the elder, Richard Cutler, Benjamin Cherry, Thomas Coulson, and John Camp, Aldermen of the said Borough; Samuel Rogers, John Frost, John Bassil, Henry Stout, Thomas Carr, Thomas Marlborough, John Archer, Cæsar Saunders, Isaac Rudd, William Squire, James Gatliff, John Chamberlain, Daniel Hickman, James Young, Stephen Laycock, John Flack, Thomas Flack, John Harrod, James Hanley, Thomas Catmore, James Blindell, John Muley, Thomas Jeeves, James Usborn, John

John Gillman, Sharpe Coulſon, John Walter, William Rackſtrow, Thomas North, John Bray, John Cock, John Kenſey, Robert Wrenn, Richard Smith, Arthur Upton, and William Fairman, Gentlemen; ſhall be, and they are hereby appointed, Truſtees for putting this Act in Execution.

And, forasmuch as borrowing Money upon the Credit of this Act will be the moſt ſpeedy and effectual Method of accompliſhing the pious Purpoſes aforeſaid; be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons, to contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, ſhall, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, authoriſe and impower to receive the ſame, for the Uſes before mentioned, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of One thouſand Five hundred Pounds, for the abſolute Purchaſe of One or more Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable during the full Term of the natural Life of ſuch Contributor or Contributors reſpectively, or the natural Life of ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be nominated by or on the Behalf of ſuch reſpective Contributors, at the Time of Payment of their reſpective Contribution-monies; which Annuity or Annuities ſhall not exceed the Rate of Eight Pounds per Annum for every hundred Pounds, and ſo in Proportion for any greater or leſſer Sum to be advanced and paid as aforeſaid; all which Annuities ſo to be purchaſed ſhall be payable and paid by the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, in the Veſtry Room of the ſaid United Pariſhes, or in ſuch Place in the ſaid Pariſhes as the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe, by equal Half-yearly Payments, to commence from the Payment of the ſaid Purchaſe-money; which Annuities ſhall be publickly ſold by the ſaid Truſtees to the beſt Advantage they can.

1500 *l.* to be raiſed by Annuities.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That there ſhall be provided by the ſaid Truſtees, and kept in the Veſtry Room of the ſaid Pariſhes, or in ſuch other Place within the ſaid Pariſhes as the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, ſhall appoint, a Book or Books, in which ſhall be fairly written in Words at Length the Names and Surnames, with the proper Additions and Places of Abode, of all Perſons who ſhall be Purchaſers of any of the Annuities aforeſaid,

Contributors Names, and Sums paid, to be entered in Books.

said, and of all Persons by whose Hands the said Purchasers shall pay in any Sum or Sums of Money upon the Credit of this Act; and also the Sum and Sums so paid for the Purchase of such Annuities, and the respective Days of Payment thereof; to which Book or Books it shall and may be lawful for the said respective Purchasers and their Assigns, or any Person or Persons who shall be liable to any Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, from time to time, and at all seasonable Times, to have Recourse and to inspect the same without Fee or Reward.

Annuities charged on the Money to be collected,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Annuities so to be purchased under and by virtue of this Act, shall be and they are hereby charged upon the Monies to be collected by the Authority hereof, and shall be paid and payable from time to time in Manner herein after mentioned; and all and every Contributor and Contributors upon the Credit of this Act, duly paying the Consideration or Purchase-money, at the Rate aforesaid, for any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, or such Person or Persons, as he, she, or they shall appoint, his, her, or their respective Assigns, shall have, receive, and enjoy, and be intitled by virtue of this Act to have and receive the respective Annuity or Annuities so to be purchased, during the Term of the natural Life of the Person to be nominated by such Purchaser or Contributor as above-mentioned;

and payable during the Life of Nominee;

and that all and every such Purchaser and Purchasers, and their Assigns respectively, shall have good, sure, absolute, indefeasible Estates and Interest in the said Annuities so by them respectively to be purchased, according to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act,

free from Taxes.

and that none of the said Annuities shall be subject or liable to any Tax charged upon Lands by Authority of Parliament; and that no such Annuitant or Annuitants shall be answerable or accountable for the Misapplication or Non-application, or liable to make good any Loss that shall or may happen, of such Consideration or Purchase-money that shall be so advanced or paid as aforesaid, or any Part thereof.

Receipts to be given,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Contributor for the Purchase of any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, his, her, or their Assigns, upon Payment of the Consideration or Purchase-money for the same, or any Part or Proportion thereof, into the Hands of the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or to such Person or Persons as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall,

by any Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, authorize and impower to receive the same, shall have One or more Receipt or Receipts importing the Receipt of so much Purchase-money as shall be so paid; and upon Payment of all the Purchase-money for any such Annuity or Annuities, every Contributor, his, her, or their Assigns respectively, shall have an Order fairly written upon Parchment for Payment of the said Annuity or Annuities, which Order shall be signed by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, and after signing thereof the same shall be firm, good, valid, and effectual in the Law, according to the Purport and true Meaning thereof and of this Act. and Order for Payment.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Purchaser or Purchasers of any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, and his, her, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, at any Time or Times, by any Writing under their respective Hands and Seals, or by Indorsement on the said Order, to assign such Annuity or Annuities to any Person or Persons whomsoever, and so toties quoties; and a Memorandum or Entry of all such Assignments shall be made in a Book, which is hereby required to be kept for that Purpose, at the Charge of the said Trustees, in the Vestry Room belonging to the said Church, or in such Room as shall be kept for that Purpose; which Entry or Memorandum shall be made gratis. Assignments to be entered in a Book;

Provided always, That no Assignment shall be deemed good or effectual, until such Entry or Memorandum shall be made in such Book as aforesaid. otherwise ineffectual.

And be it further enacted, That the several Rates and Assessments directed by this Act to be collected, levied, and paid, shall be chargeable with and for the Payment of all and every such Annuity or Annuities, and all Arrears thereof, from time to time, and shall, upon Default of Payment of any such Annuity, or any Part thereof, within the Space of Forty Days next after any of the Times when the same shall be made payable, vest in the Annuitant or Annuitants, until the same shall be fully paid and satisfied, together with Interest, and the Costs and Charges occasioned by the Non-payment of the same; and that the said Annuitants, in case the said Annuities shall be in arrear and unpaid by the Space of Forty Days as aforesaid, shall have the same Powers and Authorities of assessing, collecting, distraining, and levying, the said Rates and Assessments, as are by this Act granted to the said Trustees. Remedy for Arrears.

And,

Rates not to exceed 9*d.* in the Pound.

And, for the more effectual securing the Payment of the said Annuities; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That an annual Assessment shall be made on all Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, within the said United Parishes, not exceeding Nine Pence in the Pound of the yearly Rent of such Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments; the First annual Assessment so to be made not to exceed the Rent the same were rated at to the Churchwardens Rate for the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, and every succeeding Assessment to be made according as Circumstances alter or vary as to the yearly Rents of such Houses, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments; and for that Purpose the Trustees appointed by this Act, or any Five or more of them, shall and may, by Writings under their Hands and Seals, and they are hereby authorized and required to assess and rate, and to order and direct such Collectors as are herein after appointed, from time to time, to collect from the Owners and Occupiers of the said Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, such Rates; One Moiety or Half Part of which Rates and Assessments shall be paid by the Landlords and Owners; and the other Moiety or Half Part thereof by the Tenants or Occupiers of such Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments; and the said Tenants and Occupiers shall and may deduct and retain, out of the Rents payable to the Landlords and Owners of the said Premisses, the said Moiety or Half Part of such Rate or Assessment so to be made and collected; and the said Landlords, mediate or immediate, according to their respective Interests, are hereby required to allow to such Tenants such Deductions and Payments accordingly; and every Tenant paying such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, for and upon the Landlord's Account, shall be acquitted and discharged of and from so much Money as the same shall amount unto, as fully and effectually as if the same had been actually paid to any such Landlord or Landlords, or other Person or Persons to whom his or her Rent was or should have been paid or payable; and the Money arising therefrom shall be received, accounted for, paid, and applied, in such Manner, and for such Purposes, as by this Act is directed, the necessary Charge of obtaining this Act of Parliament, and of carrying the same into Execution from time to time, being first deducted.

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And be it further enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That the Collectors of the aforesaid Rates and Assessments hereby granted, for collecting the particular Sums charged as aforesaid, and for giving Receipts to the Person or Persons of whom they receive the same, shall, upon Collection of the whole Sum appointed to be collected by them, and Payment thereof as before appointed, have and receive for their Pains in collecting and paying the Money, Three Pence in the Pound, which the said Collectors are hereby impowered to detain out of the last Payment of the Money of their several and respective annual Payments. Collectors to be allowed 3d. in the Pound.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall refuse or neglect to pay such Sum or Sums of Money as shall by the Authority and for the Purposes of this Act be assessed upon him, her, or them, the same shall be levied and recovered in the Manner following, and not otherwise; that is to say, It shall and may be lawful for any One or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Hertford or Town of Hertford, and they are hereby authorized and required, upon Complaint made to them by the Collector or Collectors so to be appointed as aforesaid, to summon the Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting, by Notice in Writing, to appear before such Justice or Justices within the Space of Three Days; and upon Appearance of such Person or Persons, or in Default of their Appearance, the said Justice or Justices shall proceed to hear the Matter of the said Complaint; and by Order under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, direct and appoint the Payment of the Money assessed by Authority of this Act; and upon Refusal or Neglect to make such Payment for the Space of Three Days, after Notice of such Order left at the Dwelling-house or Place of Abode of the Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justice or Justices, and he or they is and are hereby authorized, impowered, and required, to issue a Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, impowering such Collector or Collectors to levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods of such Person or Persons, returning the Overplus to the Owners thereof, after Deduction of the reasonable Charges in and about making such Distress and Sale. Method of levying the Rates, where any Person shall refuse Payment.

Provided always, That no Tenant or Tenants of any House or Houses within the said United Parishes, shall be charged on his own Account to, or pay any Rate or Persons not paying to the Poor's Rate, and Proprietors of empty Houses, not to be assessed.

Assessments to be made pursuant to this Act, for repairing the said Church and Tower, and building a new Spire thereon, unless such Tenant or Tenants hold and occupy a House or Houses of the yearly Value of more than Forty Shillings, and be rated towards the Support of the Poor of the said United Parishes, at more than Forty Shillings; but the Landlord or Landlords of such House or Houses shall not be excused from paying his and their Moiety or Half Part, for the same; and that no Landlord or Proprietor of any House or Houses, shall be rated and pay any Tax or Assessment for any House or Houses during the Time such House or Houses shall be empty and unoccupied.

Houses let to Inmates, charged with the whole Rate, &c.

Provided always, and it is hereby declared, That in case any House or Tenement shall be let, let, or occupied, in different Apartments, Rooms, or Lodgings, to or by distinct and separate Families, Lodgers, or Inmates, the whole House or Tenement so let and occupied, shall be charged with the whole Rate assessed or to be collected for or in respect of the same; and in case of Non-payment, the said Rate shall and may be levied and recovered upon and from any of the Inhabitants or Occupiers of any Part or Parts of such House or Tenement, in such and the same Manner as the other Rates directed by this Act to be raised are appointed to be levied and recovered.

Churchwardens to be Collectors, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Churchwardens of the said United Parishes for the time being shall be, and are hereby appointed Collectors or Receivers of such Rates and Sums of Money as shall be due and payable by virtue of this Act (except those People called Quakers, who are hereby excused and exempted from serving this Office) from all Persons liable to pay the same; and all Persons who by virtue of this Act are charged therewith, or liable thereto, are hereby required to pay the said Rates to such Collectors or Receivers accordingly (the said Collectors or Receivers giving Receipts for the same gratis) and also that such Collectors or Receivers for the time being shall, during the Continuance of this Act, yearly and every Year, give in a particular, true, and perfect, Account in Writing, under their respective Hands, of all Monies which they and every of them shall, in every Year, at any Time or Times, have respectively received, collected, or levied, by virtue of this Act, or by virtue of any Power or Authority in pursuance hereof, or by reason or means of the said Offices; and shall, within Five Days after the Feast of Saint John the

and to account and pay.

Baptist, and the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Christ, in every Year, pay all such Monies as shall be in their or any of their Hands to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or to such Person or Persons as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, authorize and impower to receive the same; all which Monies shall be applied according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and not otherwise.

In Default, the Justices at the Quarter Sessions may inquire into the same, and commit the Offender.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case such Collector or Collectors, Receiver or Receivers, as aforesaid, or any of them, shall neglect or refuse to make such Account or Payment as before is required to be made by this Act; that then the Justices of the Peace at any General or Quarter Session of the Peace to be holden for the said Town of Hertford, or for the County of Hertford, shall and may, upon Complaint thereof, make Enquiry of and concerning such Neglect or Refusal, as well by the Confession of the Parties themselves, as the Oaths of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses (which Oath the said Justices are hereby impowered to administer) And if any such Collector or Receiver shall be convicted of such Neglect or Refusal before such Justices of the Peace, that they the said Justices shall, upon such Conviction, commit the Person or Persons so offending to the Common Gaol for the said County of Hertford, until he and they shall have made a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid.

Arrears how to be recovered.

And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be in Arrear for any of the said Rates or Assessments to the Collector or Collectors for the Year in which such Rates or Assessments were made, the same shall be paid to the Collector or Collectors for the succeeding Year or Years; or in Neglect or Default thereof, such Collector or Collectors for the succeeding Year or Years may levy the same in such Manner as the Collector or Collectors for the Year or Years wherein the same were made might have done. And in case the Money so to be assessed and collected in any One Year shall not be sufficient to answer the Purposes for which the same was so rated and assessed, such Deficiency shall be supplied out of the next Rate or Assessment; and in case there shall remain at the End of any One Year any Surplus Money collected and received by virtue of this Act in that Year, such Surplus shall, from time to time, as the same shall happen to arise, be applied in Aid of the succeeding Year's Expence.

And

Loſſes how to be made good.

And be it further enacted, That in caſe any of the Monies collected or received by virtue of this Act ſhall be loſt by Inſolvency, or otherwiſe, the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, ſhall and may make a new additional Rate or Aſſeſſment, or Rates or Aſſeſſments, for ſupplying and making good ſuch Deficiencies, and the Charges occaſioned by or on account of the ſame, which ſhall be collected and levied in Manner aforeſaid; any thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Perſons aggrieved may appeal.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall find himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves, aggrieved by any Rate or Aſſeſſment to be made by virtue of this Act, or any other Matter or Thing relating thereto, it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Perſon or Perſons to apply to the Juſtices of the Peace at the next General or Quarter Seſſions to be holden for the County of Hertford, who are hereby impowered to ſummon and examine Witneſſes upon Oath, and to hear and determine the Matter of the ſaid Appeal; and their Determination thereupon ſhall be concluſive to all Parties.

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

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from time to time, and at all Times during the Continuance of this Act, when any Truſtee or Truſtees appointed by this Act, or to be appointed in purſuance hereof, ſhall die or refuſe to act, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſurviving or remaining Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, aſſembled at any Meeting in purſuance of this Act, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, to nominate and appoint ſome other fit and able Perſon or Perſons to be a Truſtee or Truſtees for putting this Act in Execution; all which Perſons, ſo to be nominated and appointed, ſhall be and are hereby inveſted with the ſeveral Powers by this Act granted to the Truſtees herein and hereby nominated and appointed.

Truſtees not to act where intereſted.

Provided always, That if any Perſon appointed, or to be appointed, a Truſtee for the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall undertake any Part of the Repairs of the ſaid Church or Tower, or to build a Spire thereon, or have any Share or Intereſt in any Contract relating thereto, every ſuch Perſon ſhall, from thenceforth, be utterly diſabled and diſqualified from acting in the ſaid Truſt.

Rates to be paid as long as the Annuities exiſt.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſeveral Rates and Aſſeſſments hereby directed to be raiſed and levied for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, ſhall take Place from the Day of making ſuch Firſt Rate or Aſſeſſ-

Assessment, and shall have Continuance during such Time only as any of the Annuities to be granted as aforesaid shall have Continuance.

Receipts, &c. to be entered in Books.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees shall take Care to have all Receipts, Payments, Debts, Credits, and Contracts, made with or by the Artificers and Workmen employed, or to be employed, in or about the repairing the said Church and Tower, or building a Spire thereon, or any Matter or Thing relating thereto, and all other their Proceedings, fairly written and entered in One or more Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose; and, by and out of the Money to be raised by the Rates or Assessments to be made as aforesaid, or by or out of any other Sum or Sums of Money which shall come to their or any of their Hands, or to the Hands of any Receiver or Receivers to be by them appointed, shall pay and satisfy, or cause to be paid and satisfied, unto the Artificers and Workmen, and to their Clerk or Clerks, or to any other Person or Persons to be employed in and about the repairing the said Church and Tower, and building a Spire thereon, or in the Execution of this Act, all Sums of Money which shall be justly due to them, or any of them, for the same; and in order to settle the Rate or Assessment necessary to be raised for the Purposes of this Act, the said Trustees shall cause an Account to be made up yearly of all Monies paid by them in such Year, and shall cause the Balance of such Account to be carried on and accounted for in the next Year's Account; and shall also estimate or state all Monies due to, and receivable by, the said Trustees, or their Collectors, and also all Monies due from and payable by, the said Trustees by virtue of this Act.

Appropriation of the Rates.

Accounts to be made of Money received and expended.

Persons paying the Rates may inspect the Books.

And be it further enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That all Books of Accounts concerning Receipts, Payments, Credits, and Contracts, shall from time to time, and at all convenient Times, be open to the Inspection and Perusal of any Person or Persons intitled to receive any Annuities by virtue of this Act.

Monuments, &c. to be preserved.

Provided always, That this Act shall not extend to take away or remove any Graves, Grave Stones, Monuments, or Vaults, being the particular Property of any Person or Persons now living, or which belong to the Families of any Person or Persons buried in or under the said Church, and made or provided for the Interment of him, her, or themselves, Families and Descendants; but the same Graves, Grave Stones, Monuments, and

Vaults, in or under the said Church, when repaired, shall, at the Requests, Costs, and Charges, of such Persons to whom the same shall belong, be preserved, or others be provided for, and belong to, the several Persons, his, her, and their Descendants, in the same Manner as the said Graves, Grave Stones, Monuments, and Vaults, were before the passing of this Act.

Reservation of Rights. Provided always, and it is hereby declared, That nothing in this Act contained shall take from, or add to, any Right, Title, Possession, Claim, Pretension, or Demand, of or concerning any Person or Persons, or of or concerning any Body Politick or Corporate whatsoever; but that all such Rights, Titles, Possessions, and Demands, shall be of the same Effect as if this Act had never been made.

Limitation of Actions. And be it further enacted, That if any Suit or Action shall be commenced or prosecuted against any Person or Persons for any thing done or to be done in pursuance of this Act; every such Suit or Action shall be commenced within Six Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards; and shall be brought and tried in the County of Hertford, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants therein may plead the General Issue. 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 of and by the Authority of this Act: And if it shall appear so to be done, that then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of his, her, or their Action after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared; or if, upon Demurrer, Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs; the Defendant or Defendants shall or may recover Treble Costs. Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in any other Cases by Law.

Publick Act. And be it further enacted and declared, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Publick Act; and all Judges, Justices, and other Persons, are to take Notice thereof as such, in all Courts and Places whatsoever, without specially pleading the same.

FINIS.