Anno ſexto

Georgii III. Regis.

An Act for enlarging the Terms and Powers of Two Acts, One of the Twelfth of King *George* the Firſt, and the other of the Fourteenth of His late Majeſty, for repairing the Road from *Horſley Upright Gate* to the Top of *Kingſdown Hill*, in the County of *Wilts*; and for amending ſeveral Roads near or adjoining to the ſaid Road.



WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament paſſed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt, intituled, An Act for repairing and widening the Road from *Horſley Upright Gate*, leading down *Bowden Hill*, in the County of *Wilts*, to the Top of *Kingſdown Hill*, in the Pariſh of *Box*, in the ſaid County, ſeveral Tolls, Duties, and Powers were given and granted for repairing the ſaid Road, which were to take Place from the Firſt Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty ſeven, and to continue for and during the Term of Twenty one Years: Preamble, reciting the Acts 12 *Geo.* I.

and 14 *Geo.* II. And whereas by another Act passed in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, for enlarging the Term and Powers of the said first mentioned Act, it was enacted, That all the Authorities, Powers, Penalties, Forfeitures, Articles, Rules, and Clauses, therein mentioned and contained (except such Clauses and Powers as were thereby varied or altered) should be in full Force, and should continue, from and after the Expiration of the Term granted by the said first mentioned Act, for and during the further Term of One and twenty Years, for the Purposes of repairing the said Road; And whereas great Sums of Money have been expended in repairing the same, and there is now due and owing on the Credit of the said Acts the Sum of One thousand three hundred Pounds, which cannot be repaid, and the said Road kept in good Repair for the future, unless the Terms of the said Acts are further continued: 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 the said recited Acts of the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the First, and of the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, and all the Clauses, Tolls, Powers, Provisions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things, therein respectively contained, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be and continue, in full Force, from and after the respective Terms of the said Acts, for and during the further Term of Twenty one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, subject to the Payment of any Money now due or hereafter to be borrowed on the Credit of the said Acts, for and during the additional Term hereby granted as aforesaid.

The recited Acts further continued for 21 Years,

And whereas the Road leading from Melksham and Trowbridge, through Lacock, to Chippenham, Malmsbury, and Christian Malford, in the County of Wilts, and to certain Coal Pits in the County of Glouceſter, commencing at a Place called Homan's Style, in the Parish of Lacock, and ending at a Brook called Pudden Brook, in the Parish of Corsham; and also the Road branching therefrom called Cowslip Lane, and One other Lane called Rudley Lane, leading out of the said Road at Pickwick, in the Parish of Corsham, to join the Turnpike Road from Chippenham to the City of Bath; and also a Lane leading out of the said Road at a Place called

ed Chapel of Plaister, in the Parish of Box, to Bradford, in the said County of Wilts, ending at a Place called The Oaks at Bradford's Lye, in the Parish of Bradford; which said several Roads are in a ruinous Condition, and in many Parts narrow and incommodious, and cannot be effectually amended, widened, and kept in good Repair, by the ordinary Course of Law; be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this Act, the said recited Acts of the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the First, and of the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, and all and every the Clauses, Powers, Provisions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things, therein respectively contained, and also this present Act, shall respectively extend to the said several Roads described in the said recited Acts, and also to the new or additional Roads herein before described, for the Purpose of repairing and keeping the said several Roads in Repair, for and during the respective Terms granted by the said recited Acts and this present Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same were repeated and again enacted in the Body of this present Act.

and extended to the new Roads.

Provided always, That no Turnpike or Gate shall be erected by virtue of the said former Acts or of this present Act, on any of the said new or additional Roads hereby directed to be repaired, nor on the Side or Sides thereof.

Proviso.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Expences of obtaining and passing this Act, shall be forthwith paid out of the Tolls arising or to arise by virtue of the said recited Acts, or of this present Act, or out of any Money already borrowed or to be borrowed on the Credit of the said Acts, or any of them; and as soon as the same shall be paid, the Trustees authorized to put the said recited Acts and this Act in Execution, or any Seven or more of them, shall, and they are hereby required forthwith to take up the Pavement, and new make the Road leading down Bowden Hill aforesaid.

Charges of passing this Act to be paid out of the Tolls.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall be capable of acting as a Trustee for putting the said former Acts and this Act in Execution, unless he shall be in his own Right, or in Right of his Wife, in the actual Possession or Receipt of the Rents and Profits of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, of the clear yearly Value of Forty Pounds above Reprizes, or possessed of or intitled unto a Personal Estate

Qualification of Trustees.

Estate of the Value of Eight hundred Pounds, or shall be Heir Apparent of a Person possessed of an Estate in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, of the clear yearly Value of One hundred Pounds; and if any Person, not being qualified as aforesaid, shall presume to act contrary to the Intent and Meaning of this Act, every Person shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who will sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Protection or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed; and every Person so prosecuted, shall prove that he is qualified as aforesaid, or otherwise shall pay the said Penalty upon Proof given of his having acted as a Trustee in the Execution of the said former Acts, or of this present Act.

Penalty on acting if not qualified.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, are hereby required to take such Security from the Treasurer or Treasurers, appointed or to be appointed for the Purposes of the said former Acts and this present Act, for the due Execution of his and their said Office and Offices, as the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall think proper.

Treasurer to give Security.

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

Victuallers not to have a Place of Profit.

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

Publick Act.

FINIS.