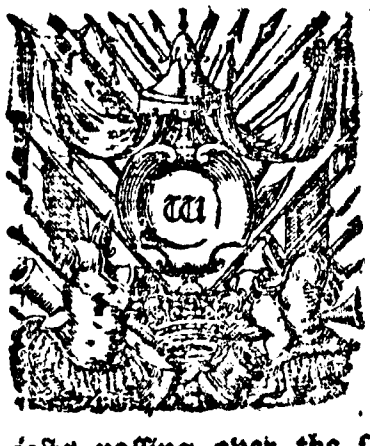
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An Act for repairing and widening the Stone Bridge in the Town of *Shrewsbury*.



WHEREAS the Bridge, commonly called The Stone-Bridge, in the Town of Shrewſbury, the Eaſt End whereof was formerly called The Abby Bridge, is very ancient and out of Repair; and, by reaſon of the preſent Buildings ſtanding thereon, and on a ſmall Iſland in the Middle thereof, is very narrow, inconvenient, and dangerous to His Majeſty's Subjects paſſing over the ſame, and the Avenues leading thereto, are very incommodious: And whereas from the Situation of the ſaid Iſland, the Smallneſs of the Arches of the ſaid Bridge, and from ſeveral Buildings having been erected, and Sand Banks formed within, under, and near, the Arches of the ſaid Bridge, the Paſſage for Water is greatly obſtructed, particularly in Times of Flood, to the great Prejudice of the ſaid Bridge and the Inhabitants near and at a conſiderable Diſtance from the ſame: And whereas, in order to render the Paſſage over the ſaid Bridge ſafe, the Avenues leading thereto commodious, a free Paſſage for Water through the Arches of the ſaid Bridge, and for building a temporary Bridge or Bridges, a voluntary Subſcription Preamble.

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tion hath been entered into by several Noblemen, Gentlemen, and others, amounting to the Sum of Six thousand Pounds, and upwards; but as the good Purposes thereby intended cannot be carried into Execution without the Aid of Parliament; 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 Mayor, Recorder, and Six senior Aldermen of the Town of Shrewsbury for the time being; the Master of the Drapers Company in the said Town for the time being, the Head Officer of every other Body Corporate or Society, and every Person who shall have advanced and paid, or shall advance and pay, the Sum of Twenty Pounds, as a free Gift, towards the carrying on and completing the Purposes of this Act, shall be, and they are hereby constituted and appointed Trustees for putting this Act in Execution.

Trustees.

Time and Place of Trustees Meeting.

And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall meet at the Guildhall in Shrewsbury, on the Monday Fortnight next after the Day of the passing of this Act, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, and shall proceed to the Execution of this Act; and shall then, and at all their subsequent Meetings, adjourn themselves, from time to time, to such Times and Places as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall think proper, as often as it shall be necessary for putting this Act in Execution; and may order and appoint stated periodical Meetings of the said Trustees, and may alter and change the Times and Places of such stated Meetings, as they, or any Five or more of them, from time to time, shall think proper: And if it shall happen that there shall not appear at any Meeting appointed to be held as aforesaid, a sufficient Number of Trustees to act, and to adjourn, or being so met should neglect to adjourn themselves; then, and in such Case, the said Meeting shall be deemed of Course to be adjourned to the same Place and at the same Hour of the Day on that Day Sevennight, then and there to be held: And if on that Day Sevennight as aforesaid, there shall not appear at the Time and Place aforesaid, a sufficient Number of Trustees to act and adjourn as aforesaid; then, and in such Case, the said Meeting shall be deemed of Course to be further adjourned in like Manner to that Day Sevennight, and so toties quoties, until a proper Number of Trustees shall

In Default of a sufficient Number to act,

to adjourn till that Day Sevennight.

so appear to act or adjourn themselves: and the said Trustees shall, at all their Meetings, defray their own Charges and Expences. Trustees to defray their own Expences.

Provided always, That Two Trustees shall be sufficient for the Purpose of Adjournment. Proviso.

Provided also, That any of the said Trustees, who shall be a Justice of the Peace, is hereby impowered to act as a Justice of the Peace in the Execution of the Powers and Authorities hereby granted to any Justice of the Peace, notwithstanding his being a Trustee. Trustees who are in the Commission of the Peace to act as Justices.

And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and impowered to treat, contract, and agree, with any Person or Persons, Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Ecclesiastical, for the Purchase of all Houses, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, and Buildings, now standing upon, or contiguous and adjoining to, the said Bridge, and within Ten Yards thereof, and upon the said Island, and for the Land and Ground thereof; and also for any Rent Charge and Annuities, chief or other Rents, issuing or payable out of the Premisses, or any of them; and also for any Building or Erection within, under, or contiguous to, any of the Arches of the said Bridge, which they the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall judge necessary to be taken down and removed, for the better and more commodious repairing, widening, and enlarging, the Passage over the said Bridge, and through the several Streets, Lanes, Ways, and Passages, leading to or from such Bridge; and for making a free Passage for Water through the Arches of the said Bridge, to remove, dig, and carry away, the Ground and Soil of the said Island, and to erect Piers and Arches in the Place and Situation thereof, so that the Navigation of the River Severn may be rendered safe and commodious and of publick Utility; and to stop up, pull down, and take away, any of the said Arches and Piers of the said Bridge, which may be found useless and inconvenient for the said Purposes; and also to raise and level, in an uniform Manner, the Road over the said Bridge, and leading thereto; and that upon Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be agreed to be paid for such respective Houses and Premisses to be contracted and agreed for, as aforesaid, or where no Agreement or Contract shall be made, on making Satisfaction in Manner herein after-mentioned, to all Owners of, and Persons interested in, such Houses, Edifices, and Premisses, to be purchased for the Purposes aforesaid, the said Trustees are hereby Trustees may contract with Persons for the Purchase of Lands, &c.

hereby authorized and required, with all convenient Speed afterwards, to cause to be taken down all such Houses, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, and Buildings, or any Part thereof, so deemed necessary and proper to be taken down for the Purposes aforesaid, and to cause the Materials thereof to be removed and taken away, in such Manner as they the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall, from time to time, judge necessary and direct; and this Act shall be sufficient Authority to indemnify them, and all Persons to be authorized by them, for so doing, against all and every the Owners of, and all other Persons interested in, any such Houses, Buildings, and Premisses, or any Part thereof, and the Lessees and Occupiers thereof, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, as if the same Premisses had been sold by Deed of Feoffment, Bargain and Sale, or other Assurance in the Law whatsoever.

Bodies Politick, &c. may treat for the Sale of such Lands.

And whereas it may happen that some Persons, or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Ecclesiastical, Feoffees in Trust, Femes Covert, or others, who are seised or possessed of, intitled unto, or interested in, some Houses, Edifices, Tenements, or Ground, or some Part or Share thereof, which may be necessary to be pulled down, or purchased and set out, for the Purposes of this Act, may be willing to treat and agree to sell such Houses, Edifices, and Premisses, but are incapable of selling, granting, or conveying the same; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Ecclesiastical, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, or other Trustees whatsoever, and for all Femes-covert, and every Person and Persons whomsoever, who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in, any such Houses, Edifices, Tenements, Ground, or Premisses, or any Part thereof, to sell and convey all or any such Houses, Edifices, Tenements, Ground, and Premisses, or any Part thereof, and all their Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever, of, in, or to, the same, to the said Trustees, or to such Person or Persons, and their Heirs for ever, as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall direct, in Trust for them the said Trustees for the Purposes in this Act contained; and that all Contracts, Agreements, Sales, and Conveyances, which shall be so made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act as aforesaid, shall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances and Assurances in the Law whatsoever, be good, valid, and effectual,

tual, to all Intents and Purposes; any Law, Statute, Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding; and that all such Persons are and shall be hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

Persons neglecting to treat, &c.

And be it further enacted, That if any Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Ecclesiastical, Corporations Aggre- or Sole, Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, in and by this Act impowered and qualified to contract for, sell, convey, and dispose of, any Part of the Premisses herein before-mentioned, or any other Person or Persons interested therein, shall refuse to treat or agree as aforesaid, or by reason of Absence, or otherwise, shall be prevented from treating and agreeing, or shall decline or refuse to sell, convey, and dispose of the Premisses, whereof or wherein or whereunto they respectively shall be so seised, possessed, interested in, or intitled to as aforesaid, or their respective Rights, Titles, Claims, or Interests, in, to, or upon the same, or any Part thereof, unto the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or to such Person or Persons as they, or any Five or more of them, shall nominate or appoint for the Purposes and according to the Tenor, true Intent and Meaning of this Act, or shall not produce or make out a clear Title to the Premisses they are in Possession of, or to the Interest they claim therein, to the Satisfaction of the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, 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 to issue their Warrant or Warrants to the Sheriff of the County of Salop, thereby commanding and requiring him to impanel, summon, and return, a competent Number of substantial and disinterested Persons qualified to serve on Juries; and the Sheriff and his Deputy is and are hereby authorized, directed, and required accordingly to impanel, summon, and return, a competent Number of substantial and disinterested Persons qualified to serve on Juries, not less than Twenty four; and out of such Persons so to be impanelled, summoned, and returned, a Jury of Twelve shall be drawn, in such Manner as the 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, are hereby required to come and appear before the said Trustees, or any Five

Trustees may issue their Warrant to the Sheriff for impanelling a Jury.

Five or more of them, at such Time and Place as in such Warrant or Warrants shall be directed and appointed; and all Persons concerned shall have their lawful Challenges (but not challenge the Array of the Panel) against any of the said Jurymen when they come to be sworn: And the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorized and impowered, by Warrant or Order, from time to time, as Occasion shall require, to call before them all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, who shall be thought necessary to be examined as Witnesses before them, and to examine them on their Oath or Oaths touching the Premisses; which Oath or Oaths the said Trustees, or any Two of them, are hereby impowered to administer, and the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, if they think fit, shall and may likewise authorize the said Jury to view the Place or Places, or Matters in Question, in such Manner as they shall direct; and the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall have Power to adjourn such Meeting, from Day to Day, as Occasion shall require; and such Jury, Witnesses, and Parties, shall attend, until all such Affairs, for which they shall be so summoned, shall be concluded: And the said Jury upon their Oaths, which Oaths the said Trustees, or any Two or more of them, are hereby impowered to administer, shall enquire of the Value of such Houses, Ground, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, Buildings, and Premisses, which shall be necessary to be purchased, and of the respective Estate and Interest of every Person seised or possessed of, or interested therein, or in any Part thereof; and such Jury shall assess the Sum or Sums to be paid to every such Person or Persons for the Purchase of such their Estates and Interests which shall be necessary to be so purchased; and the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall and may give Judgement for such Sum and Sums of Money so to be assessed; which said Verdict or Verdicts, and the said Judgement, Decree, and Determination thereon (Notice in Writing being given to the Person or Persons interested, at least Fourteen Days before the Time of such Assessment, declaring the Time and Place of the Meeting of the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, and the Jury, by leaving such Notice at the Dwelling-house of such Person or Persons, or at his, her, or their usual or last Place or Places of Abode, or with some Tenant or Occupier of some of the said Houses, Grounds, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, Buildings, or Premisses, intended to be valued and assessed)

Jurors may be challenged.

Witnesses may be summoned, and examined upon Oath.

Jury to settle the Recompence.

Verdict of the Jury to be final.

aſſeſſed) ſhall be binding and concluſive to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever againſt all and every Perſon and Perſons, Bodies Politick, Corporate, and Eccleſiaſtical, claiming any Eſtate, Right, Title, Truſt, Uſe, or Intereſt, in, to, or out of the ſame, either in Poſſeſſion, Remainder, or Expectancy, as well Infants and Iſſue unborn, Lunaticks, Ideots, Femes-covert, and Perſons under any other legal Incapacity or Diſability, and all Ceſtuique Truſts, his, her, and their Heirs, Succeſſors, Executors, and Adminiſtrators, as againſt all other Perſons whomſoever; and the ſaid Verdicts, Judgements, and Decrees, and all other Proceedings of the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, and Juries, ſo to be made, given, and pronounced as aforeſaid, ſhall be fairly written or ingroſſed in a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe by the Clerk to the ſaid Truſtees; and the ſaid Verdicts, Judgements, and Decrees, and all other ſuch Proceedings, ſhall be deemed and taken to be Records to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever; and the ſame, or a Copy thereof ſigned by the Clerk, 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 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 leſs Number of Words.

On Payment of Purchaſe Money, Premiſes to be conveyed.

And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſo to be aſſeſſed and decreed as aforeſaid, the Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame ſhall be ſo aſſeſſed and decreed for the Purchaſe of the Houſes, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or for the Purchaſe of any Eſtate or Intereſt therein, ſhall make and execute, or procure to be made and executed, good, valid, and legal Conveyances and Aſſurances in the Law, to the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, ſhall nominate or appoint, and their Heirs, in Truſt for the ſaid Truſtees, of ſuch Houſes, Ground, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, Buildings, and Premiſſes, or any Part thereof, or of ſuch Eſtate and 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, requiſite and neceſſary to make a clear, good, and perfect Title to ſuch Premiſſes, to the ſaid Truſtees, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint as aforeſaid; and ſuch Conveyances, Aſſignments, and Aſſurances, ſhall contain all ſuch reaſonable

Mortgagees refusing to take their Mortgage Money, the same to be paid to the Treasurer.

sonable and usual Covenants as shall on the Part of the said Trustees be required: And in case such Person or Persons, to whom any such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so awarded or due as aforesaid, shall not be able to evidence their Title to the Premisses to the said Trustees, and to make, or procure to be made, good, valid, and legal Conveyances thereof, to the said Trustees, or to such Person or Persons as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall appoint, or shall refuse or neglect so to do, being thereto required; and such Sum or Sums so assessed and awarded, and due as aforesaid, being produced and tendered to be paid to them on their making such Title, and executing, and 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 assessed or due as aforesaid, cannot be found within the County of Salop; or if by reason of any Disputes depending in any Court of Law or Equity, or for Defect of Evidence or otherwise, it shall not appear to the said Trustees what Person or Persons is or are intitled, or if any Mortgagee or Mortgagees shall refuse to take in his, her, or their Mortgage-money due on the Premisses, after Notice given to him, her, or them, for that Purpose, as herein after is provided; then, and in all and every such Case and Cases, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to order the Sum or Sums so assessed and awarded as aforesaid, as the Value or Purchase-money for such Houses, Ground, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, Buildings, and Premisses, or as shall be due on such Mortgage, to be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer to the said Trustees, for the Use of the Parties interested in the said Premisses, to be paid to them, and every of them, according to their respective Estates and Interests in the said Premisses, as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall, by any Order to be made by them, direct; and immediately on such Payment, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand in Law and Equity, of the Person or Persons respectively for whose Use the same was paid, into or out of such Houses, Ground, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, Buildings, and Premisses, shall vest in the said Trustees for the time being for putting this Act in Execution, and the Survivors of them, for the only Uses and Purposes of this Act, and they shall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Possession thereof to all Intents and Purposes,

Premisses vested in Trustees.

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as fully and effectually as if every Person having an Estate in the said Premisses had actually conveyed the same by Lease and Release, Bargain and Sale, inrolled Feoffment with Livery and Seisin, Fine and Recovery, or any other legal Conveyance whatsoever; and such Payments shall not only bar all Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand, of the Person or Persons to whose Use such Payments were made, but also shall extend to and be deemed and construed to bar the Dower and Dowers of the Wife or Wives of such Person or Persons, and all Estates Tail, in Reversion, or Remainder, against the Issue and Issues of such Person and Persons, and every Person claiming under them, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Purchase Money, on Application, to be placed out at Interest.

Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, after such Payment into the Hands of their Treasurer as aforesaid, on the Application of any Person or Persons interested in any or any Part of such Houses, Ground, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, Buildings, or Premisses, or the Monies so paid into the Hands of the said Treasurer for the Purchase thereof, or in respect of any Right or Interest therein, to place out and invest, or cause to be placed out or invested, such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, in some of the Publick Funds, or on Government Securities, at Interest, in the Name of any Person or Persons authorized and appointed by them for that Purpose, in Trust, to transfer and assign the same to such Person or Persons to whom the Money so paid shall belong, on their executing proper Conveyances as aforesaid; and in the mean Time, in Trust, to pay the Interest and Dividends arising therefrom to such Person or Persons who shall be, from time to time, intitled to receive the same.

Mesne Profits recovereble.

Provided also, That all and every Person and Persons, who would be intitled to recover the Mesne Profits of the Premisses, against the Person or Persons in Possession, in case the same had not been so conveyed to the said Trustees, or by their Directions as aforesaid, shall be intitled to recover the Sum or Sums to arise from such Interest and Dividends as aforesaid, by Action of Debt, against the Person or Persons who shall receive the same; and the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, are hereby impowered and authorized to make such Order as aforesaid on their Treasurer, for the Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, as shall be necessary, in order to their

their being invested in the Funds, or Government Securities; and the said Trustees shall be quieted in the Possession of the Houses, Grounds, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, Buildings, and Premisses, for which such Monies shall be so paid as aforesaid, and shall not be answerable or accountable in any Court of Law or Equity, for the Money to be so deposited and placed out as aforesaid, any otherwise than according to the Tenor, Purport, and true Meaning, of this Act.

Mortgagees, on Payment or Tender of Mortgage Money and Interest, to convey.

And be it further enacted, That every Mortgagee or Mortgagees of any Houses, Lands, and Hereditaments, which shall be purchased in pursuance of this Act, his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, on having Six Months Notice in Writing given to him, her, or them, from the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or any Person authorized by them, that they will pay off and discharge the Principal and Interest Money, which, at the Expiration of the said Six Months, shall be due on such Mortgage, shall, at the End of the said Six Months after every such Notice or Payment, or Tender of the Principal and Interest Money which shall be then due, convey and assign his, her, or their respective Estates and Interests in and to the said mortgaged Premisses to the said Trustees, or to such Person or Persons as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall nominate or appoint, in Trust, for the said Trustees, to the Uses and Purposes of this Act; and if any such Mortgagee or Mortgagees, his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall refuse so to do, then all Interest on every such Mortgage, from the Expiration of the said Six Months after any such Notice given as aforesaid, shall cease and determine.

Tenants to quit on Notice given.

And be it further enacted, That in case the said Trustees, or any Person authorized by them, or any Five or more of them, shall, after any Houses, Edifices, or Premisses, shall be purchased by them in pursuance of this Act, give Six Calendar Months Notice in Writing to all and every the Tenants or Occupiers of any such Houses, Edifices, or Premisses, which shall be so purchased, to quit or deliver up the Possession of such Houses, Edifices, or Premisses, at the Expiration of such Six Months; then all and every such Tenants or Occupiers shall, at the End of such Six Months after every such Notice, peaceably and quietly deliver up the Possession of the Premisses so by him, her, or them, respectively occupied, whether upon Lease or otherwise, to the Person or Persons who shall be appointed by the said Trustees,

Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to take Possession thereof: And if any Person or Persons so in Possession shall refuse to give up such Possession at the Expiration of such Six Months after every such Notice as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, from time to time to issue a Warrant or Warrants to the Sheriff of the County of Salop, to cause Possession thereof to be delivered to such Person or Persons who shall be in such Warrant or Warrants nominated to receive the same; and the said Sheriff is hereby required to deliver Possession, according to such Warrant or Warrants, of the Premisses therein mentioned, and to levy such Costs, as shall accrue by Means of the Issuing and Execution of every such Precept or Precepts, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of any Person or Persons who shall have refused to give up such Possession as aforesaid, and shall refuse or neglect to pay the same Costs.

Trustees may impose a Fine upon Sheriff, &c. making Default in the Premisses.

And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, from time to time, to impose any reasonable Fine, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, on such Sheriff, or his Deputy or Deputies, Bailiffs, or Agents respectively, who shall make any Default in the Premisses; and on any Persons who, after being duly summoned and returned on any such Jury or Juries, shall not appear; and also on any Witness or Witnesses who, on due Summons, shall not attend, or, attending, shall refuse to be sworn, or who, being sworn, shall refuse to give Evidence; and on any Persons summoned and returned on such Jury or Juries, or, being sworn thereon, shall not give his or their Verdict, or shall, in any other Manner, wilfully neglect his or their Duty in or touching 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, together with the reasonable Charges of every such Distress and Sale, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner; and all such Fines which shall be recovered and received shall be accounted for and applied towards the Purposes of this Act.

Monies payable to Bodies Corporate, &c. to be reinvested in the Purchase of other Estates;

And be it further enacted, That the Principal Money to arise from the Sale of any Houses, Edifices, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be purchased for the Purposes of this Act of any Body Politick, Corporate, or Ecclesiastical, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, Feoffees in Trust, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees, or from any Feme or Femes covert,

shall be paid to such Persons as they shall respectively nominate to receive the same, in Trust, with all convenient Speed, to be reinvested in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall 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 Trustees 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.

or may be placed out on Government Securities.

And be it further enacted, That until the Principal Money arising from such Sale can be reinvested in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as herein before directed, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Persons nominated to receive such Purchase Money as aforesaid, and the Survivor of them, and his Representatives, to invest or place out all or any Part of such Money as shall be paid to them, upon the Trusts, and for the Intents and Purposes, aforesaid, upon Government or other Securities as they shall think proper, and occasionally to alter and transpose such Securities; and such Trustees, and the Survivor of them, and his Representative or Representatives, shall stand possessed of, and interested in, such Monies, and the Funds and Securities wherein the same shall be so invested; and, in consequence thereof, do and shall, from time to time, pay and apply the Dividends, Interest, and Produce thereof, accruing, until such Time as such Money shall be invested in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for the Benefit of such Person and Persons as would have been intitled to the Rents and Profits of the Premises sold, in case no Sale had been made in pursuance of, and for the Purposes of, this Act.

And whereas, by reason of the Purchases which the said Trustees are hereby impowered to make by virtue of this Act, they may happen to be possessed of some Piece of Ground over and above what may be necessary for the Opening and Widening of the respective Avenues, Ways, Streets, Lanes, and Passages, to and from the said Bridge hereby intended to be repaired, widened, and altered, and for other the Purposes of this Act; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to sell and dispose of such Piece or Pieces of Ground for building,

Trustees to sell Overplus Ground.

building, either together or in Parcels, as they shall find most advantageous and convenient, to such Person or Persons as shall be willing to contract for and purchase the same, giving Preference to the Person or Persons of whom the same shall have been purchased; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to design, assign, and lay out, in what Manner the new Houses or Edifices to be erected upon such Piece or Pieces of Ground, so to be purchased, shall be built.

Application of that Money.

Provided always, That the Monies to arise by Sale of such Piece or Pieces of Ground shall be applied for the Purposes of this Act.

Passage not to be stopped till temporary Bridge built.

And be it further enacted, That the Way or Passage over the said Bridge shall not be stopped or destroyed before some temporary Bridge or Bridges shall be well constructed and built near or adjoining to the said Bridge, sufficient for the safe and convenient passing of all Carriages, Horses, Cattle, and Foot Passengers; which temporary Bridge or Bridges the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, are hereby impowered to cause to be constructed and built.

Trustees to order the building of the temporary Bridge, &c.

And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall and may, from time to time, design and lay out in what Manner the said temporary Bridge or Bridges shall be constructed and built, and the said Stone Bridge shall be repaired, enlarged, rebuilt, altered, extended, widened, and rendered safe and commodious, and the Ways, Streets, Lanes, and Passages, leading to and from the same, within the Limits aforesaid, widened, and improved, and a free Passage for Water made through the Arches of the said Bridge in the Manner aforesaid; and shall make Contracts, and do all other Matters and Things requisite for carrying on and effecting the Purposes of this Act, as to them, or any Five or more of them, shall seem meet.

No Buildings to be erected on the Bridge.

And be it further enacted, That no House or Building whatsoever shall be again erected upon the said Stone Bridge, or under the same, when so repaired, widened, and enlarged; but that the same shall be quite open, and be deemed and used as a common and public Highway for ever; and that the Passage over the same shall be secured and preserved by a proper uniform Balustrade or parapet Walls on each Side thereof; and shall be made safe and commodious in all Respects, by such Ways, and in such Manner, as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall order or direct.

And

Materials of old Bridge, &c. vested in the Trustees.

And be it further enacted, That all Timber, Stones, Bricks, Tiles, Slates, Planks, Iron, Lead, Glass, and all other Materials, belonging or appertaining to the said present Bridge, and the several Houses or Tenements, Edifices, and Buildings, which shall be taken down by virtue of this Act, shall be, and the same are hereby vested in the said Trustees; and they, or any Five or more of them, are hereby required, with all convenient Speed, as any such Houses or Buildings, and the Arches and Piers of the said Bridge, are taken down, to cause such Timber, Stones, Bricks, Tiles, Slates, Planks, Iron, Lead, Glass, and other Materials, from time to time, to be removed from off the Premisses, and to use and employ so much thereof in and about the repairing, widening, and enlarging the said Bridge, and in widening and improving the several Avenues and Passages leading thereto, and in the making a free Passage for Water through the Arches of the said Bridge, as they shall see fitting; and the remaining Part of the said Materials shall be sold and disposed of for as much Money as can be had or gotten for the same, and the Money arising from the Sale thereof, shall go and be applied for and towards the Purposes of this Act.

Penalty on obstructing the Passages.

And, for the more effectually keeping the Passage over the said Bridge, and the Ways, Streets, Lanes, and Avenues, leading to and from the same, and the Passage for Water through the Arches of the said Bridge clear from all Obstructions; be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons whomsoever, to put or leave any Carriage without a Horse or Horses, or other Beast or Beasts thereto, or wilfully suffer any Carriage whatsoever, to stand or remain on the said Bridge, or in any of the said Streets, Ways, Lanes, or Passages (save and except for the immediate taking up and the Delivery of Goods or Merchandizes, or Removal of any Filth, Dung, Ashes, or Rubbish therefrom) or to lay any Filth, Dung, Ashes, or Rubbish, within or near any of the Arches of the said Bridge; and every Person so offending may be apprehended and taken by any Person or Persons whomsoever before the Mayor or some other Justice of the Peace for the said Town of Shrewsbury; and the Owner and Owners of any such Carriage, and every Person so offending, shall, on Conviction before such Mayor, or any One Justice of the Peace, either upon the Confession of the Party, or on the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses (which Oath such Mayor or other Justice

stice respectively, is hereby required to administer) shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, a Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings, nor less than Five Shillings, as such Mayor or Justice shall adjudge; which Forfeitures shall go and be applied to or between the Party or Parties informing against and apprehending every such Offender or Offenders, as the Mayor or Justice before whom the Party or Parties offending shall be convicted shall order; and in Default of immediate Payment thereof, such Offender or Offenders shall be committed by the Mayor or Justice before whom he, she, or they, was or were convicted, to the House of Correction for the said Town, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Ten Days, as the said Mayor or such Justice shall think fit to order, or until Payment thereof as aforesaid.

Proceedings to be entered in Books.

And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall take Care to have all their Receipts, Payments, Debts, Credits, Orders, and Contracts, relating to the Execution of this Act, and all other their Proceedings, entered in One or more Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose; which said Book or Books shall be kept by the Clerk chosen and appointed by the said Trustees, and shall be laid before the said Trustees at every Meeting.

Penalty on destroying the Bridge, &c.

And, for the more effectual preventing any Person or Persons from burning or destroying either of the said Bridges, be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall unlawfully, wilfully, and maliciously set Fire to, burn, blow up, pull down, or destroy, either the said temporary Bridge or the said present Bridge, or any Part thereof, or any Works or Buildings which shall belong thereto, or in any wise direct or procure the same to be done; every such Offender or Offenders, being lawfully convicted thereof, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

Trustees to appoint Officers.

And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall and may appoint such Officers and other Persons as they shall think necessary to employ in the Execution of this Act, and shall and may remove or displace them from time to time, as they, or any Seven or more of them, shall think proper, and appoint others in their Room; and the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall, and they are hereby required to take Security from the said Officers and Persons for answering and accounting for all Monies which shall be by them respectively received and paid, and for the due Performance of all other Matters

in the Execution of their respective Offices, as to the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall seem meet.

Officers to account.

And be it further enacted, That every Officer and Person so appointed, having a Salary or Wages from the said Trustees, and who shall have received Money from or on account of the said Trustees, shall, when required by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, produce and tender to them fair Accounts in Writing of all Monies by him received, and how such Monies have been disposed of, together with proper Receipts and Vouchers for the same; and shall pay all such Monies as shall appear on the Balance to be in his Hands, to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or for such Uses and Purposes as they shall appoint; and that such Officer and Person so accounting, or to account shall, when required, upon Oath (which Oath the said Trustees, or any Two or more of them, are hereby impowered to administer) verify their said Accounts, and the particular Articles thereof, and produce Vouchers for the same: And if any such Officer or Person so accounting or to account, being required, shall refuse so to do, on proper Complaint thereof to the Mayor or other Justice of the Peace for the Town of Shrewsbury, or for the County or Place where such Officer or Person can be found, such Justice may and is hereby required to issue a Warrant under his Hand and Seal, and cause such Officer or Person to be brought before him, and to hear and determine the Matter of the said Complaint in a summary Way; and if upon the Confession of such Officer or Person, or upon the Oath of One or more Witness or Witnesses, it shall appear that any of the said Monies shall be in the Hands of such Officer or Person, such Justice is hereby required, upon Nonpayment thereof, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Monies to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods of such Officer or Person respectively; and if no such Goods can be found sufficient to answer the said Monies and the Charges of such Distress and Sale, or if such Officer or Person shall refuse to produce his Account before the said Justice, and to verify the Articles thereof upon Oath, and produce proper Vouchers for the same, the said Justice is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Officer or Person to the Common Gaol of the County, Town, or Place where such Officer or Person shall be found as aforesaid, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he shall have delivered up his said Account,

Account, and verified on Oath the Items thereof, and shall have produced the Vouchers and Receipts relating to such Account, and shall have paid all Money which shall appear to be in his Hands, and the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale, or until such Officer or Person shall have compounded and agreed with the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, and shall have paid such Composition to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same; which Composition the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, are hereby impowered to make.

No Part of the Bridge to be taken down down until a Contract entered into to rebuild.

Provided always, That the said Bridge called the Stone Bridge, or any Part thereof, shall not be taken down in pursuance of any of the Powers contained in this Act, until a Contract, with Provisions adapted and suitable to the Intention of this Act, shall have been made and entered into by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, with some skilful and substantial Workman or Workmen, who shall give good and sufficient Security for the Performance of their respective Contracts for rebuilding so much and such Part at least of the said Bridge so to be taken down by or under the Directions of the Trustees aforesaid.

Right and Interest of the Corporation of *Shrewsbury* reserved.

And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or impower the said Trustees, or any of them, to do any Act, Matter, or Thing, in the Execution thereof, which shall or may any ways affect, alter, or lessen the Estate and Interest of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Town of Shrewsbury, in the Property and Freehold of the said Bridge, or which shall or may any ways prejudice or lessen the Rights and Privileges of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, to any Tolls, Customs, Duties, or Payments, which they are or claim to be intitled to, for or by reason of their Right and Interest in the said Bridge, by Charter, Prescription, or otherwise howsoever, but the said Property and Freehold of the said Bridge, shall be and continue as usual in the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, and their Successors, and the said Tolls, Duties, Customs, and Payments, shall accrue and be payable to, and recoverable by them at all Times hereafter as fully and effectually as if this Act had not been made; nor shall the Right of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses to the said Tolls, Duties, Customs, or other Payments, cease or be discontinued during the Improvement of the present Bridge, or the Erection or Continuance

nuance of any temporary Bridge for the Purposes of this Act, but shall be due and payable to them and their Successors, for and in respect of the publick Way, Passage, and Carriage over the same, in such Manner, and with such and the same Powers and Remedies for the Recovery thereof, as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, now are, or heretofore have been intitled to: And in case it shall happen that any Action, Suit, or Indictment, shall be brought, commenced, or prosecuted, against the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, for or on account of any Damage or Accident to Individuals in their Persons or Property, and which shall have happened by reason of the Execution of any of the Powers in this Act contained; that then, and in such Case, the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, shall be saved harmless, and indemnified out of the Money subscribed for the Purposes of this Act, of and from all Fines, Penalties, Sum and Sums of Money, Costs, Charges, and Expences, incurred or occasioned by such Suits or Indictments.

Corporation to keep the Bridge in Repair.

And be it further enacted, That when the said Stone Bridge shall be repaired, widened, and enlarged, and the Purposes of this Act shall be executed by the said Trustees, the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, in their Corporate Capacity, shall, and they are hereby required, from time to time, as Occasion shall require, to repair, support, and maintain the said Bridge, and all the necessary Works thereto belonging.

Water-works not to be injured.

And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to impower the said Trustees, or any of them, to do any Act, Matter, or Thing, in the Execution thereof, which shall or may any ways prejudice any Engine, or any other of the Works erected or made within or near One of the Arches of the said Stone Bridge, for supplying the said Town of Shrewsbury, or any Part thereof, with Water.

Trustees not to act but at a publick Meeting.

And be it further enacted, That no Proceedings of the Trustees, or any of them, in the Execution of this Act, shall be valid, unless done at a Meeting held in pursuance of this Act.

Penalties and Forfeitures how to be recovered and applied.

And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures, by this Act imposed or incurred, the Recovery whereof is not otherwise herein provided for, shall and may be recovered and levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattles, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal of the Mayor, or any other Justice of the Peace for the said Town, or of any

any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of or for the County or Place where the Offender or Offenders shall reside or be found; which Warrant or Warrants such Justice or Justices is and are hereby impowered and required to grant, upon the Information or Informations of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath the said Mayor, or Justice or Justices, is and are hereby required and impowered to administer, or by the Confession of the Party or Parties) and the said Penalties and Forfeitures, when received, after rendering the Overplus (if any be and demanded) 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 be laid out and applied, if not otherwise directed by this Act, for the Purposes of this Act; and for want of sufficient Distress, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, or the Justice or Justices of the Peace before whom such Offender or Offenders shall be convicted, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and impowered to grant, to commit such Person or Persons to the Common Gaol of such Town or County respectively where such Offender or Offenders shall reside or be found, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Space of Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, to be reckoned from the Day of Commitment, or until he, she, or they, shall have paid such Penalties and Forfeitures respectively.

Actions on Behalf of the Trustees to be brought in the Name of their Clerk.

And be it further enacted, That all and every Action and Actions, necessary to be brought or prosecuted by or on Behalf of the Trustees, by reason of carrying this Act into Execution, shall and may be brought and maintained in the Name of the Clerk for the time being to the said Trustees; nor shall any such Actions or Proceedings abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of any such Clerk, but shall go on and be continued by the succeeding Clerk to the said Trustees; and all the Damages, Satisfaction, and Costs, which shall be recovered in or by such Actions or Proceedings, shall be accounted for and paid to and for the Uses and Purposes of this Act; and all the necessary Charges to be incurred in and about the carrying on such respective Actions and Proceedings, or any of them, shall be paid out of the Monies subscribed for the Purposes of this Act.

Proceedings not to be quashed for want of Form;

And be it further enacted, That no Order which shall be made by the said Mayor, or any other Justice of the Peace, by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, or any other Proceedings to be had touching the Conviction or Convictions of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, shall be quashed or vacated for want of Form only, or be removed or removeable by Certiorari, or any other Writ or Process, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster.

nor removeable by *Certiorari*.

Persons aggrieved may appeal to the Quarter Session.

And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves, aggrieved by any Judgement, Order, or Proceeding, of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, which shall be made or had under this Act, it shall and may be lawful for such Person or Persons to appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the next General Quarter Session of the Peace to be held for the Town or County where such Cause of Appeal shall arise, who are hereby impowered to summon and examine Witnesses upon Oath, and to hear and finally determine every such Appeal and Appeals; and shall award to the Party or Parties, for whom Judgement shall be given on every or any such Appeal, such Costs as to the Court shall appear reasonable.

Notice of Appeal to be given.

Provided always, That such Appellant or Appellants do and shall give Eight Days previous Notice in Writing of such his, her, or their Appeal, to the Clerk to the said Trustees; and shall also enter into Recognizance with Sureties before some Justice of the Peace, with Condition for the Appearance of such Appellant or Appellants to stand the Award of the Court on such Appeal, and not to depart without Leave of the Court.

Writings to be without Stamps.

And be it further enacted, That no Deeds of Lease, Release, Bargain and Sale, Feoffment, Assignment, Articles of Agreement, Contracts, or other Deeds to be used in the Purchase, Conveyance, or Assurance of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to the said Trustees, in pursuance of this Act, or in executing any of the Powers authorized thereby, or any Proceedings of the said Trustees, or of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in the Execution of this Act, shall be charged or chargeable with any Stamp Duty whatsoever.

Commencement and Continuance of this Act.

And be it further enacted, That the Powers hereby granted to the said Trustees, shall continue and be in Force from the passing hereof, for and during the Term of Twenty one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and no longer.

And

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 brought within Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards; and the Venue for the Trial of the Issue in every such Suit shall be laid in the County of Salop, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter, in Evidence at the Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by 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, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of his, her, or their Action or Actions, or if a Verdict shall pass against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or if, upon Demurrer, Judgement shall be given against such 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 may or can have for Costs in other Cases of Law. Limitation of Actions. General Issue. 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 other Persons whomsoever, without specially pleading the same. Publick Act.

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