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An Act for the Relief and Employment of the Poor, and for repairing the Highways, paving, cleanſing, lighting, and watching, the Streets and other Places in the Town and Pariſh of *Richmond*, in the County of *Surrey*; and for removing and preventing Annoyances, Obſtructions, and Incroachments therein; and for ſhutting up a Road from the late Horſe Ferry at *Kew* to *Weſt Sheene Lane* near *Richmond Green*; and for amending and keeping in Repair the Road from *Kew Bridge* to *Richmond*.

WHEREAS the Town of Richmond, in the County of Surrey, is large and populous, and the Poor belonging thereto very numerous, and maintained at a great Expence: And whereas the Highways within the Pariſh of Richmond are in bad Repair, and the Streets of the ſaid Town ill paved, and not properly cleanſed, lighted, or watched, and are ſubject to many Annoyances and Incroachments: In order therefore that the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh may be properly regulated and employed, and the Highways repair- Preamble.

ed, and the said Streets properly paved, lighted, and watched, and kept free from Annoyances and Incroachments for the future; 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 Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Minister and Churchwardens of the Parish of Richmond for the time being; and also such Justices of the Peace for the County of Surrey, who are or shall be resident within the said Parish; together with the Honourable Henry Hobart, Sir Charles Sheffield, Sir Charles Asgill, Baronets; Lewis Way, Samuel Pechell, Paul Pechell, John Colleton, George Ross, William Turner, James Sayer, Ralph Knox, William Patoun, Henry Leaves, Daniel Leseur, James Wilkes, Esquires; the Reverend George Tilson Clerk, John Baker M. D. James Hunter, John Armitage, Percival Hart, Joseph King, Saint Allum, William Price, Edward Collins, Robert Watts, Richard Toy, Robert Overton, Benjamin Bradbury, Rogers Chilton, Henry Bell, and Jonathan Robotham, Gentlemen; shall be, and they are hereby appointed, Trustees for putting this Act, and all the Powers and Authorities herein contained, in Execution; and they, or any Sixteen or more of them, are hereby authorized and required to meet, on the First Tuesday after the passing of this Act, at the Sign of The Greyhound in Richmond aforesaid, and afterwards adjourn themselves, from time to time, and meet there, or at any other Place or Places within the said Parish, as often as it shall be necessary, to put this Act in Execution; and the said Trustees, at all their Meetings, shall bear their own Expences.

Trustees:

Their First Meeting.

Parishioners to meet annually,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the time being, and the Parishioners of the said Parish, are hereby authorized and required to meet in the Church or Vestry Room of the said Parish, upon Tuesday next after the Feast of Saint John the Baptist, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, and so in every succeeding Year; at which Time the Clerk to the said Trustees shall write the Names of such of the Trustees who shall be then living (except the Names of the Minister and Churchwardens of the said Parish of Richmond for the time being, and also

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the Names of ſuch Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County as ſhall be then reſident within the ſaid Pariſh) on diſtinct Pieces of Paper or Parchment, of equal Size and Colour, and roll up the ſame ſeparately, and, as near as may be, in the ſame Manner, and ſhall then put them into a Box or Glaſs, from whence ſome indifferent Perſon ſhall draw out Five of the ſaid Rolls, or ſuch Number as ſhall reduce the whole Number of Rolls contained in the ſaid Box or Glaſs to Twenty ſix, and the Names of the Truſtees ſo drawn ſhall then be read aloud by the ſaid Clerk; and ſuch Truſtees, whoſe Names ſhall be ſo drawn, ſhall then go out of Office, except they ſhall be re-elected by the ſaid Pariſhioners, who are immediately to proceed to elect Five or more Perſons being Pariſhioners, in order to make up the Number of Thirty one Truſtees (excluſive of the ſaid Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Juſtices of the Peace): And the Truſtees, ſo to be elected, ſhall be joined with the remaining Truſtees, and ſhall have the ſame Power and Authority with them to act in the Execution of this Act. and elect Truſtees.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Truſtees hereby appointed, or to be elected in Manner before-mentioned, or any Eleven or more of them, ſhall, and they are hereby authorized and required to meet annually upon the Second Tueſday in May, or within Six Days following (Notice of the Time and Place being given in the Pariſh Church of Richmond aforeſaid, on the Sunday next before every ſuch Meeting) and ſhall and are hereby authorized and required to make Two diſtinct Pound Rates to be equally aſſeſſed, One for the Relief of the Poor, and the other for repairing the Highways, and paving, cleanſing, and lighting the Streets, and defraying the Expence of a Nightly Watch within the ſaid Pariſh (in lieu of all Rates, Statute-work, and Monies directed by any Law or Laws in being to be raiſed and applied for the Purpoſes aforeſaid) upon all and every Perſon and Perſons who do and ſhall inhabit, hold, uſe, occupy, or enjoy, any Land, Houſe, Shop, Water-works, Wharf, Warehouſe, or other Building, within the ſaid Pariſh, or on any other Perſon or Perſons who by Law are chargeable and aſſeſſable for and towards the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh (ſave as herein after is excepted) for ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as the ſaid Truſtees, or any Eleven Truſtees to meet annually, and make Two Rates.

ven or more of them, assembled at any such annual Meeting, shall order and direct.

Highway Rate not to exceed 1 s. 6 d. in the Pound.

Provided always, That the Rate or Assessment so directed to be made as aforesaid, for repairing the Highways, and paving, cleansing, and lighting, the Streets, and defraying the Expence of a Nightly Watch within the said Parish, shall not exceed in the Whole the Sum of One Shilling and Six Pence in the Pound in any One Year, of the yearly Rent of such Lands, Houses, Shops, Water-works, Wharfs, Warehouses, or other Buildings.

Rates to be paid quarterly.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said respective Rates or Assessments shall be paid quarterly by such Person and Persons, and in such Proportion, Manner, and Form, as the Rates towards the Relief of the Poor within the said Parish are now paid; and the said Rates shall be entered and kept in One or more Book or Books for that Purpose, in which Book or Books there shall be Two distinct Columns, distinguished by the Title of each separate and distinct Rate, and over and against the Name of every Person charged to the said Rates shall be entered and set the particular Sum of Money charged and assessed upon such Person to each of the several Rates aforesaid, in the respective Columns appointed for that Purpose, and a Blank Column for the Sum Total of the said Rates so assessed.

Persons exempt from Rates.

Provided always, That all Persons who occupy Tenements under the yearly Value of Six Pounds, and who subsist only by their manual Labour, and do not keep an open Shop for the Sale of Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, shall be freed and exempted from the Payment of the said Rates, or any Part thereof; any thing contained in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

How the Rates are to be signed,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Rates and Assessments for the Relief of the Poor shall be signed by the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the time being, or by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, and shall be allowed by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Surrey, and Notice thereof shall be given in the Church of the said Parish on Sunday next after the same shall be so allowed; and the Rates or Assessments for repairing the Highways, and for paving, cleansing, lighting,

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And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Rates and Assessments to be made and assessed for the Relief of the Poor as aforesaid, shall be levied and recovered in such Manner as Rates and Assessments made for the Relief of the Poor are directed to be levied and recovered, by an Act made in the Forty third Year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, intituled, An Act for the Relief of the Poor, or by any other subsequent Act or Acts relating thereto; and such Methods of levying and recovering the said Rates or Assessments, shall and they are hereby declared to be the legal Methods of enforcing the Payment thereof, as fully and effectually as if such Ways and Methods were repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act. and levied.

And, for the more effectual levying the Money rated and assessed for the several Purposes of this Act, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Goods and Chattles of any Person, rated or assessed as aforesaid, and neglecting or refusing to pay the same, shall and may be distrained in Manner aforesaid, not only in the Parish where such Rate or Assessment was made, but in any other Place in the same County; and if sufficient Distress cannot be found within the same County, then, upon Oath thereof made before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of any other County, City, Liberty, or Place (which Oath shall be certified under the Hand of the said Justice or Justices on the Warrant made for such Distress) the Goods and Chattles of the said Person, so refusing or neglecting to pay, shall be subject and liable to such Distress and Sale in such other County, City, Liberty, or Place, where the same shall be found, and may, by virtue of such Warrant and Certificate, be distrained and sold in the same Manner as if the same had been found within the said Parish of Richmond. Distress may be followed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Sixteen or more of them, from time to time, to borrow any Sum or Sums of Money for the Purposes of this Act, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Two thousand five hundred Pounds, at Interest not exceeding Trustees may borrow Money.

ceeding Four Pounds per Centum per Annum, and to assign over by Writing, signed by any Five or more of the said Trustees, all or any Part of the Poor's Rates, and the other Rates directed to be made by virtue of this Act, as a Security for the Repayment of the Principal and Interest of the Money so to be borrowed; and such Securities may be from time to time assigned and transferred by Indorsement or otherwise, without Stamps; and such Assignments and Transfers shall intitle the Person to whom the same shall be made, to all Principal and Interest Monies, due and to grow due upon such Securities.

Overseers to be Collectors.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the time being shall be, and are hereby, appointed Collectors of the said Rates or Assessments to be raised and levied by virtue of this Act; and they, or either or any of them, are hereby authorized and impowered to collect and levy the same accordingly: And for the better enabling him or them so to do, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Overseer or Overseers to execute all such Warrants of Distress as shall be granted, from time to time, by any Justice of the Peace of the said County, against any Person or Persons neglecting or refusing to pay the said Rates or Assessments, in the same Manner, and as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as Overseers of the Poor, by any Law or Laws now in being, can or may execute the same: And the said Overseer or Overseers shall, and they are hereby required to make up and render to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, at some publick Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, as often as thereunto required by the said Trustees, or any Five of more of them, a full, true, and perfect Account in Writing of all Monies collected and received by him or them by virtue of this Act, and of all Monies rated or assessed and not received, and to pay over the Monies so by him or them collected and received, and remaining in his or their Hand or Hands, to such Person or Persons as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, present at any such publick Meeting, shall, by Writing under their Hands, appoint to receive the same; to be applied for the Relief of the Poor, and for repairing the Highways, and paving, cleansing, and lighting, the Streets, and for defraying the Expence of a Nightly Watch, within the said Parish, according to the true Intent and Meaning

Meaning of this Act: And if the said Overseers, or any or either of them, shall refuse or neglect to give in a just Account as aforesaid, or to pay the Monies remaining in his or their Hands in Manner aforesaid, they shall be liable to such Penalties as Overseers of the Poor in like Cases are subject and liable to.

Rates how recoverable from Collector.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Collector of the said Rates and Assessments shall embezzle, detain, or misapply, any Sum or Sums of Money, which shall be so collected by him, so that the same cannot be recovered from him, or shall be possessed of any Sum or Sums of Money by him collected by virtue of this Act, and which shall not be paid by, or recovered from, his Executors or Administrators within the Space of Forty Days after his Death, then, in every such Case, all such Sums of Money shall be raised by a new Rate or Assessment, to be made for that Purpose, on the Inhabitants of the said Parish; and shall be collected and levied in such Manner, and under such Penalties, as are herein provided and enacted for the collecting and levying the Rates and Assessments which shall be made in pursuance of this Act.

Trustees to appoint Clerks and Treasurers.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall, if they think fit, appoint One or more Treasurer or Treasurers for the Receipt of the Monies to be raised and collected by the said Rates or Assessments, and of all other Monies whatsoever applicable to the Relief of the Poor within the said Parish, and also a Clerk or Clerks, who shall, from time to time, enter all their Proceedings in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose; and to make such Allowance to such Clerk or Clerks for his and their Trouble and Attendances, as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall, at any of their General Meetings, from time to time, think fit: And every such Treasurer or Treasurers, so to be appointed as aforesaid, is and are hereby directed and required to account at the End of every Three Months (or oftener, if required) to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, for all Monies by him or them received and disbursed by virtue of this Act, and to pay such Money as, upon the said Account, shall appear to be remaining in his or their Hands, to such Person or Persons as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them shall appoint to receive the same, to be applied to and for the several and respective Uses and Purposes for which the same was levied and raised.

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Collectors and Treasurer to have no Salaries.

Provided always, That no Salary or Allowance whatsoever shall be made to the said Collector or Treasurer upon any Account or Pretence whatsoever.

Trustees may make Orders for the Government of the Poor;

And, for the better regulating and employing the Poor within the said Parish, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees, or any Eleven or more of them, are hereby authorized and impowered to make such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, for the better governing, employing, and regulating, the Poor of the said Parish, and also for applying the Monies that shall, from time to time, arise by virtue of this Act, as to them, or any Eleven or more of them, at any publick Meeting assembled, shall appear necessary or expedient; but no such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, when made, shall be repealed or altered, except at a Meeting of the said Trustees where Eleven of them shall concur therein; to all which Rules, Orders, and Regulations, the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and all other Person or Persons whatsoever, to whom the said Rules, Orders, and Regulations, shall or may relate, is and are hereby required, from time to time, to conform themselves; provided that such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, are not repugnant to the Laws of this Realm.

may contract for maintaining them;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall, and they are hereby impowered, to contract and agree, from time to time, with any Person or Persons whatsoever (other than and except the said Trustees) for all Provisions and Necessaries which shall be used or brought into the Workhouse; and also, if they shall think fit, for the Lodging, Keeping, Maintaining, and Employing, all or any of the Poor of the said Parish; and for purchasing Materials for that Purpose in the said Workhouse; and there to keep, maintain, and employ, all or any such poor Persons, and take the Benefit of their Work, Labour, and Service, while maintained therein, and apply the same towards the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish.

may take up wandering Poor

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any of the said Trustees from time to time, to cause any Person, who shall be found wandering and begging within the said Parish, to be sent to the said Workhouse, there to be kept and employed for so long Time as the said Trustees, or any Two or more of them, shall direct, or

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until he or she shall be discharged by due Course of Laws. And in case of Misbehaviour of any such Person, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Two or more of them, to punish such Offender in Manner herein after mentioned, or for the said Offence for which he or she was apprehended and sent to the said Workhouse, to cause such Offender to be passed as a Vagrant to his or her Place of Birth or other legal Settlement, if the same can be found.

may punish Persons misbehaving in Workhouse;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any poor Person maintained in the said Workhouse shall be guilty of profane Cursing or Swearing, or otherwise misbehave him or herself, or shall neglect or refuse to perform the Work or Service which he, she, or they shall be required to do (such Work or Service being suited to his, her, or their Age, Strength, and Ability) then and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Two or more of the said Trustees to cause the Offender or Offenders to be punished in such Workhouse, either by Confinement, distinguishing them in Dress, or such other Method as may best tend to remedy such Offences for the future; any Law, Statute, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

may reimburse Peace Officers;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall, and they are hereby authorized and impowered to reimburse any Peace Officer any Expences which they shall incur on account of apprehending Vagrants, and of conveying them to the House of Correction or otherwise.

and relieve industrious Poor.

And whereas there may be industrious poor Persons belonging to the said Parish, who may require some Relief, and yet it may not be necessary to receive such Persons into the Workhouse; be it therefore 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 see Cause, to relieve any industrious poor Person or Family belonging to the said Parish, although such poor Person or Family do not belong to or reside in the said Workhouse.

Poor Laws to be in Force.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Laws relating to the Office of Overseer of the Poor, and for the Relief and Employment of the Poor, shall continue in Force within the said Parish, save as herein is expressly altered.

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And, for the better repairing the Highways, and paving and cleansing the Streets, within the said Parish, 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, and they are hereby authorized and impowered, from time to time, if they think fit, to contract with any fit Person or Persons for repairing the said Highways, and for paving and keeping in Repair and cleansing the said Streets, and other Places within the said Parish; which Contract or Contracts shall specify the Works to be done, and the Prices to be paid for the same, and the Time and Times when such Works shall be completed, and the Penalties to be suffered in case of Non-performance thereof; and the same shall be signed by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, and by the Person or Persons contracting to perform such Works; and they, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorized and impowered to pay such Sum or Sums of Money, for such respective Works as they shall so contract and agree for, out of any Rate or Assessment which shall be made, raised, or collected, for any of those Purposes, by virtue of this Act.

Trustees may contract for paving Streets, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Person or Persons who shall enter into such Contract with the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, for performing the several Works before mentioned, and who shall not well and sufficiently perform the same according to the true Tenor and Meaning of such Contract or Contracts, or shall not finish and complete their Work within the Time or Times that the same are agreed to be completed by the said Contract or Contracts, that then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, in the Name or Names of any Two or more of them, to bring an Action of Debt, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Law at Westminster, against any Person or Persons so contracting as aforesaid, and who shall neglect to perform such Contract or Contracts, and for any Penalty or Penalties which shall be contained in such Contract or Contracts; and on proving the Signing such Contract or Contracts, and Non-performance thereof, at the Time or Times for that Purpose therein mentioned, the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall be entitled to and shall recover such Penalty or Penalties; and the same, when recovered,

and bring Actions for Non-performance.

covered, shall be applied towards the Purposes of this Act.

Penalty on occasioning Annoyances.

And, in order to prevent Annoyances and Obstructions in the said Streets, Squares, and other Places, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall throw or lay, or shall permit or suffer to be thrown or laid, any Ashes, Dirt, Dust, Soil, or any Filth or Annoyance whatsoever, before any Dwelling-house, Shop, Stable, Building, or Wall, in any Street, Square, or Lane, used for Wheel Carriages within the said Parish; or shall set out or leave, or cause or procure to be set out or left, any Carriage, Timber, Stone, or any other Matter or Thing, which may occasion any Annoyance, Nuisance, or Obstruction whatsoever, in any such Street, Square, or Lane, so as to stop, obstruct, incommode, or endanger, any Person or Carriage passing thereon; or shall permit or suffer his or her Swine to go at large within any Street, Square, Lane, or other Publick Place, within the Town of Richmond; every Person offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, shall, for every Offence, forfeit any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Forty Shillings.

Water, &c. to be conveyed from the Roofs of Buildings by Pipes, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Owners of all Houses, Shops, Warehouses, or other Edifices or Buildings whatsoever, now adjoining or contiguous to, or which shall adjoin or be contiguous to, any Street, Lane, or Publick Way, within the Town of Richmond aforesaid, shall, on or before the Twenty ninth Day of September next, or within One Month after any such House, Shop, Warehouse, or other Building, shall be finished, from time to time cause all the Rain and Snow Water to be conveyed from the Roofs, Eaves, Cornishes, and Penthouses, of all such Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Edifices, and Buildings, to the Bottoms of all such Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Edifices, and Buildings respectively, and so into the common Chanels or Drains, by proper and sufficient Pipes to be fixed to the Sides of such Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Edifices, and Buildings respectively; or otherwise shall cause all such Rain and Snow Water to be conveyed from the Roofs, Eaves, Cornishes, and Penthouses, of such Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Edifices, and Buildings respectively as aforesaid, into their own respective private Grounds; and in case any Owner of any such House, Shop, Warehouse or other Edifice or Building, shall refuse or neglect to

to do for the Space of Fourteen Days after the Time herein before limited for that Purpose, every Person, so neglecting or refusing, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds, to be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, of such House, Shop, Warehouse, or other Edifice or Building, where such Default shall happen to be; and the said Sum of Five Pounds, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be applied in the making, fixing, or repairing such Pipes as aforesaid, and the Surplus thereof to be returned to the Person or Persons upon whose Goods the same shall be so distrained: And it shall and may be lawful for the Tenant or Occupier of any such House, Shop, Warehouse, or other Edifice or Building, to fix up and repair such Pipes, from time to time, and to deduct and retain the Charges and Expences thereof, and also any Money which shall or may be levied upon the Goods of any such Tenant or Occupier as aforesaid, for not fixing or repairing such Pipes, out of the next Rent or Rents payable for the same Houses, Shops, Warehouses, or other Edifices or Buildings respectively; and every Owner, Proprietor, or Landlord thereof is hereby required to allow the same in such Manner as herein before mentioned concerning the Rates and Assessments herein before directed to be charged in certain Cases upon the Owners, and to be paid by and recoverable from the Occupiers of any Houses or Tenements as aforesaid.

Pavement not to be altered but by Consent of Trustees.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall hereafter make or cause to be made any Alteration in the Form of the Pavement of any Street, Lane, Alley, or Publick Place, within the said Town, or any Incroachment therein, without the Consent and Approbation of the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them; every Person so offending shall for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be levied, recovered, and disposed of, as herein after-mentioned: And if any such Alteration and Incroachment shall be made in any Part of the said Streets, Lanes, Alleys, or Passages, or any of them, without such Consent and Approbation as aforesaid, and shall not be allowed of by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, by Writing under their Hands, within Fourteen Days next after such Alteration or Incroachment

ment shall be made; the Person or Persons making, or causing the same to be made, shall, at his and their own Costs and Charges, within Fourteen Days after Notice given for that Purpose by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, remove or take away the same, and put such Part of the Street, Lane, Alley, or Publick Passage, where the same shall have been made, in the same Form and Condition it was before the making the said Alteration or Incroachment: And in case of his, her, or their Neglect or Refusal so to do within such Time as aforesaid, then the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall and may order any proper Workman or Workmen to reform the same Alteration or Incroachment, and put the said Part of the said Street, Lane, Alley, or Publick Passage, in the same Form and Condition it was before, and by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County, levy, or cause to be levied, such Costs and Expences for so doing, as shall be by him or them judged reasonable, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of the Person or Persons who made, or caused to be made, such Alteration or Incroachment, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, rendering the Overplus (if any be) to the Owner of such Goods and Chattles, when demanded.

Trustees may grant Licences for building Hoards;

Provided also, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Two or more of them, by Writing under their Hands, to give such reasonable Liberty and Licence to the Proprietors and Inhabitants within the said Town, or their Builders or Workmen, to make such Inclosure before their respective Houses, in order to the pulling down, rebuilding, or repairing, the same, or any Vault, Drain, or Building, belonging thereto, and for laying the necessary Materials for the same, and the Rubbish arising therefrom, as the said Trustees, or any Two or more of them, in their Discretion, shall think necessary or proper in that Behalf; and no Person or Persons acting under such Licence, and in pursuance thereof, shall, during the Time thereby to be limited, be subject or liable to any of the Penalties aforesaid.

and direct the Removal of Signs, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Owner and Occupier of any House in the said Town, to which any Signs, Sign Irons, Sign Posts, or any other Posts, Penthouses, Spouts, Steps, or other

other Incroachments upon the said Streets, or any of them, now or may hereafter belong, who shall not at their own Costs and Charges, within Fourteen Days after Notice in Writing shall be given to them respectively, or left at their respective Dwelling-houses, under the Hands of any Five or more of the said Trustees, remove all such Signs, Sign Irons, Sign Posts, and other Posts, Penthouses, Spouts, Steps, or Incroachments, or otherwise alter and reform the same, in such Manner as in such Notice shall be expressed or directed, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings per Week for every Week after the Expiration of the said Fourteen Days, until such Incroachments shall be removed, agreeable to such Notice so to be given as aforesaid.

Owners of Water-works to repair Pavements.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Part of the Pavements or Highways within the said Town and Parish shall be taken up, injured, or damaged, by any Agent, Servant, or Person employed by the Owner or Owners of any Water-works, the same shall with all convenient Speed be repaired at the Expence of the Owner or Owners of such Water-works, by the Paviour or Person employed by the said Trustees; and it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to compound and agree with the Owner or Owners of such Water-works, for a certain Sum of Money, by the Foot or other Measure, which the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall think reasonable, in lieu and instead of laying down or repairing such Parts of the Pavements, or repairing the Highways, as shall be necessary to be taken up by the Workmen of the Owners of the said Water-works.

Trustees may purchase Ground for a Lay-stall.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorized and impowered to purchase or hire some convenient Piece of Ground, to be made use of for laying all such Filth, Dirt, and Rubbish, as shall be taken out of the Streets, Lanes, and other Places, within the said Town, and to pay for the Purchase or Hire of such Ground out of any Money to be raised by the Rate to be made by virtue of this Act for repairing the Highways, and paving, cleansing, and lighting, the Streets, and defraying the Expence of a Nightly Watch within the said Parish, or out of any Money to be borrowed upon the Credit thereof.

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And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the First Tuesday after the passing of this Act, the Office of Surveyor of the Highways for the said Parish of Richmond, shall cease and determine. Office of Surveyor to cease.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in all Cases where the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, are impowered to do any Act whatsoever by virtue of this Act, the same shall be done at some publick Meeting of the Trustees to be held in pursuance of this Act, and not otherwise; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding: And that whenever it shall happen at any such Meeting, that there shall be an Equality of Voices of the said Trustees then present, the Chairman in every such Case shall have the casting Voice. Trustees not to act but at a publick Meeting.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Two Trustees shall be sufficient to meet for the Purpose of Adjournment only; and in case it shall at any Time happen that no Adjournment of the Trustees shall be made according to the Directions of this Act, that then, and in every such Case, as often as it shall happen, it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to meet at any House or Place within the said Town, Ten Days Notice in Writing being first affixed upon the Church Door of the said Parish, appointing the Time and Place of such Meetings; and the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall meet pursuant to such Notice, and shall proceed to the Execution of this Act, and afterwards adjourn to such Time and Place as they shall think fit. How Trustees may appoint a Meeting in case there shall be no Adjournment.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases where One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, is or are impowered by the Laws in being to proceed on the Complaint of any Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor of any Parish, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace, and he and they are hereby required, to proceed on the Complaint of any Two of the said Trustees, in such and the like Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Complaint had been made by the Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish. Justices to proceed on Complaint of Trustees.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any Trustee appointed

Trustees in the Commission of the Peace may act as Justices.

pointed or to be elected to put this Act in Execution, who is or shall be in the Commission of the Peace for the County of Surrey, to act as a Justice of the Peace within his Jurisdiction, for putting in Execution the several Powers and Authorities granted by this Act, notwithstanding his being a Trustee.

Qualification of Trustees.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall be capable of acting as a Trustee in any Case in the Execution of this Act, unless at the Time of his acting therein he shall be seised of, in his own Right, or in Right of his Wife, and be in the actual Possession or Receipt of Rents and Profits of a Real Estate in Law or Equity, of the clear yearly Value of Five Pounds above Reprizes, or unless such Person shall rent or occupy Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, within the said Parish, of the yearly Value of Sixteen Pounds; and if any Person or Persons, hereby made incapable to act, shall presume to act in the Trust aforesaid, every such Person shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster; and the Person so prosecuted shall prove that he is qualified as aforesaid, or otherwise shall pay the said Sum of Twenty Pounds, without any other Proof or Evidence on the Part of the Prosecutor, than that such Person hath acted as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act.

Persons selling Liquors not to be Trusteees.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person selling spirituous or fermented Liquors by Retail, shall be capable of being elected a Trustee in the Execution of this Act.

Trustees may cause the Streets to be lighted and watched.

And whereas it may be found expedient to light the Streets and other Places within the said Parish, and to establish a Nightly Watch therein for the Safety of the Inhabitants; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, may, if they think necessary, cause the said Streets and other Places within the said Parish to be lighted for such Time and Times, and in such Manner, and by such Ways and Means, as they or any Five or more of them, shall judge proper; and may also, in case they think fit, appoint a Nightly Watch for the Safety of the Inhabitants of the said Parish, to attend at such Times and Places, and to perform such Duty, as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall from time

time to time order, direct, and appoint; and to remove such Watchmen from time to time, as they shall see Cause, and appoint others in the Room of such of them as shall be so removed; and shall and may apply so much of the said Rates or Assessments, or of the Money to be borrowed on the Credit thereof, as shall be necessary for those Purposes.

Penalties may be levied by Distress.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed or incurred (for the Recovery and Application whereof no particular Method is already directed) shall be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattles, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any Two Justices of the Peace for the said County of Surrey; which Warrants such Justices are hereby impowered and required to issue upon the Information of One or more Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath such Justices are hereby impowered and required to administer without Fee or Reward) and such Penalties and Forfeitures, when recovered (after rendering the Overplus, if any, upon Demand, 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 go and be applied to and for such of the Purposes of this Act, as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall think fit.

The Road from the late Horse Ferry at *Kew* to *West Sheene* Lane to be shut up; and the Road from *Kew Bridge* to *Richmond*, to be repaired.

And whereas the present Road to Richmond from Kew Bridge is over Kew Green and along Kew Lane, some Parts whereof are narrow and out of Repair: And whereas since the said Bridge was built, the Road from the late Horse Ferry at Kew, by the Side of the River, to West Sheene Lane, near Richmond Green, is become useless: And whereas the King's most Excellent Majesty hath been graciously pleased to signify His Royal Intentions of amending, at His own Expence, the said Road from Kew Bridge to Richmond, and of keeping the same in Repair for the future, which will be advantageous to the Inhabitants of the Parish of Richmond and Hamlet of Kew; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, at His and their Costs and Charges, to cause the said Road by the River Side from the late Horse Ferry at Kew, to West

West Sheene Lane near Richmond Green, to be shut up and discontinued; and it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons at any Time after the passing of this Act, to make use of the said Road, or any Part thereof, with any Horse, Cattle, or Carriage whatsoever, or on Foot (except as hereafter is otherwise provided) any Right, Claim, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary hereof notwithstanding: Provided that the King's most Excellent Majesty do and shall, at his own proper Costs and Charges, cause the said Road from Kew Bridge, over Kew Green and along Kew Lane, to the House known by the Sign of the Bear, at the Entrance into the Town of Richmond, to be amended and made commodious for Passengers and Carriages; and that his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, or any Person or Persons claiming by, from, or under or in Trust for his Majesty, his Heirs, or Successors, who shall for the time being respectively hold, occupy, possess, or enjoy Richmond Lodge, Park, and Gardens, do keep the said Road in good and sufficient Repair for ever.

Towing Path may be used as heretofore.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to obstruct, hinder, or prevent, any Person or Persons, on Foot, from making use of the Towing-path by the Side of the River Thames, in such Manner as hath been accustomed, or as they could or might have done in case this Act had not been made.

Inhabitants exonerated from the Performance of Statute-work on the Road from *Kew Bridge* to *Richmond*.

And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, all and every of the Inhabitants for the time being of the said Parish of Richmond and Hamlet of Kew respectively, shall be, and are by this Act absolutely exonerated, discharged, and indemnified, of and from the Performance of all Statute-work, and of and from the Payment of all Rates, Assessments, Cares, Impositions, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Sums of Money whatsoever, which they the said Inhabitants, or any of them, would or might by Law have been subject or liable to the Performance or Payment of, for or on account of the repairing, amending, and keeping in repair the said Road from Kew Bridge, over Kew Green, and along Kew Lane, to Richmond, or any Part thereof, in case this Act had not been made.

And

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall find him, her, or themselves aggrieved by such Rates or Assessments, he, she, or they, shall, notwithstanding, be obliged to pay such Rates or Assessments; and then upon an Appeal to the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for the said County of Surrey, next after the Payment of such Rates or Assessments respectively, or next after making the Distress for such Rates or Assessments, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace, or the major Part of them then assembled, to cause so much Money to be returned to the Appellant or Appellants as shall appear to the said Justices to have been overpaid by such Appellant or Appellants to the said Rates or Assessments respectively, and to make such other Order therein as to them shall seem meet, which Order shall be final and conclusive to all Parties. Persons aggrieved may appeal to the Quarter Session.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be brought against any Person for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, such Action shall be commenced within Six Months after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, and shall be laid and brought in the County of Surrey, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit 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 Authority of this Act; and if it shall appear to be so done, or if any such Action or Suit shall be brought after the Time before limited for bringing the same, or be brought in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become Nonsuit, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Actions; or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs of Suit in other Cases by Law. Limitation of Actions. General Issue. Treble Costs.

Publick Act.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be 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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