Anno ſexto

Georgii III. Regis.

An Act to enable the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* to purchaſe certain Houſes and Ground contiguous and near to the Bank; and for making certain Avenues leading thereto more commodious.



WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and paſſed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, An Act to enable the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* to purchaſe Houſes and Ground for opening a Paſſage for Carriages, from *Cornhill* to the Bank, and making more commodious ſeveral other Paſſages leading thereto; and for enlarging the Buildings of the ſaid Bank, and making the ſame more commodious; the Governor and Company of the Bank of England were impowered, among other Things, to lay out a new and publick Street from the Edifice called The Bank to Cornhill, and to erect a Row of Houſes on each Side of the ſaid new intended Street, in ſuch Manner as the Court of Directors for the time being of the ſaid Governor and Company ſhould think proper, and to purchaſe Houſes and Ground in Manner therein mentioned for that Purpoſe: Preamble, reciting Act 4 *Geo.* III.

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pose: And whereas pursuant thereto, the said Governor and Company have purchased the necessary Houses and Ground, and have laid out the said new intended Street, and made a considerable Progress in erecting Buildings
33 Geo. II. on each Side thereof: And whereas by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Thirty third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, An Act for widening certain Streets, Lanes, and Passages, within the City of *London*, and Liberties thereof; and for opening certain new Streets and Ways within the same; and for other Purposes therein mentioned; the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, were impowered, among other Things, to treat and agree with the Owners and Occupiers of, and all other Persons interested in the House at the West End of the Building, situate between Cornhill and Threadneedle Street; and also the Houses on the South Side of Threadneedle Street, extending from the House before-mentioned Eastward, till it reaches to that Part of the Street which is opposite to the Bank Gates; and to pull down the said first-mentioned House, and lay the Ground into the Street; and to pull down the said other Houses, and to enlarge the Passage there to Thirty five Feet
and 5 Geo. III. in Width: And whereas by another Act of Parliament made and passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for vesting certain Glebe Lands, belonging to the Rectory of the Parish Church of *Saint Christopher*, in the City of *London*, in the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*; and for making a Recompence to the Rector of the said Parish, and his Successors, in lieu thereof; and for obviating certain Doubts in an Act passed in the Thirty third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, for widening certain Streets, Lanes, and Passages, within the City of *London*; after reciting, among other Things, the said Act of the Thirty third Year of His late Majesty in Part to the Purport herein before-mentioned; and that the said Governor and Company had agreed with the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the said City, in Common Council assembled, to take upon themselves the Expence of carrying the said recited Act into Execution, so far as relates to the Premisses therein and herein before-mentioned, and to advance the Purchase-money directed by the said recited Act, together with the necessary Expences of carrying the same into Execution in that Behalf; and, in Consideration thereof, the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the said City, in Common

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Council assembled, had agreed that all the said several Houses should be conveyed to the said Governor and Company for the Purposes in the said recited Act mentioned, it was enacted, that the said several Houses quite through to Cornhill were meant and intended, and are thereby declared to be included within the Powers of the said recited Act: And whereas by reason of the great Concourse of Persons and Carriages resorting to the Bank, it is apprehended the Passage of Thirty five in Width will be too narrow, and therefore the said Governor and Company have caused that Part of Threadneedle Street which lies between the Edifice called The Bank, and the said new Street opposite thereto, to be made of the Width of Forty four Feet Three Inches: And whereas it is apprehended that if the Buildings on the South Side of Threadneedle Street Westward, were to range in a Line with the North West End of the said new Street, and the Houses and Sheds on the North Side of Threadneedle Street Westward, to the South West Corner House of Prince's Street, were to range in a Line with the Bank Edifice as nearly parallel to the said South Side as may be, it would be not only more uniform and a considerable Ornament to the City of London, as it would leave the Passage of Threadneedle Street Westward, from the said new Street nearly of the same Width with that Part of Threadneedle Street which is opposite the Bank, but would be much more commodious to Passengers, and thereby render the Lives of His Majesty's Subjects more safe, and occasion fewer Obstructions to Carriages, and be therefore many Ways of much publick Utility; And whereas it is apprehended from what appears by taking down the Houses in Cornhill for opening the said new Street, that the rest of the Houses on the North Side of Cornhill Westward being old, and as it is supposed built shortly after the Fire of London, may be so far weakened by taking down the Houses on the South Side of Threadneedle Street for enlarging the Passage there, as to be in Danger of falling, or at least not worth the Cost of supporting; wherefore the said Governor and Company are desirous of purchasing the same, in order pull down and rebuild the same, and in that Case, the said Governor and Company would lay more Ground into the Street than is required by the aforesaid Act of the Thirty third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty: And whereas there is One House on the North Side of a Passage round Saint Christopher's Church-yard, adjoining to Premisses purchased by the said Governor and Company for

enlarging the Bank Edifice, and Three Houses contiguous thereto on the West Side of the said Passage, and several small Tenements in Three Nun Court, which with the said Court and Passage, and the Ground and Soil of several other Courts and Passages communicating to other Premisses already purchased, or to be purchased by virtue of this Act by the said Governor and Company, situate behind and near Saint Christopher's Church, would, if vested in the said Governor and Company, be of great publick Utility, as it would enable the said Governor and Company to remove certain Nuisances, and likewise to enlarge their said Edifice, and more effectually preserve the same from the Danger of Fire: And whereas the said Governor and Company have agreed with all or most of the Occupiers of the said several Houses in Cornhill, Threadneedle Street, Saint Christopher's Church-yard, and Three Nun Court, as are necessary to be taken down for the Purposes aforesaid, and also with all or most of such of the Owners thereof who are able to make out a saleable Title and convey the same; but Part thereof being subject to charitable Uses, and other Part thereof comprized in Settlements therein limited to Infants and Persons not born, a good Title cannot be made in or to the Whole of the said Premisses without the Aid and Assistance of Parliament: And whereas the authorizing the said Governor and Company to take up and relay the Pavement on both Sides of Bartholomew Lane, and on both Sides of Threadneedle Street from Saint Bartholomew Church Westward, would render the Avenues to the Bank much more safe and convenient for Persons and Carriages resorting thereto; 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 passing of this Act, the said Governor and Company, or their Court of Directors for the time being, for and on Behalf of the said Governor and Company, shall have full Power and Authority to treat and agree with the Owner and Owners, Lessee and Lessees, Occupier and Occupiers of the Ground, Houses, and Buildings, on the North Side of Cornhill Westward, from the South West End of the said new Street, and on the South Side of Threadneedle Street Westward, from the North West End of the said new Street, and the Ground, Houses, and Buildings, on the North Side of Threadneedle

Governor and Company impowered to purchase Houses, &c. to widen Streets and Passages leading to the Bank.

Threadneedle Street Westward, to the South West Corner House of Prince's Street, and to purchase and become seised and possessed of the same; and also to treat and agree with the Owner and Owners, Lessee and Lessees, Occupier and Occupiers, as well of the Ground, Houses, and Buildings, on the North and West Sides of the Passage round Saint Christopher's Church-yard, as of the Court called Three Nun Court, and the Houses and Buildings therein contained, and to purchase and become seised and possessed of the same; and upon Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be agreed upon for such Purchases (or if no Agreement shall be made, on making such Satisfaction as hereinafter is mentioned) to cause such Houses and Buildings, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, to be pulled down, and the Posts and Pavements as well before the same as before the adjoining Houses to be taken up, removed, and altered, in such Manner as the Court of Directors for the time being of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England shall think proper, and to enlarge the Passage in Threadneedle Street Westward, from the Edifice called The Bank, to the South West Corner House of Prince's Street, to the Width of Forty five Feet Three Inches of Assize, little more or less, and to build and erect, or cause to be built and erected on the North Side of Cornhill, such Houses or Buildings as they shall judge necessary or expedient; and likewise to build and erect, or cause to be built and erected on the South Side of Threadneedle Street, such Houses or Buildings as they shall judge necessary or expedient, to range in a Line from the Buildings at the North West End of the said new Street; and to build and erect, or cause to be built and erected on the North Side of Threadneedle Street such Houses or Buildings as they shall judge necessary or expedient to range in a Line with the Bank Edifice, as nearly parallel to the said South Side as may be; and to let, sell, or dispose thereof, or any Part thereof, and to use and employ the Residue of the said Ground and Buildings, and also the said Court called Three Nun Court, and the said Passage round Saint Christopher's Church-yard, and the several other Passages above-mentioned, in continuing and enlarging the said Edifice called The Bank, and in making or causing to be made such additional Erections, Buildings, and Openings thereto, as the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company shall think proper; and this Act shall be sufficient to indemnify the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England,

England, their Directors, Agents, Workmen, Officers, and Servants, and all Persons acting by or under their Authority, against the Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, of any of the said Owners, Lessees, or Occupiers, as if the same had been sold and conveyed by Deed of Feoffment, Bargain and Sale, or other Assurance in the Law whatsoever.

Materials vested in the said Governor and Company.

And be it further enacted, That all the Materials of the several Houses and Buildings which shall be taken down by virtue of this Act, shall be, and the same are hereby vested in the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, to dispose of or employ the same as they, or their Court of Directors for the time being, shall think proper.

Power to Bodies Politick, &c. to agree for the Sale of Houses, Lands, &c.

And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees, and Feoffees in Trust, Guardians and Committees for Lunaticks and Ideots, Executors, Administrators, and Guardians whatsoever, not only for or on Behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on Behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunaticks, Ideots, Femes Covert, or other Persons whatsoever, and to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised in their own Right, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seised or possessed of, or interested in, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be necessary to be purchased for any of the Purposes of this Act, or which are herein before described, to sell and convey all or any such Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Estates, and Interests, or any Part thereof, to the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England; and that all Contracts, Agreements, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances, which shall be made by such Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate, Trustees, and other Persons as aforesaid, shall be good and valid in Law, to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate, Trustees, and other Person and Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever, of their several and respective Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunaticks, Ideots, Femes Covert, or other Persons whomsoever, and all claiming, or to claim by, from, or under them; any Law, Statute, Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever,

whatsoever to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding; and all such Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate, Trustees, and other Persons, so conveying as aforesaid, shall be and are hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, notwithstanding any Omission or Mistake in Matter of Form whatsoever: And if it shall happen that any Person or Persons, Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, or other Person or Persons, seised or possessed of, or interested in, any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as aforesaid, shall refuse to treat or agree, or will not agree for the Sale and Conveyance of their respective Estates, Terms, or Interests therein, or, by reason of Absence or Disability, cannot or do not agree, or there shall be no Person or Persons in being who, as Trustee, or otherwise, under the Powers of this present Act, can agree with the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or with any Person or Persons by them in this Behalf authorized or appointed, or shall not produce and evince a clear Title to the Premisses they are in Possession of, or to the Term or Interest they claim, to the Satisfaction of the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or of the Person or Persons by them so authorized or appointed; then, and in every such Case, in order to settle and ascertain the Value of such Estates or Estate, and of any present Interests or Interest, Terms or Term of Years, or other Right or Property of such Person or Persons, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Sheriffs of the City of London, and they are hereby required, from time to time, upon a Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, to be issued and directed to them for this Purpose, from time to time, by the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the said City, commonly called The Lord Mayor's Court, which Warrants or Precepts the said Court are hereby impowered and required to issue upon Demand of the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, to be signified by their Secretary for the time being, to impanel and return before the said Court a competent Number of substantial and disinterested Persons, qualified to serve on Juries, not less than Forty eight, nor more than Seventy two; and out of such Persons so to be impanelled, summoned, and returned, a Jury of Twelve Persons shall be drawn, by some Person to

Sheriffs to summon a Jury.

be by the said Court appointed, in such Manner as Juries for the Trial of Issues joined in His Majesty's Courts at Westminster, by an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation of Juries, are directed to be drawn; which Persons so to be impanelled, summoned, and returned as aforesaid, are hereby required to come and appear before the said Court, at such Time and Place as in such Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, shall be directed and appointed, and to attend the said Court, from Day to Day, till discharged by the said Court; and all Parties concerned shall and may have their lawful Challenges against any of the said Jurymen, but shall not be at Liberty to challenge the Array: And the said Court is hereby authorized and impowered, by Precept or Precepts, from time to time, as Occasion shall require, to call before them all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, who shall be thought proper or necessary to be examined as a Witness or Witnesses before them, on their Oath or Oaths, concerning the Premisses; and the said Court, if they think fit, shall and may likewise authorize and require the said Jury to view the Place or Places in Question, in such Manner as they shall direct; and the said Court shall have Power to command such Jury, Witnesses, and Parties, to attend, until all such Affairs, for which they were summoned, shall be concluded: And the said Jury, upon their Oaths (which Oaths, as also the Oaths to such Person or Persons as shall be called upon to give Evidence, the said Court is hereby impowered and required to administer) shall inquire of the Value of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and of the Value of the respective Estate, Term, and Interest, of every Person seised or possessed thereof, or interested or claiming any Interest therein, or of or in any Part thereof, other than where such Estate, Term, or Interest, is by this present Act directed to be preserved, in such Lands and Hereditaments as shall be purchased with the Money so to be paid by the said Governor and Company; and shall assess and award the Sum or Sums to be paid to every such Person or Persons for the Purchase of such their Estates, Terms, and Interests; and the said Court shall give Judgement for such Sum or Sums of Money so to be assessed; which said Verdict or Verdicts, and the said Judgement thereupon (Notice in Writing being given to the Person or Persons, or to the Principal Officer of such Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, interested, at least

Verdict of the Jury to be final.

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Fourteen Days before the Time of such Assessment, declaring the Time and Place of the Meeting of the said Court or Jury, by leaving such Notice at the Dwelling-house of such Person or Persons, or at his, her, or their usual Places of Abode, if residing within the City of London or the Liberties thereof, or with some Tenant or Occupier of some of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, intended to be valued or assessed, in case such Person or Persons cannot be found out to be served with such Notice, or shall not reside within the City of London or the Liberties thereof) shall be binding and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, against all and every Person or Persons, Bodies Politick, Corporate, and Collegiate, claiming any Estate, Right, Title, Trust, Use, Term, or Interest, in, to, or out of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and Premisses, either in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, as well against the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, as against Infants and Issue unborn, Lunaticks, Ideots, and Femes Covert, and Persons absent or under any other legal Incapacity or Disability, and all Trustees and Cestuique Trusts, his, her, and their Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, and against all other Persons whomsoever.

Upon Payment of Purchase Money proper Conveyances to be made.

And be it further enacted and declared, That upon Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money, so to be awarded or adjudged, the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be so awarded for the Purchase of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or for the Purchase of any Estate, Term, or Interest therein, shall make and execute or procure to be made and executed good, valid, and legal Conveyances, Assignments, and Assurances, in the Law to the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or to such Person or Persons as the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England shall order, direct, or appoint, of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or of such Estate, Term, or Interest, for which such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so awarded; and shall procure all necessary Parties to execute such Conveyances, Assignments, and Assurances; and shall do all Acts, Matters, and Things, necessary and requisite to make a good, clear, and perfect Title to the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or the Person or Persons so by their Court of Directors for the time being in this Behalf to be appointed as aforesaid; and such

Conveyances,

Conveyances, Assignments, and Assurances, shall contain all such reasonable and usual Covenants, as on the Part of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or of the Person or Persons so by the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, in their Behalf to be appointed as aforesaid, shall be reasonably required: And in case such Person or Persons, to whom such Sum or Sums shall be so awarded as aforesaid, shall not be able to evince their Title to the Premisses, and to make, or procure to be made, such good, valid, and legal Conveyances thereof as aforesaid, or shall refuse so to do, being thereto required, and such Sum or Sums so assessed and awarded as aforesaid, being tendered to be paid to him, her, or them, on their making such Title, and executing, or procuring to be executed, such Conveyances, Assignments, or Assurances, as aforesaid; or in case such Person or Persons, to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so awarded as aforesaid, cannot be found within the said City or Liberties thereof, or in case by reason of Disputes depending in any Court of Law or Equity, or for any other Cause, it shall not appear what Person or Persons is or are intitled to the Premisses in Question; then, and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, to order the Sum or Sums of Money so assessed and awarded as aforesaid, as and for the Value of and Purchase-money for the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to be paid into the Bank of England, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accomptant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account, to the Credit of the Parties interested in such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of so many of them as shall then be in esse, describing them; subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court of Chancery; which said Court of Chancery, on the Application of any Person or Persons making Claim to such Sum by Motion or Petition, shall be and is hereby impowered, in a summary Way of Proceeding, or otherwise, as to the said Court shall seem meet, to order Distribution thereof, according to the respective Estates or Estate, Title or Interest, of the Person or Persons making Claim thereunto, of, in, or to such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to be made appear to, and to be declared by, the said Court, and according to the Value thereof assessed as aforesaid, and to make such other Order in the said Premisses,

In case of Defects of Title, Disputes, &c. Purchase Money to be paid into the Bank in Accomptant General's Name;

Subject to the Direction of the Court of *Chancery*.

Premisses, as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable.

Proceedings of the Court of Mayor and Aldermen to be entered in Books,

And be it further enacted, That all such Verdicts, Judgements, Sentences, Decrees, Orders, and other Proceedings of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen and Juries, as relate to or concern any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, so to be purchased as aforesaid, and all Receipts which the said Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank shall give for any Sum or Sums of Money paid into the Bank in consequence of any such Verdict and Judgement, shall be entered into a distinct Book or Books, which shall be kept among the Records of the said Court; and the said Verdicts, Judgements, and other Proceedings, shall be deemed and taken to be Records to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and the same or true Copies thereof, shall be deemed and taken to be good and effectual Evidence and Proof in any Court or Courts of Law or Equity whatsoever; and all Persons shall and may have Recourse to the same gratis, and take Copies thereof, paying for every Copy not exceeding Two hundred Words, Six Pence, and so proportionably for any greater Number of Words.

and deemed Records.

Upon Payment of the Purchase Money Lands, &c. vested in the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*.

And be it further enacted, That immediately from and after such Verdict, Judgement, and Order, of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, and Payment into the Bank as aforesaid, all the Estate, Right, Title, Term, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand, in Law and Equity, of the Person or Persons for whose Use such Money shall be paid, in, to, and out of the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premisses, shall be transferred to, and shall be vested in, the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, and they shall be, and be deemed in Law to be, thenceforth in the actual Seisin or Possession thereof, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as fully and effectually, as if every Person having any Estate in the Premisses, had actually conveyed the same to them by Lease and Release, Bargain and Sale, inrolled Feoffment with Livery and Seisin, Fine and Recovery, Assignment, or any other legal Conveyance whatsoever; and such Payment shall extend to, and be deemed and construed to bar the Dower and Dowers of the Wife and Wives of such Person and Persons, and all Estates Tail, in Reversion, or Remainder, as effectually as a Fine and Recovery, or either of them, would do, if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law: And the said Governor and Company of the

Bank of England, or other Person or Persons, to whom the said Premisses shall, by the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, be ordered or appointed to be conveyed as aforesaid, shall be quieted in the Seisin and Possession of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, for which such Money shall be so paid as aforesaid, and shall not be answerable or accountable in any Court of Law or Equity for the said Money, any otherwise than according to the Tenor, Purport, and true Meaning of this Act.

In case of a Feme Covert, Purchase-money to be paid to such Person as she shall direct,

And be it further enacted, That in case any Feme Covert is or shall be seised in Fee Simple, or in Tail General or Special, or for Life, or for any lesser Interest, of any such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, so to be purchased by the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, to her separate Use, free from the Controul or Intermeddling of her Husband, the Purchase-money arising from the Sale of such Estate, Term, or Interest, of such Feme Covert, on the Conveyance of such Estate, Term, or Interest, to the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall be paid to such Person or Persons as she shall by Writing under her Hand nominate to receive the same, in Trust, to be reinvested in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be conveyed and settled for such Uses, Estate, and Interest, as the said Feme Covert had in the Premisses so purchased by the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid.

In Trust, to be reinvested in another Purchase to the same Uses.

In case the Persons in Possession be not intitled to the Inheritance, Money to be paid in Accomptant General's Name into the Bank;

And be it further enacted, That in case any Houses, Edifices, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be purchased for the Purposes contained in this Act, shall be so settled, or stand limited, by way of legal Limitation, as that the Person or Persons in Possession thereof shall not be intitled to an Estate of Inheritance therein, although the said Houses, Edifices, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, be not vested in any Trustee or Trustees; then the Purchase-money arising from the Sale of such Estate shall be paid into the Bank, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accomptant General of the High Court of Chancery, upon Trust, to be reinvested by and with the Approbation of the said Court of Chancery, to be signified by an Order or Orders upon Motion in open Court, or Petition, after such Reference (if any) as to the said Court shall seem meet, in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands,

subject to the Directions of the Court of *Chancery*.

Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be conveyed and settled to and upon, and subject to the like Uses, Trusts, Limitations, Remainders, and Contingencies, as the Houses, Edifices, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be purchased by the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, were respectively settled, limited, or assured, at the Time of such the purchasing of the same, or so many thereof as at the Time of making such Conveyances and Settlements shall be existing and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time, and until such Purchase can be found, in Trust, by and with the like Approbation so signified as aforesaid, to be invested in Government Securities, and the Interest and Dividends arising therefrom to be paid and applied to such Person and Persons as would be intitled to the Rents and Profits of the Premisses, in case the same had not been vested in the Governor and Company of the Bank of England; and upon Payment of such Purchase-money, by the said Governor and Company, to such Person or Persons so as aforesaid nominated to receive the same, the Premisses, for which the same shall be so paid, shall be, and are hereby vested in the said Governor and Company.

Purchase-money belonging to Bodies Politick, &c. to be re-invested in Purchase of Lands, &c.

And be it further enacted, That the Principal Money arising from the Sale of any Houses, Edifices, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be purchased for the Purposes contained in this Act, of any Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, being Feoffees in Trust, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees, shall be paid to them respectively, or to such Persons as they shall respectively nominate to receive the same, in Trust, with all convenient Speed then afterwards to be re-invested in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to be conveyed and settled to and upon, and subject to the like Uses, Trusts, Limitations, Remainders, and Contingencies, as the Houses, Edifices, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be purchased from them respectively by the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, were respectively settled, limited, or assured, at the Time of such the purchasing of the same, or so many thereof as, at the Time of making such Conveyances and Settlements, shall be existing and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time, and until such Purchase can be found, in Trust, to be invested in Government Securities, and the Interest

and in the mean Time laid out at Interest on Government Securities.

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and Dividends arising therefrom to be paid and applied to such Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate, Trustees, and other Person and Persons as would be intitled to the Rents and Profits of the Premisses, in case the same had not been vested in the Governor and Company of the Bank of England by virtue of this Act.

Bodies Politick, &c. may advance a further Sum for the Purchase of Lands, &c.

And whereas Difficulties may attend the procuring a Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be made with the precise Sum arising from such Sale; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, from whom any Houses, Edifices, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall be purchased for the Purposes contained in this Act, to advance any further Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding the Sum of One thousand five hundred Pounds, which, together with the Monies arising from such Sale, shall or may be invested in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be conveyed and settled to and upon, and subject to the like Uses, Trusts, Limitations, Remainders, and Contingencies, as the Houses, Edifices, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be purchased from them respectively by the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, were respectively settled, limited, or assured, at the Time of such the purchasing of the same, or so many thereof as, at the Time of making such Conveyances and Settlements, shall be existing and capable of taking Effect; any thing contained in any of the Statutes of Mortmain, or other Statute, Law, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Bargains and Sales inrolled in the Hustings of the City to be as effectual as Fines and Recoveries.

And be it further enacted, That all Bargains and Sales whatsoever, to be made and acknowledged by any Person or Persons whomsoever, and which shall be inrolled in the Hustings of the said City, of any such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as shall be purchased by virtue of and for the Purposes of, this Act, shall have the Force, Effect, and Operation, in Law, to all Intents and Purposes, which any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries whatsoever would have, if levied or suffered by the Bargainer or Bargainers, or any Person or Persons seised of any Estate in the Premisses, in Trust, for or to the Use of such Bargainer or Bargainers, in any legal Manner or Form whatsoever.

And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, having or claiming any Right, Title, Term, Interest, Use, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever, whether in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, in, to, or out of, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which, by virtue, and for the Purposes, of this Act, shall be purchased and conveyed, or mentioned or intended to be conveyed, by any such Bargain and Sale as aforesaid, shall, within the Space of Five Years, to be computed from the Date of the Inrollment of such Bargain and Sale, enter a Memorial of such their Right, Title, Term, Interest, Use, Property, Claim, and Demand, in a Book to be for that Purpose prepared and kept by the Town Clerk of the said City; which Book the said Town Clerk is hereby required to prepare and keep accordingly; and for which Entry he shall be intitled to such Fee, and no other, as the Register of the County of Middlesex is by Law intitled to for the Registry of a Memorial containing the same Number of Words; and all and every Person or Persons whomsoever, not entering such Right, Claim, and Demand, within such Time, and and in such Manner, as aforesaid; or, having so entered the same, and not prosecuting such their Right, Claim, or Demand, with Effect, within the Space of Five Years, to be computed from the Time of such Entry, shall be for ever barred of all Right, Title, Use, Equity, Property, Claim, or Demand whatsoever, whether in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, in, to, upon, or out of, the said Premisses, and every Part thereof; and the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, and those claiming by, from, or under them, shall be quieted in the Possession of all such Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premisses; any Law, Statute, Usage, Matter, or Thing whatsoever, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Claims to be made, and prosecuted within Five Years, or Right barred:

Provided nevertheless, That any Person or Persons barred of any Right, Title, Estate, Interest, Claim, or Demand whatsoever, in, to, or out of, the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, by virtue of this Act, shall be at Liberty to bring an Action or Actions of Debt, or for Money had and received to his, her, or their Use, or to take such other legal Remedy as he, she, or they, shall think proper, against any Person or Persons, or the legal Representative of any Person or Persons who received the Purchase-money arising from such Sale of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or Premisses aforesaid; and that in every such

But may recover against the Persons receiving the Purchase-money.

Case, the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, on Proof of such Title as would have enabled them to recover such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, or any Estate or Interest in the same, shall recover the said Purchase-money, or so much thereof as shall be equivalent to their Interest in the said Premisses, together with such Interest as shall be equivalent to the mesne Profits of the Premisses, which they would have been intitled to recover, in case this Act had not been made.

Tenants at Will to deliver Possession on Tender of Rent.

And be it further enacted, That all and every Tenant at Will, or Lessee for a Year, or other Person or Persons, in Possession of any such Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premisses, or any Part thereof, which shall be purchased by virtue of, and for the Purposes of, this Act, and who shall have no greater Interest in the Premisses than a Tenant at Will, or as a Lessee by Parole for a Year, or from Year to Year, shall deliver up the Possession of such Premisses, with such Fixtures as are or shall be the Property of the Landlord or Landlords, to the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or to such Person or Persons as the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England shall appoint to take Possession of the same, within Six Months after the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or such Person or Persons authorized by them, shall give him, her, or them Notice to quit such Possession; and that all and every Tenant or Lessee of any such Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premisses, for any greater or longer Term than One Year, shall deliver up to the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or to such Person or Persons as the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company shall appoint, Possession of such Premisses at Midsummer next, upon Payment or Tender of such Sum or Sums of Money as hath or shall be agreed on for the Value of his, her, or their Term or Terms therein, or of such Sum or Sums of Money as the same shall be valued at as aforesaid; and that in case any such Person or Persons, so in Possession as aforesaid, shall refuse to give such Possession as aforesaid, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen to issue their Precept or Precepts to the Sheriffs of the said City, to deliver Possession of the Premisses to such Person or Persons as shall, in such Precept or Precepts, be nominated to receive the same; and the said Sheriffs are hereby required to deliver such

Lessees, &c. to deliver Possession at *Midsummer* next, on Satisfaction being made.

such Possession accordingly of the said Premisses, and to levy such Costs as shall accrue from the Issuing and Execution of such Precept or Precepts on the Person or Persons so refusing to give Possession as aforesaid, by Distress and Sale of his, her, or their Goods, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner.

In case of Refusal, Sheriffs to deliver Possession.

And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons who shall have any Mortgage or Mortgages on such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as aforesaid, not being in Possession thereof by virtue of such Mortgage or Mortgages, shall, on the Tender of the Principal Money and Interest due thereon, together with Six Months Interest of the said Principal Money, by the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, immediately assign such Mortgage or Mortgages to the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or to such Person or Persons as the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England shall appoint; or in case such Mortgagee or Mortgagees shall have Notice in Writing from the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or the Person or Persons so by them appointed, that they will pay off and discharge the Principal and Interest which shall be due on the said Mortgage or Mortgages, at the End or Expiration of Six Months, to be computed from such Notice given; that then at the End of the said Six Months, on Payment of the Principal and Interest so due, such Mortgagee or Mortgagees shall assign their Interest in the Premisses to the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or such Person or Persons as the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England shall appoint; and in case such Mortgagee or Mortgagees shall refuse so to assign as aforesaid on such Tender or Payment, that then all Interest on every such Mortgage shall cease.

Mortgagees, on Payment of Principal and Interest, to convey.

In case of Refusal, Interest to cease.

And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Principal Money and Interest due on any Mortgage as aforesaid into the Bank, at the End of Six Months from such Notice as aforesaid, in the Name and with the Privity of the Chamberlain, Town Clerk, and Comptroller of the Chamber of the City of London for the time being, in Trust, and for the Use of the Mortgagee or Mortgagees, to be paid him, her, or them, at such Time as the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen

Upon Payment of Mortgage Money into the Bank, Right in Premisses to vest in the Governor and Company.

shall order and direct, the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank shall give a Receipt or Receipts for the said Money, in like Manner as is herein before directed in Cases of other Payments into the Bank; and thereupon all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand, of the said Mortgagee and Mortgagees, and of every Person or Persons in Trust for him, her, or them, shall vest in the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, and they shall be deemed to be in the actual Possession of the Premisses comprised in such Mortgage or Mortgages, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

After Tender of Monies, in case of Refusal to accept the same, &c.

And be it further enacted, That all Sums of Money or other Consideration, Recompence, or Satisfaction, to be paid and made pursuant to any such Agreement or Verdict as aforesaid, or which shall be due on such Mortgage, shall be paid to the Parties intitled to the same; or shall be paid into the Bank of England as aforesaid; before the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company, or any Person or Persons

Premisses may be pulled down.

authorized and appointed by them, shall proceed to pull down any House or Houses, or other Erections or Buildings, or to use the Ground for the Purposes of this Act.

Penalty on Sheriffs, &c. making Default.

And be it further enacted, That the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen shall have Power, from time to time, to impose any reasonable Fines, not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds, on such Sheriffs, or their Deputy or Deputies, Bailiffs, or Agents respectively, making Default in the Premisses; and on any of the Persons who shall be summoned and returned on any such Jury or Juries who shall not appear, or who shall refuse to be sworn on the said Jury or Juries, or being so sworn shall not give his or their Verdict; and also on any Person or Persons who shall be summoned to give Evidence touching any the Matters aforesaid, and shall not attend, or shall refuse to be sworn, or who being sworn shall refuse to give his, her, or their Evidence; also on any other Person or Persons who shall in any other Manner wilfully neglect his or their Duty in the Premisses, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and, from time to time, to levy such Fine or Fines by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, together with the reasonable Charges of every such Distress and Sale, returning the Overplus, if any, to the Owners; and

and all such Fines shall be applied to the Purpose of this Act.

And whereas by means of vesting the several Grounds, Houses, and Buildings, in the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, by virtue of this Act, the Rectors, Vicars, or Curates, of the respective Parishes wherein such Grounds, Houses, and Buildings, are situated, may be deprived of their Remedy for recovering the Tythes or yearly Sums of Money, or customary Payments in lieu of Tythes, now charged thereon, and a Deficiency may thereby happen in the Land Tax, and Parish and Ward Rates, and in other Rates and Taxes, unless some Provision shall be made by this Act for the future Payment of the same; be it therefore further enacted, That all such Tythes or yearly Sum of Money, or customary Payment in lieu of Tythe, now charged on the Grounds, Houses, and Buildings, which shall be vested in the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, by virtue of this Act, and payable to the Rectors, Vicars, or Curates, of the said respective Parishes, wherein such Grounds, Houses, and Buildings respectively are situated, shall for ever then afterwards be charged upon the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England; and the growing Payments shall then after be payable to the Rectors, Vicars, or Curates, of the said several Parishes respectively, and their Successors for the time being for ever, clear of all Taxes and Deductions, by One of the Cashiers of the said Governor and Company for the time being, at the Four most usual Quarterly Feasts, or Days of Payment; that is to say, On the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist; the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel; and the Nativity of our Lord Christ, by even and equal Payments in every Year; the First Payment thereof to begin and commence on such of the said Feast Days as shall first and next happen after the said Ground, Houses, and Buildings, shall be vested in the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England. Recompence to be made for Tithes, &c.

And be it further enacted, That the Share and Proportion which the several Grounds, Houses, and Buildings, which shall be vested in the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, by virtue of this Act, or have been or shall be vested in the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, by virtue of the said Three several Acts, made, One in the Thirty third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, another in the Fourth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, and Proportion of the several Taxes payable for the Grounds, Houses, &c. vested in the Bank,

the other in the last Session of Parliament, did contribute and pay, or was or were charged with towards the Land Tax, Orphans Tax, Trophy Tax, London Workhouse Tax, and all other Parish and Ward Rates and Taxes now existing, according to the last Assessment thereof respectively, shall be for ever paid, with the Arrears thereof, if any, to the Collector or Collectors, and other proper Officer or Officers authorized to receive the same by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England; and the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England shall for ever hereafter be charged with, and liable to the Payment thereof; such Payments as aforesaid to be in lieu of all Tythes and of all such Rates and Taxes aforesaid.

to be for ever paid by the Bank, with the Arrears, to the Collectors and other proper Officers;

Provided always, That the said Governor and Company shall also be chargeable for all such Ground, Houses, and Buildings as aforesaid, with a Proportion of all other Taxes to be hereafter imposed by Authority of Parliament, or otherwise, upon the Owners or Occupiers of Ground, Houses, and Buildings, within the City of London, such Proportion to be ascertained by the Sum to be charged on the said Governor and Company as their Proportion of the Land Tax for such Ground, Houses, and Buildings, as aforesaid.

Bank to be charged with a Proportion of all other Taxes which may be hereafter imposed by Parliament.

And whereas in carrying the Purposes mentioned in this Act, or in the herein before recited Acts into Execution, it may so happen that the Erections or Buildings to be made by the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, may darken or obstruct the ancient Windows or Lights, belonging to other Houses or Buildings, adjacent or contiguous to the Erections or Buildings of the said Governor and Company; in order therefore that the Parties injured may have a reasonable Satisfaction for the Damage they may sustain thereby, and that the said Governor and Company may not be impeded or delayed in carrying this and the said recited Acts into Execution, and to prevent any unreasonable Costs, Charges, or Damages, happening to the said Governor and Company by means thereof, be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit in Law or Equity, shall be commenced or brought against the said Governor and Company, their Directors, Agents, Workmen, Officers, or Servants, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, unless Notice in Writing shall have been left at the Secretary's Office belonging to the said Governor and Company by the Party complaining, his, her, or their Attorney or Sollicitor, One Month before the Commencement of such

Recompence to Persons whose Windows or Lights be darkened.

such Action or Suit; such Notice to contain the Name and Place of Abode of the Party complaining, and of his, her, or their Attorney or Sollicitor, the Number of Windows or Lights darkened or obstructed, in whose Occupation the House or Buildings is, where situated, the Estate, Term, or Interest, which such Party complaining has therein, and against whom such Action or Suit is intended to be prosecuted.

Bank may tender Amends after Notice given;

And be it further enacted, That the said Governor and Company, or the Person intended by such Notice to be proceeded against, may at any Time within One Month after such Notice shall be left as aforesaid, tender Amends to the Party complaining, or to his, her, or their Attorney or Sollicitor; and if the same be not accepted, the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit, may plead such Tender in Bar thereto, together with the Plea of Not Guilty, and any other Plea with Leave of the Court; and if upon Issue joined the Jury shall find that the Amends tendered were sufficient, they shall give a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants; and in such Case, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become Nonsuit, or shall discontinue his, her, or their Action; or if Judgement shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants upon Demurrer, such Defendant or Defendants shall be intitled to the like Costs, as if he or they had pleaded the General Issue only; and if the Jury shall find that no Amends were tendered, or that the same were not sufficient, and also against the Defendant or Defendants on such other Plea, they shall give a Verdict for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, and such Damages as they shall think proper, which such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover, with his, her, or their Costs of Suit.

and may plead the same in Bar to any Action brought, &c.

Plaintiff not to recover, where Notice has not been duly given.

Provided always, That no such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any such Action or Suit, unless it is proved, upon the Trial thereof, that such Notice was given as aforesaid; but in Default thereof, the Defendant or Defendants shall recover a Verdict and Costs as aforesaid.

Defendant, with Leave, may pay Money into Court before Issue joined.

Provided also, That if any such Defendant or Defendants shall neglect to tender Amends, or shall have tendered insufficient Amends, before such Action or Suit shall be brought, such Defendant or Defendants may, by Leave of the Court, before Issue joined, pay into Court such Sum of Money as he or they shall think fit, whereupon such Proceedings and Judgements shall be had, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

And

What shall be deemed a full Recompence and Satisfaction.

And be it further enacted, That the Amends to be tendered as aforesaid, if accepted, and the Damages and Costs which shall be recovered as aforesaid, in case such Tender of Amends shall not be accepted, shall be deemed a full Recompence and Satisfaction for the Value of such ancient Windows or Lights, and of all Damage which the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action, his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, shall be intitled to on account thereof.

Time limited for bringing Actions for darkening Windows.

Provided always, That no such Action or Suit shall be brought against the said Governor and Company, their Directors, Agents, Workmen, Officers, or Servants, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, in respect of darkening or obstructing any ancient Windows or Lights, unless the same shall be commenced within Twelve Months after the Act shall be committed.

Power to take up and alter Pavements, &c. in *Bartholomew Lane* and *Threadneedle Street*.

And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, at their own proper Costs and Charges, to take up, or cause to be taken up, all or any Part of the Pavement on each Side of Bartholomew Lane, and on each Side of Threadneedle Street, from Saint Bartholomew Church Westward, and so much of the adjoining Pavements as may be necessary properly to terminate the same; and to relay, repair, raise, or alter, the same, in such Manner as the Court of Directors of the said Governor and Company shall think fit; and to allot and lay out such Part thereof for Carriages, and such Part thereof for Foot Passengers, as they shall think proper; and to cause to be dug and carried away out of, or brought into, Bartholomew Lane and Threadneedle Street aforesaid, such Gravel, Stones, and other Materals, and to employ such Artificers, Labourers, Carriers, and others, and to do all other Acts which they shall judge necessary or conducive to the Purposes aforesaid; and to sell or dispose of the old Materials, and to apply the Money arising thereby towards reimbursing their Charges; and likewise, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Governor and Company, if they shall think fit, at their own proper Costs and Charges, to raise, sink, or otherwise alter, the Position of any of the Spurs, Steps, Areas, Cellar Windows, and Watercourses, Pipes or Spouts, belonging to any of the Houses, and also the leaden or other Pipes which, for the Purpose of conveying Water into any House or other Place, shall be laid into or from any Pipe laid down by any of the Companies or Societies who furnish the Inhabitants

habitants of the City of London with Water, and to remove all other Obstructions, so as the same be done with as little Detriment and Inconvenience to the said Companies, Societies, and Inhabitants, as the Circumstances of the Case will admit.

Bank not liable to any future Repairs thereof.

Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to charge the said Governor and Company with repairing or making good such Pavement or Alterations in future; but that from and after the same shall be so relaid or repaired as aforesaid, the same shall for ever then after be kept in Repair by such Person or Persons, Companies, or Societies, which now are, or hereafter shall be, chargeable therewith.

Directions for passing of Carriages and preventing Annoyances in *Bartholomew Lane*.

And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, no Carriage shall pass through Bartholomew Lane, from the North End thereof, between the Hours of Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, and Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, except to or from the Houses of any of the Inhabitants; and that all Carriages passing through Bartholomew Lane, from the South End thereof, shall go on the West Side of Bartholomew Lane, as near as may be; and that no Coachman or Driver shall stand or ply for Hire, with any Coach or other Carriage whatsoever, in Bartholomew Lane; nor shall any such Coachman or Driver leave any empty Coach or Carriage in Bartholomew Lane aforesaid; and that no Carman, Carter, Drayman, or Driver of any Carriage whatsoever for Hire, shall wilfully remain with any Cart, Car, Dray, Waggon, or other Carriage whatsoever, in Bartholomew Lane aforesaid, longer than shall be necessary for going through the same, and taking in and delivering out his Loading, or taking up or setting down his Fare, nor leave any empty Cart, Dray, or other Carriage, in Bartholomew Lane aforesaid; and that no Person shall leave any Filth, Dung, Ashes, or Rubbish, in Bartholomew Lane aforesaid, nor do any Act which may be an Annoyance there: And if any Coachman, Carman, Carter, Waggoner, or Driver, shall offend herein, or any Person shall annoy any Part of Bartholomew Lane aforesaid, by leaving any Filth, Dung, Ashes, or Rubbish there, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons to apprehend and take, or cause to be apprehended and taken, every such Person or Persons so offending before the Mayor of the City of London, or some other Justice of the Peace for the said City; and every such Offender, being of any of the said Offences

Penalty on Persons offending.

convicted, by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before the Mayor or any other Justice, or by his or her Confession, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings, nor less than Ten Shillings; One Moiety to go to and be applied between the Parties informing against and apprehending every such Offender and Offenders as the Mayor or Justice before whom the Party or Parties offending shall be convicted, shall direct, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish wherein such Offence shall be committed; and in Default of immediate Payment thereof, the Offender or Offenders shall be committed by the Mayor or Justice before whom he, she, or they, were convicted, to Bridewell, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding One Month, as the Mayor or such Justice shall think fit to order, or until he, she, or they, shall have paid the Money directed by the Mayor or such Justice to be paid.

Committee may be appointed to carry the Act into Execution.

And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Court of Directors, for the time being, of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, and they are hereby authorized and impowered, from time to time, to appoint a Committee to manage and transact such Matters and Things as shall be necessary in or about the Execution of the Purposes intended by this Act; which Committee, so to be appointed, shall have such or so much of the Powers and Authorities by this Act given to the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, as the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, shall, from time to time, think fit or proper to delegate to such Committee.

Limitation of Actions.

And be it further enacted, That if any Action shall be brought or Suit commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, or in relation to the Premisses, or any of them, such Action or Suit shall be laid or brought within Six Months next after the Fact done, and shall be laid or brought in the City of London, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action may plead

General Issue.

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 Act: And if the same shall appear to have been so done, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be brought within the Time before limited, or shall be brought in any other County or Place than as aforesaid,

said, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become Nonsuit, or suffer a Discontinuance of his, her, or their Action or Actions, or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in other Cases by Law. Treble Costs.

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

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