Anno ſeptimo

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. XXXVII.

An Act for completing the Bridge croſs the River *Thames*, from *Black Fryars* in the City of *London*, to the oppoſite Side in the County of *Surry*, and the Avenues thereto on the *London* Side; for redeeming the Tolls on the ſaid Bridge, and on *London Bridge*; for rebuilding the Gaol of *Newgate* in the ſaid City; for repairing the *Royal Exchange* within the ſame; for embanking Part of the North Side of the ſaid River, within certain Limits; and for further continuing, towards thoſe Purpoſes, the Impoſition of Six Pence *per* Chaldron, or Ton, of Coals and Culm imported into the Port of the ſaid City, eſtabliſhed by an Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*; and alſo for carrying on the new Pavements in the City and Liberties of *Weſtminſter*, and Pariſhes adjacent, and in the Town and Borough of *Southwark*; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS

Preamble recites the Act of 29 *Geo.* II. for building a Bridge at *Black Friars.*

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament paſſed in the Twenty ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King George the Second, intituled, An Act for building a Bridge croſs the River *Thames*, from *Black Friars* in the City of *London*, to the oppoſite Side in the County of *Surry*; the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the ſaid City, in Common Council aſſembled, were impowered to build the ſaid Bridge; and to make, enlarge, or improve Streets, Ways, and Paſſages, on each Side of the ſaid River, to and from the ſaid Bridge; and to light and watch the ſame when built; and to take certain Tolls for the Paſſage over the ſame; and, upon the Credit thereof, to raiſe any Sum, not exceeding One hundred and ſixty thouſand Pounds: And whereas the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, have proceeded in the Execution of the ſaid Act; and, towards the Purpoſes thereof, have borrowed and raiſed the Sum of One hundred and forty four thouſand Pounds, beſides contributing the Sum of Sixteen thouſand two hundred Pounds; which Two Sums, together with the Profits made by the Dividends and Sale of the Public Funds, wherein Part of the ſaid Monies was inveſted, and by the Sale of old Materials, and otherwiſe, did, upon the Fifth Day of July, in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſix, amount to the Sum of One hundred ſeventy three thouſand and forty Pounds, Seven Shillings, and Six Pence: And whereas upon the ſaid Fifth Day of July, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſix, there had been laid out and expended, in the Execution of the ſaid Act, the Sum of One hundred and forty thouſand five hundred and ninety five Pounds, Nineteen Shillings, and Ten Pence Halfpenny; ſo that there remained, in the Chamber of the ſaid City, a Balance of Thirty two thouſand four hundred and forty four Pounds, Seven Shillings, and Seven Pence Halfpenny; which Balance, by ſome Receipts then expected, was likely to be raiſed to the Sum of Thirty three thouſand and eighty nine Pounds, Twelve Shillings, and Seven Pence Halfpenny: And whereas by Eſtimates of the neceſſary Expences which, upon the ſaid Fifth Day of July, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſix, remained to be incurred for the complete Execution

That the City have borrowed on the Tolls thereof 144,000 *l.*

That the Balance remaining 5th *July*, 1766, was 33,089*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.* 2*q.*

That the future Expences are eſtimated at 58,500 *l.* over and above the ſaid Balance.

Execution of the ſaid Act (excluſive of the Roads on the Surry Side) and of the Charge of making, widening, enlarging, or improving, Streets and Ways neceſſary for a more convenient and ready Paſſage to the ſaid intended Bridge, from ſeveral Parts of the ſaid City, there will be wanted for the ſaid ſeveral Purpoſes, over and above the ſaid laſt-mentioned Balance, the farther Sum of Fifty eight thouſand five hundred Pounds: And whereas it would be of general Advantage that the Paſſage over the ſaid intended Bridge ſhould be freed and exempted, as ſoon as may be, from the Payment of the Tolls granted by the ſaid Act; in which Caſe, it will be neceſſary to provide ſome other ſufficient Funds, as well for Repayment of the ſaid One hundred and forty four thouſand Pounds, with the Intereſt thereof, and raiſing the ſaid Fifty eight thouſand five hundred Pounds, as for defraying the Expences of lighting, watching, cleanſing, and repairing the ſaid Bridge when built: And whereas it would tend to remove many Inconveniencies if the Ground and Soil of the ſaid River of Thames, between the Weſt Corner of Powell's Wharf, near Puddle Dock, in the ſaid City of London, and the Eaſt Corner of Roberts's Wharf, near Milford Lane, in the County of Middleſex, was incloſed and embanked; the Expence of making of which Embankment is eſtimated at the Sum of Seven thouſand five hundred Pounds: And whereas the Paſſage over London Bridge is ſubject to a preſcriptive Toll, appropriated to the Support of the ſaid Bridge, upon all Carts, Waggons, and other Carriages, paſſing over the ſame, to and from the ſaid City, loaden with any Kind of Goods or Proviſions; which Toll is at this Time in Leaſe for Twenty one Years, at a Fine of Two thouſand one hundred Pounds, and under a yearly Rent of Seven hundred and thirty five Pounds: And whereas it would alſo be of general Advantage, that the Paſſage over the ſaid Bridge, ſhould be freed and exempted as ſoon as may be, from the Payment of ſuch Tolls; the Redemption of which Tolls, and the Purchaſe of which Leaſe, are eſtimated at the Sum of Thirty thouſand Pounds: And whereas the Gaol of Newgate (which is not only the County Gaol of Middleſex as well as of London, but alſo the general Priſon for Smugglers and Debtors to the Crown from all Parts of the Kingdom) is ſo ill-contrived as not to admit of a ſufficient Supply of freſh Air and Water, from which Circumſtances the ſame is in general unhealthy, and often viſited with a malignant Fever, called The Gaol Diſtemper,

The Embankment of the North Side of the *Thames*, at 7,500*l.*

the Redemption of *London Bridge* Toll, at 30,000 *l.*

the Rebuilding of *Newgate*, at 50,000 *l.*

stemper, the fatal Effects of which have sometimes extended beyond the Prison Walls; and the said Gaol is so old and ruinous as to be incapable of any effectual Alteration or Repair; and the Charge of building a more airy and commodious one in its Stead, is estimated at the Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds: And whereas the House or Building called the Royal Exchange within the said City of London (the daily Place of Resort of Merchants, Traders, Mariners, and others, from all Parts of this Kingdom, and from many foreign Countries) is so much decayed, that the utter Ruin thereof is apprehended, unless the same be speedily and effectually repaired; which necessary Reparations are estimated at the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds, for which the Funds now subsisting are insufficient: And whereas the said several Sums of Fifty eight thousand five hundred Pounds, Seven thousand five hundred Pounds, Thirty thousand Pounds, Fifty thousand Pounds, and Ten thousand Pounds, amounting together to the Sum of One hundred and fifty six thousand Pounds, cannot be raised, nor any new Fund provided for Repayment of the said Sum of One hundred and forty four thousand Pounds, with the Interest thereof, without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary, intituled, An Act for Relief of the Orphans and other Creditors of the City of *London*, it was, among other Things, enacted, That for and towards the raising a perpetual Fund to pay the yearly Interest of Four Pounds for every One hundred Pounds principal Money, and the Interest thereof then due to any Orphan of the said City, or the Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, of any such Orphan, or any other the Creditor or Creditors of the said Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens, or the Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, of such Creditors, all and every the City's Estates and Revenues (except as therein excepted) should be charged for ever with the clear annual Sum of Eight thousand Pounds. And the said Act did also appropriate to the Fund and Purposes aforesaid, the Rents and Profits of the said City's Aqueducts (except as therein excepted). And the Sum of Two thousand Pounds was thereby directed to be annually raised upon the Personal Estates of the several Inhabitants within the said City and Liberties towards the said Fund. And for the further Increase thereof, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence was directed to be paid upon the binding of every Apprentice within the said City; and Five Shillings by every Person who

and the Repairs of the *Royal Exchange*, at 10,000 *l.*

the said Sums amounting to 156,000 *l.*

The Act of 5 & 6 *Will.* & *Mary*, creating the Orphans Fund.

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ſhould be admitted to be a Freeman thereof: And the ſaid Act impoſed upon all Sorts of Wine imported into the Port of the ſaid City, or the Members thereof, by way of Merchandize, a Duty of Four Shillings per Ton over and above the Duties then payable thereon; and for every Chaldron of Coals, or Culm, imported into the ſaid Port, or the River of Thames within the Liberty of the ſaid City upon the ſaid River, to be ſold, the Sum of Four Pence for Metage for ever; and alſo for all Coals or Culm, uſually ſold by the Chaldron, for every Chaldron thereof which ſhould be imported into the ſaid Port, or Members thereof, from and after the Twenty ninth of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred (over and above all other Impoſitions and Duties, and the ſaid Sum of Four Pence Metage) the Sum of Six Pence: And for ſuch Coals as were ſold by the Ton, for every Ton thereof the like Sum of Six Pence; the ſaid Impoſition of Six Pence to continue from the ſaid Twenty ninth of September, for and during the Term of Fifty Years: And whereas by an Act paſſed in the Twenty firſt Year of the Reign of his ſaid late Majeſty King George the Second, intitled, An Act for the further Relief of the Orphans and other Creditors of the City of *London*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, the ſaid Impoſition of Six Pence for every Chaldron or Ton of Coals, was further continued during a Term of Thirty five Years, from the Expiration of the ſaid Term of Fifty Years; and out of the Monies ariſing from the ſaid Impoſition ſo continued, the yearly Sum of Three thouſand Pounds was directed to be paid, during the ſaid Term of Thirty five Years, to the Wardens and Commonalty of the Myſtery of Mercers of the City of London, in the Manner, and for the Purpoſes, in the ſaid Act mentioned; and the Reſidue of the ſaid Monies, was thereby appropriated to make Part of the Fund for paying the Intereſt to the ſaid Orphans, and other Creditors of the ſaid City: And it was thereby directed, that from and after the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and fifty, the ſaid City's Eſtates and Revenues ſhould be charged, towards the ſaid Fund, with the yearly Sum of Two thouſand Pounds, and no more, over and above the ſaid yearly Sum of Eight thouſand Pounds, wherewith they then ſtood charged; and that the Surpluſſes ariſen, or to ariſe, from the Funds ſo appropriated for Payment of the ſaid Intereſt, ſhould be applied to the Payment of the ſaid Capital Debt; with a Proviſo in the ſaid Act contained, that no

The Act of 21 *Geo.* II. continuing the 6*d.* Duty on Coals.

Orphan

Orphan of the ſaid City, under the Age of Twenty one Years, ſhould be paid off, ſo long as there ſhould be any Perſon not an Orphan under that Age, Proprietor of any Part of the ſaid Principal Debt: And whereas the Surpluſſes which at the Time of paſſing the ſaid laſt recited Act, had ariſen, and the Surpluſſes which have ſince ariſen from the ſaid Fund, have been applied according to the Directions of the ſaid Act; and thereby the ſaid Capital Debt due to the Orphans and other Creditors of the ſaid City of London, was on the Twenty fourth Day of June, in the ſaid Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſix, reduced to the Sum of Six hundred ten thouſand and eighty four Pounds, Six Shillings, and ten Pence; and (computing the future Surpluſſes at a Medium of the laſt Five Years) the Whole may be expected to be paid off and diſcharged by the Twenty fifth Day of March, which will be in the Year One thouſand eight hundred and three: And whereas, if the ſaid Impoſition of Six Pence for every Chaldron or Ton of Coals, or Culm, was to be farther continued to the Twenty ninth Day of September, which will be in the Year One thouſand eight hundred and thirty one, the ſaid Fund created by the ſaid Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King William and Queen Mary, with the Addition thereto of One thouſand five hundred Pounds per Annum, would (it is computed) be ſufficient in that Time to diſcharge the Principal and Intereſt, not only of the ſaid Debt due to the ſaid Orphans and other Creditors of the ſaid City, but of the ſaid farther Sums of One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds, and One hundred and forty four thouſand Pounds: And whereas the ſaid Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, are willing and deſirous, that the City's Eſtates and Revenues ſhould, from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, in the preſent Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, until the ſaid Twenty ninth Day of September, One thouſand eight hundred and thirty one, be charged with the Payment of the ſaid yearly Sum of One thouſand five hundred Pounds, towards Increaſe of the ſaid Fund, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, over and above the ſeveral Sums with which the ſaid Eſtates and Revenues now ſtand charged: Therefore, upon the Petition of the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the City of London, in Common Council aſſembled; 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

That the Orphans Debt is likely to be paid off by *Lady-day*, 1803.

That, with the 6*d.* Duty continued, and the Addition of 1,500 *l. per Ann.* the Fund would, by *Michaelmas* 1831, pay the ſaid Debt, and ſaid 156,000 *l.* and 144,000 *l.*

That the City is willing to charge their Revenues, to increaſe the ſaid Fund, with 1,500 *l. per Ann.*

of the ſame, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, and they are hereby required, to inclose and embank ſo much of the Ground and Soil of the ſaid River of Thames, as lies on the North Side thereof, between the Weſt Corner of Powell's Wharf, near Puddle Dock, in the ſaid City of London, and the Eaſt Corner of Roberts's Wharf, near Milford Lane, in the ſaid County of Middleſex, in ſuch Manner, and according to ſuch Plan or Plans, as they ſhall, on or before the Twenty ninth Day of September, in this preſent Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, lay out, and direct and cauſe to be hung up in the Town Clerk's Office, in the Guildhall of the ſaid City, for public View and Inſpection; ſo as the Fronts of ſuch Embankments, on each Side of the ſaid intended Bridge, may run in ſtraight Lines, to a Point, in the Middle of the North Butment of the ſaid Bridge, Thirty Feet diſtant from the North End, or Springing of the North Butment Arch thereof.

Common Council to embank according to ſuch Plan as they ſhall on or before the 29th of *Sept.* 1767 direct.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any of the Owners and Proprietors of the ſeveral Wharfs or Grounds abutting on the North Side of the ſaid River, within the Limits aforeſaid (who ſhall, on or before the Twenty ninth Day of September, in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty eight, give Notice in Writing to the Town Clerk of the ſaid City, for the time being, of their Intention to embank ſo much of the ſaid Ground and Soil of the River as lies oppoſite and contiguous to their ſaid reſpective Wharfs or Grounds) to inclose and embank the ſame accordingly, at their own Expence, under the Direction of the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, or their Surveyor, in this Behalf to be appointed, within Six Calendar Months next after ſuch Notice; any thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof in any ways notwithſtanding.

Owners and Proprietors may embank upon Notice to be given on or before the 29th of *Sept.* 1768.

And be it further enacted, That upon embanking the Ground and Soil of the ſaid River, adjoining to the ſeveral public Stairs or Landing Places called White Friars Stairs, Temple Stairs, and Eſſex Stairs, either by the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, or by the reſpective Owners or Proprietors of the ſaid adjoining Wharfs or Grounds, they the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall cauſe the ſaid Stairs and Landing Places to be taken down, removed, and rebuilt,

Common Council to rebuild the public Stairs.

built, by their own Workmen or Agents, ſo and in ſuch Manner as that a Line drawn from the Middle of the upper Step or Landing Place of the preſent Stairs, ſhall run through the Middle of the new intended Stairs, and fall at right Angles upon the front Line of the ſaid intended Embankment.

To pull down *Newgate*, and build a new Gaol,

And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, and they are hereby required with all convenient Speed to pull down the ſaid Gaol of Newgate, and to remove, diſpoſe of, or deſtroy, the Materials thereof, as they ſhall think fit (having Regard to the Health and Safety of His Majeſty's Subjects) and to build a ſpacious and commodious new Gaol, upon or near the Place where the preſent Gaol now ſtands; provided always, that the Money which ſhall ariſe from the Sale of ſuch of the Materials as ſhall be thought expedient to be ſold, ſhall be applied towards the Expence of ſuch new Gaol.

and widen Streets leading thereto.

And, to render the Acceſs, as well to the ſaid new Gaol as to the Seſſions Houſe in the Old Bailey, more eaſy and convenient, be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall have Power and Authority to widen, enlarge, or improve, ſuch of the Streets, Ways, and Paſſages, adjoining or leading to the ſaid intended new Gaol and Seſſions Houſe, or either of them, as they ſhall judge neceſſary for that Purpoſe.

Priſoners to be detained in other public Priſons till the new Gaol is built.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Sheriffs of the ſaid City of London, and the Sheriff of the ſaid County of Middleſex reſpectively, from time to time, and at all Times, after the ſaid Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, until the ſaid new Gaol ſhall be built, and properly fitted for a Priſon, to convey to, and keep, and detain in, any other public Priſon of ſufficient Strength, within the ſaid City of London or County of Middleſex, all or any of the Priſoners who have been or ſhall be committed, or who by Law ought to be committed, to the ſaid preſent Gaol, or to the County Gaol of the ſaid City and County; any Writ, Order, or Warrant, or any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom, to the contrary thereof in any ways notwithſtanding.

Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That the ſaid new Gaol when built ſhall be the County Gaol of and for the ſaid City of London, and of and for the ſaid County

County of Middleſex, in like Manner as the ſaid preſent Gaol now is by Law, Uſage, or Preſcription; and that the Removal of all or any of the Priſoners, who now are, or hereafter ſhall be, confined in the ſaid preſent Gaol, to the ſaid new Gaol, ſhall not be deemed or conſtrued to be an Eſcape, in the ſaid Sheriffs of the ſaid City, or in the ſaid Sheriff of the ſaid County: And the Keeper and Keepers of ſuch Priſon or Priſons reſpectively, to which any Perſon or Perſons ſhall, by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, be conveyed by the ſaid Sheriffs or Sheriff, ſhall, and be and they is and are hereby required to receive, keep, and detain, in his and their Cuſtody reſpectively, ſuch Perſon or Perſons, until diſcharged by due Courſe of Law.

New Gaol when built to be the County Gaol for *London* and *Middleſex*, and the Removal of the Priſoners thereto not to be an Eſcape.

Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That all and every Priſoner and Priſoners, ſo by virtue of this Act removed to and detained in ſuch Priſon or Priſons as aforeſaid, ſhall, during ſuch Detainer, be deemed in Law to be in the Cuſtody of the Keeper of Newgate: And all Writs of Habeas Corpus, for bringing the Body or Bodies of any ſuch Priſoner or Priſoners before any of the Judges of his Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, or for removing any ſuch Priſoner or Priſoners to any other Priſon or Priſons, ſhall and may be directed to the ſaid Keeper of Newgate; and the Keeper or Keepers of ſuch Priſon or Priſons are hereby enjoined, upon Delivery to him or them of ſuch Writ or Writs, to pay due Obedience, and make due Returns thereto, in the Name of the ſaid Keeper of Newgate, in the ſame Manner as the ſaid Keeper of Newgate would be bound to do if the Perſon or Perſons mentioned in ſuch Writ or Writs was or were in his Cuſtody.

Perſons ſo removed to be deemed to be in the Cuſtody of the Keeper of *Newgate*.

Provided alſo, and be it enacted, That the Perſon or Perſons to whoſe Cuſtody any ſuch Priſoner or Priſoners ſhall be ſo conveyed, by the ſaid Sheriffs or Sheriff, ſhall reſpectively be anſwerable for the Eſcape of any ſuch Priſoner or Priſoners; any thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Keepers of other Priſons to be anſwerable for Eſcapes.

And be it further enacted, That for the Purpoſe of building the ſaid intended Gaol in Manner aforeſaid, and making, widening, enlarging, or improving, ſuch Streets, Ways, and Paſſages, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, and they are hereby impowered to treat and agree with the Owners and Occupiers of, and other Perſons intereſted in, ſuch Houſes, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as they ſhall judge fit to be purchaſed, removed, or pulled down,

Common Council empowered to purchaſe Houſes, &c. for the Purpoſes aforeſaid;

for all or any of the Purpoſes aforeſaid, for the Purchaſe thereof; and after Payment of the Sum or Sums of Money which ſhall be agreed upon for ſuch Purchaſe, they the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, are hereby authorized to appoint their Agents or Workmen, to pull ſuch Houſes down, and to lay out ſuch Lands, and diſpoſe of the Monies to ariſe from the Sale of any old Materials, in ſuch Manner as they ſhall think fit, for or towards the reſpective Purpoſes aforeſaid.

and the Leaſe of *London Bridge* Tolls.

And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, and they are hereby impowered to treat and agree with the Leſſee of, and other Perſon or Perſons intereſted in, the Leaſe of the ſaid Tolls for the Paſſage over London Bridge, for the Purchaſe of the ſame, and of all Profits, Advantages, and Emoluments, ariſing or to ariſe from the ſaid Leaſe.

Bodies Politic, *&c.* Truſtees, and other Perſons impowered to ſell and convey.

And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, 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 by the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall be thought neceſſary to be purchaſed for any of the Purpoſes of this Act, or in the ſaid Leaſe of the Tolls, to ſell and convey, aſſign, or ſurrender, all or any ſuch Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Eſtates, Tolls, Leaſe, and Intereſts, or any Part thereof, to the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens; and that all Contracts, Agreements, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances, which ſhall be made by ſuch 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 Perſon and Perſons conveying, but alſo to convey all Right, Eſtate, Intereſt, Uſe, Property, Claim, and Demand whatſoever, of their ſaid ſeveral and reſpective Ceſtuique Truſts, and

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and all claiming or to claim, by, from, or under them; any Law, Statute, Uſage, or any other Matter or Thing whatſoever, to the contrary thereof, in any ways notwithſtanding; and that all ſuch Perſons ſo conveying as aforeſaid, are and ſhall be indemnified for what they ſhall do by virtue of or in purſuance of this Act, notwithſtanding any Omiſſion or Miſtake of Matter or 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, or in ſuch Leaſe of the Tolls, ſhall refuſe to treat or agree for the Sale and Conveyance of their reſpective Eſtates and Intereſts therein, with the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, or with any Perſon or Perſons authorized by them, or ſhall not produce and evince a clear Title to the Premiſſes they are in Poſſeſſion of, or to the Intereſt they claim, to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, or of the Perſon or Perſons ſo authorized by them; then, and in every ſuch Caſe, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City, to be holden in the outer Chamber of the Guildhall of the ſaid City, according to the Cuſtom of the ſaid City, and the ſaid Court are hereby empowered and authorized to iſſue a Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, directed to the Sheriffs of the ſaid City of London, who are hereby authorized, directed, and required accordingly to impanel and return 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 Men ſhall be drawn, by ſome Perſon to 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 the ſaid King George the Second, 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 of Mayor and Aldermen, 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 Perſons concerned ſhall and may have their lawful Challenges againſt any

Where any ſhall refuſe to treat, or be prevented from treating, the Mayor's Court to iſſue a Precept for a Jury,

who are to be drawn as the Act 3 *Geo.* II. directs.

Jury may be challenged.

any of the ſaid Jurymen, but ſhall not be at Liberty to challenge the Array: And the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen are 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 Witneſs or Witneſſes before them, on their Oath or Oaths, touching and concerning the Premiſſes; and the ſaid Court, if they think fit, ſhall and may likewiſe authorize 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 adjourn ſuch Meeting from Day to Day as Occaſion ſhall require, and 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 are hereby impowered and required to adminiſter) ſhall enquire of and aſſeſs the Value of ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and of ſuch Leaſe of the Tolls as aforeſaid, and of the proportionable Value of the reſpective Eſtates and Intereſts claimed therein, or in any Part thereof: And the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen ſhall and may give Judgement, that the Sum or Sums of Money ſo to be aſſeſſed, be the Value of ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and of ſuch reſpective Eſtates and Intereſts therein; which ſaid Verdict or Verdicts, and the ſaid Judgement thereupon (Notice in Writing being given to the Perſon or Perſons intereſted, or claiming ſo to be, at leaſt Fourteen Days before the Time of the Meeting of the ſaid Court and Jury, by leaving ſuch Notice at the Dwelling-houſe of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, or at his, her, or their uſual Place or Places of Abode, or with ſome Tenant or Occupier of ſome of the ſaid Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, intended to be valued and aſſeſſed, or at the Toll-houſe for collecting ſuch Tolls, in caſe ſuch Party cannot otherwiſe be found out to be ſerved with ſuch Notice) ſhall be binding and concluſive, as to Value, as well againſt the King's Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors, as againſt every other Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick, and Corporate, and againſt all other Perſons whomſoever, claiming any Eſtate, Right, Title, Truſt, Uſe, or Intereſt in, to, or out of, the ſaid Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments and Premiſſes, or in, to, or out of, ſuch Leaſe

Court may ſummon and examine Witneſſes on Oath, and direct the Jury to view.

Jury to aſſeſs the Value on Oath.

The Court to give final Judgement thereon.

Previous Notice to be given to the Parties intereſted.

Leaſe of the Tolls, either in Poſſeſſion, Reverſion, Remainder, or Expectancy.

And be it further enacted and declared, That upon Payment of the Sum or Sums of Money ſo to be awarded or adjudged to 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 or Intereſt therein, or for the Purchaſe of the ſaid Leaſe of the Tolls, ſuch Perſon or Perſons 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 Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, of the ſaid Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or of ſuch Eſtate or Intereſt, for which ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſhall be ſo awarded; and ſhall alſo aſſign or ſurrender to the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, ſuch Leaſe of the Tolls, 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 Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens: And in caſe the Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Sum or Sums ſhall be awarded as aforeſaid, ſhall not be able to evince their Title to the Premiſſes, to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, and to make, or procure to be made, good, valid, and legal, Conveyances thereof, to the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, or ſhall refuſe ſo to do, being thereto required, and the Sum or Sums ſo aſſeſſed and awarded being produced and 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, cannot be found in the ſaid City; 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 ſaid Sum or Sums ſo aſſeſſed and awarded as the Value of, and Purchaſe-money for, the ſaid Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or for the Purchaſe of ſuch Leaſe of the Tolls as aforeſaid, to be paid into the Bank of England in the Name, and with the Privity, of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account, to the Credit of the Parties intereſted in the ſaid Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments (deſcribing them) or in the ſaid Leaſe of the Tolls, ſubject to the

Upon Payment of the Value aſſeſſed, Premiſſes to be conveyed to the City.

Where a good Title cannot be made, or legal Conveyance executed, &c.

or the Parties are not to be found, &c.

Court to order the Purchaſe money to be paid into the Bank;

ſubject to the Order of the Court of *Chancery*, upon Motion or Petition.

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, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, ſhall be, and is hereby, impowered, in a ſummary Way of Proceeding, or otherwiſe, as to the ſame Court ſhall ſeem meet, to order Diſtribution thereof, according to the reſpective Eſtate or Eſtates, Title or Intereſt, of the Perſon or Perſons making Claim thereunto, of, in, or to, ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or ſuch Leaſe of the Tolls, 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 Premiſſes as to the ſaid Court ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable; and the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Bank of England, who ſhall receive ſuch Sum and Sums, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for ſuch Sum or Sums, mentioning and ſpecifying for what Premiſſes, and for whoſe Uſe, the ſame is or are received, to ſuch Perſon as ſhall pay any ſuch Sum or Sums into the Bank as aforeſaid.

Verdicts and Judgements, &c. to be entered of Record, in the Mayor's Court.

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 ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or ſuch Leaſe of the Tolls, ſo to be purchaſed; 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 among the Records of the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen: And the ſaid Verdicts, Judgements, Sentences, Decrees, and Orders, 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 or leſſer Number of Words; and immediately after ſuch Verdicts, Judgements, Sentences, Decrees, Orders, and other Proceedings of the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen, and Juries, and Payment into the Bank as aforeſaid, all the Eſtate, Right, Title, Intereſt, Uſe, Truſt, Property, Claim, and Demand, in Law and Equity, of the Perſon or Perſons to whoſe

Copies good Evidence.

On ſuch Payment, Premiſſes to veſt in the City,

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Credit ſuch Money ſhall be paid, in, to, and out of, the ſaid Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premiſſes, or in, to, or out of, ſuch Leaſe of the Tolls, ſhall veſt in the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens; and they ſhall be deemed in Law to be in the actual 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 by Leaſe and Releaſe, Bargain and Sale enrolled, Feoffment with Livery and Seiſin, Fine and Recovery, or any other Conveyance whatſoever; and ſuch Payment ſhall not only bar all Right, Title, Intereſt, Claim, and Demand, of the Perſon or Perſons to whoſe Credit ſuch Payment ſhall have been 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, and the Iſſue or Iſſues of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and every Perſon claiming under them, as effectually as a Fine or Recovery would do, if levied or ſuffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law. In bar of Dower, &c.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen, after ſuch Payment into the Bank, and Entry of the Receipt as aforeſaid, and before any Application in reſpect thereof to the ſaid Court of Chancery, at the Petition of any Perſon or Perſons in Poſſeſſion of ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of ſuch Leaſe of the Tolls, to place out or inveſt, or cauſe to be placed out or inveſted, ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, in ſome of the Public Funds, or on Government Security, at Intereſt, in the Name of any Perſon or Perſons authorized and appointed by the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen, for that Purpoſe, in Truſt, to transfer and aſſign the ſame to the Perſon or Perſons to whom the Premiſſes belong, on their executing proper Conveyances thereof; and in the mean Time, in Truſt, to pay the Intereſt and Dividends, ariſing therefrom, to the Perſon or Perſons who was or were in Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Premiſſes at the Time of the ſaid Payment into the Bank. Mayor's Court, on Petition, may inveſt the Money in the Public Funds.

Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That all and every Perſon or Perſons who would be intitled to recover the meſne Profits of the Premiſſes, or of the ſaid Tolls for the Paſſage over London Bridge, againſt the Perſon or Perſons in Poſſeſſion, in caſe the ſame had not been ſo conveyed to, or veſted in, the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, as aforeſaid, ſhall be Perſons intitled to meſne Profits, to be intitled to the Intereſt of the Purchaſe-money.

intitled to recover the Sum or Sums to ariſe from ſuch Intereſt and Dividends as aforeſaid, by Action of Debt, or otherwiſe, againſt the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall receive the ſame; and the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen are hereby impowered to make ſuch Orders as aforeſaid on the Bank for the Payment of ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, as ſhall be neceſſary in order to the ſame being ſo inveſted in Public Securities; and the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, ſhall be quieted in the Poſſeſſion of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and of the ſaid Leaſe of the Tolls, 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 Money ſo depoſited and placed out as aforeſaid, any otherwiſe than according to the Tenor, Purport, and true Meaning, of this Act.

Court to order the ſame to be paid accordingly.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in caſe the ſaid Sum or Sums ſo aſſeſſed by the ſaid Jury, and ordered and adjudged by the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen to be paid to the Owners, Occupiers, and others, for their reſpective Intereſts in the Premiſſes aforeſaid, and in the ſaid Leaſe of the Tolls, ſhall not be paid, tendered, or depoſited, as herein directed, within Six Calendar Months next after the ſame ſhall have been ſo aſſeſſed, ordered, and adjudged; then, and in ſuch Caſe, the Verdict of the ſaid Jury, and the Order and Adjudication of the ſaid Court, ſhall not be binding upon the ſaid Parties; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

If the Money is not tendered, the ſaid Verdicts and Judgements not to be binding.

And be it further enacted, That the Principal Money ariſing from the Sale of any Houſes, Edifices, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of ſuch Leaſe of the Tolls which ſhall be purchaſed, for the Purpoſes contained in this Act, of any Body Corporate or Collegiate, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, Feoffees in Truſt, Guardians, Committees, or other Truſtees, or from any Feme Covert, ſhall be paid 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, or ſuch Leaſe of the Tolls, which ſhall be purchaſed of them reſpectively by the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens as aforeſaid, were reſpectively ſettled,

Purchaſe-monies of Premiſſes held in Truſt, to be inveſted in other Purchaſes, to the ſame Uſes.

ſettled, limited, or aſſured, at the Time of ſuch Purchaſe, or ſo many thereof as, at the Time of making ſuch Conveyances and Settlements, ſhall be exiſting and capable of taking Effect.

Conveyances by Feme Covert inrolled, to be effectual;

And be it further enacted, That the Conveyance of any ſuch Eſtate or Intereſt of any Feme Covert to the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, or any Perſon or Perſons in Truſt for them, by Bargain and Sale, acknowledged by ſuch Feme Covert, and to be inrolled in the Court of Huſtings of the ſaid City, according to the Cuſtom of the ſaid City, within Six Calendar Months after the making thereof, ſhall as effectually and abſolutely convey the Eſtate and Intereſt of ſuch Feme Covert, in the Premiſſes, as any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, would or could do, if levied or ſuffered thereof in due Form of Law; and farther, that all Bargains and Sales whatſoever to be made of any ſuch Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, as ſhall be purchaſed by the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, 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 Bargainor or Bargainors, or any Perſon or Perſons ſeiſed of any Eſtate in the Premiſſes, in Truſt, for or to the Uſe of ſuch Bargainor or Bargainors, in any legal Manner or Form whatſoever.

and ſo all other Bargains and Sales for the Purpoſes of this Act.

Perſons having any Right, &c. in Lands ſo purchaſed, to enter their Claims within a limited Time, or be barred;

And be it further enacted, That all and every Perſon and Perſons whomſoever, having any Right, Title, Intereſt, Uſe, Property, Claim, or 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 by and conveyed, or mentioned or intended to be conveyed, to the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, 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, 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 of London for the time being; 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

every Person or Persons whomsoever, not entering such Right, Claim, and Demand, within such Time, 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 Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, 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.

but at Liberty to recover the Purchase-money from Persons receiving the same.

Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, 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 any Action or Actions of Debt for Money had and received to his or their Use, 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, Hereditaments, and Premisses aforesaid; and that in every such Case, the respective 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.

After Purchase, Tenants to deliver Possession within Six Months after Notice.

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 the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens as aforesaid, and who shall have no greater Interest in the Premisses than as Tenant at Will, or as Lessee by Parole for a Year, or from Year to Year, shall, at the Expiration of Six Calendar Months after Notice in Writing left upon the Premisses, or so soon after as he or they shall be required, peaceably and quietly deliver up the Possession of the said Premisses to

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the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, or any Perſon or Perſons authorized by the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, to take Poſſeſſion thereof; and that in caſe any ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall refuſe to give ſuch Poſſeſſion, 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 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.

On Refuſal, Court to iſſue a Precept to the 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, or on ſuch Leaſe of the Tolls, 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 ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, or by ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint, immediately aſſign ſuch Mortgage or Mortgages to the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint in Truſt for them; or in caſe ſuch Mortgagee or Mortgagees ſhall have Notice in Writing from the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, 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 Calendar 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 his, her, or their Intereſt in the Premiſſes to the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint in Truſt for them: And in caſe ſuch Mortgagee or Mortgagees ſhall refuſe to aſſign as aforeſaid on ſuch Tender or Payment, that then all Intereſt on every ſuch Mortgage ſhall ceaſe and determine.

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

On Refuſal, Intereſt to ceaſe, on Payment of Principal and Intereſt into the Bank.

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 Calendar

Premiſſes to veſt in the City.

Months from ſuch Notice as aforeſaid, for the Uſe of the Mortgagee or Mortgagees, 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 or Mortgagees, and of every Perſon or Perſons in Truſt for him or them, ſhall veſt in the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens; and they ſhall be deemed to be in the actual Poſſeſſion of the Premiſſes comprized in ſuch Mortgage or Mortgages, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.

Monies to be paid or tendered, before any Uſe made of the Premiſſes.

And be it further enacted, That all Sums of Money to be paid purſuant to any ſuch Agreement or Verdict as aforeſaid, or on any ſuch Mortgage, ſhall be, and are hereby charged and chargeable upon all Monies which ſhall be raiſed or received for the Purpoſes of this Act, and ſhall be tendered to the Party or Parties intitled to the ſame; and in caſe of Refuſal to accept the ſame, ſhall be paid into the Bank of England, in the Names of any Perſon or Perſons appointed by the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen for that Purpoſe, in Truſt for ſuch Perſon and Perſons as ſhall be intitled to receive the ſame, before the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall proceed to pull down any Houſe or Houſes, or other Erections or Buildings, or to uſe the Ground for any of the Purpoſes of this Act.

Power to fine Sheriffs, Juries, and Witneſſes, for not attending.

And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen ſhall have Power, from time to time, to impoſe any reaſonable Fine, not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds, on the ſaid 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 of 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; and on any other Perſon or Perſons who ſhall in any other Manner wilfully neglect his, her, 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 Order of the ſaid Court of

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Mayor and Aldermen, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offenders Goods, together with the reaſonable Charges of every ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale, rendering the Overplus, if any, to the Owner; and all ſuch Fines ſhall be applied to the Purpoſes of this Act.

And whereas, by reaſon of the Purchaſes which the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, are hereby impowered to make, they may happen to be poſſeſſed of ſome Piece or Pieces of Ground over and above what may be neceſſary for any of the Purpoſes of this Act; be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, to lett, ſell, or diſpoſe of, any ſuch Piece or Pieces of Ground, either together or in Parcels, as they ſhall think moſt advantageous or convenient, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be willing to contract, agree for, or purchaſe the ſame.

Common Council impowered to let, ſell, &c. any Ground not neceſſary for the Purpoſes of this Act;

And whereas it may, for the greater Regularity or Beauty of the Streets, Ways, or Paſſages, to be improved by virtue of this Act, or of the ſaid Act of the Twenty ninth Year of King George the Second, be proper to build Houſes, or Parts of Houſes, on ſome Parts of the Ground and Soil of the ſaid Streets, Ways, or Paſſages, or on ſome Part of the former Channel of Bridewell Dock, be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, for and in Conſideration of ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, or yearly Rent or Rents to be paid into the Receipt of the Chamber of the ſaid City of London, as they ſhall think reaſonable, to grant unto the Owner or Owners of the Freehold and Inheritance of the Houſe or Houſes fronting any ſuch Street, Way, or Paſſage, Licence or Licences, under the Common Seal of the ſaid City of London, to build upon and incloſe ſo much of the Ground and Soil in the Front of their ſaid reſpective Houſe or Houſes, as they ſhall judge fit and proper to be built upon for the Reaſons aforeſaid; and the Ground and Soil ſo built upon in purſuance of ſuch Licence or Licences, ſhall for ever, or for and during the Time or Term to be expreſſed in ſuch Licence or Licences reſpectively, be annexed to and enjoyed with the adjoining Freehold; any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

and to grant Licences for building on Part of the Streets.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Monies ariſing by the Sale or Letting of the Grounds, ſo to be lett or ſold, or by Sale of the Materials of Houſes and Buildings to be purchaſed and pulled

Monie ariſing by ſuch Sales or Licences, to be appropriated to the Purpoſes of this Act.

pulled down by virtue of this present Act, not herein before appropriated; and all Monies to be paid for such Licences as aforesaid; shall be employed, and the same are hereby appropriated to the Purposes of this Act, and shall not be employed to or for any other Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever.

Common Council impowered to appoint Committees.

And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, from time to time, to appoint One or more Committee or Committees, to manage and transact all or any of the Matters or Purposes which they the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, are hereby authorized or required to do, execute, or perform; which Committee or Committees, so to be appointed, shall have such Powers and Authorities as shall, from time to time, be given or delegated to them respectively by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, or such General Powers as by this Act are given or granted to such Committees respectively.

The City and *Mercer's* Company by a Joint Committee to repair the *Royal Exchange*.

And be it further enacted, That the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, and the Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of Mercers of the City of London (in whom the said Building called The Royal Exchange, is vested, by the last Will and Testament of Sir Thomas Gresham, formerly of the said City, Knight, deceased, to, for, and upon, the Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, therein directed or expressed concerning the same) shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, to cause the said Royal Exchange to be put into immediate and sufficient Repair; such Repair to be done and executed by or under the Directions of a Joint Committee of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, and of the said Wardens and Commonalty, commonly called The Gresham Committee.

No Member of any of the Committees shall be concerned in any Contract.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person, being a Member of any of the said Committees, shall be directly or indirectly interested or concerned in any Contract, which shall be made or entered into by or on Behalf of such Committees respectively, for or concerning any of the said Works, to be carried on or performed in pursuance of this Act; or for or concerning any Materials to be used or employed therein; upon Pain that every such Contract shall be null and void; and that the Person who, being a Member of any of the said Committees, shall be so interested or concerned, shall,

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ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſue for the ſame, to be recovered in any of his Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, to be commenced within Six Months next after the Offence committed; in which Action or Suit reſpectively, no Protection, Eſſoin, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, ſhall be allowed; and every Perſon againſt whom the ſaid Penalty ſhall be recovered, ſhall for ever thereafter be diſabled from being elected a Member of the Court of Common Council of the ſaid City of London.

Committees impowered to employ Perſons not free, &c.

And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid reſpective Committees to contract and agree with any Perſon or Perſons, whether free of the ſaid City or not, for executing all or any of the Works or Purpoſes aforeſaid, in ſuch Manner as they ſhall think fit: And no ſuch Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall be ſo employed or contracted with, nor any Perſon or Perſons to be ſet to work by or under them, or any of them, ſhall, for any Act done or to be done in or about any of the Works aforeſaid, be ſubject or liable to any Action, Indictment, or Information, upon the Statute made in the Fifth Year of Queen Elizabeth, intituled, An Act containing divers Orders for Artificers, Labourers, Servants of Huſbandry, and Apprentices; or be liable to be ſued for any Breach of the Cuſtom of London, or for any Penalties inflicted by any Bye-law of the ſaid City.

Contracts to be previouſly advertiſed.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That previous to the making of every ſuch Contract, the ſaid Committees reſpectively ſhall cauſe Notice to be given in ſome of the Daily News-papers, of their Intention to make ſuch Contract: And that all Perſons willing to engage therein, may make Propoſals to them at a certain Time and Place in every ſuch Notice to be ſpecified; and all Contracts made, or to be made, in conſequence of ſuch Notice, ſhall ſpecify the ſeveral Works to be done, and the Price or Prices to be paid for the ſame, and the Time or Times when the ſaid Works are to be completed, together with the Penalties to be incurred in caſe of the Non-performance thereof; and the ſame ſhall be entered in a Book or Books, to be kept for that Purpoſe, by the Town Clerk of the ſaid City of London for the time being.

Common Council impowered to raiſe 156,000 *l.* upon the Orphans Fund.

And, for enabling the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, and the ſaid Wardens and Commonalty of the Myſtery of Mercers reſpec-

reſpectively, to effect the ſeveral Purpoſes aforeſaid, be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, and they are hereby authorized and impowered, at any Time or Times, from and after the ſaid Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, to borrow and raiſe any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds, upon the Credit of the ſaid Fund ſo by the ſaid Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King William and Queen Mary eſtabliſhed, and by the ſaid Act of the Twenty firſt Year of King George the Second in Part further continued, and by this preſent Act in Part further continued and augmented; the ſaid Monies to be paid into the Receipt of the Chamber of the ſaid City of London, by ſuch Inſtallments, in ſuch Proportions, and at ſuch Times, as the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall think fit and agree: And the Perſons who ſhall contract to advance or contribute any Part of the ſaid Monies, ſhall, in reſpect of the Sums which they ſhall ſo reſpectively contract to advance, be intitled to Annuities at and after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, to commence and be computed from the Payment of the Firſt of the ſaid Inſtallments, and to be thenceforth paid and payable every Six Months, until Redemption thereof by Payment of each reſpective Principal Sum: And that no Part of the Monies ſo to be lent or advanced, nor any of the ſaid Annuities ſo to take Place in reſpect thereof, ſhall be rated or aſſeſſed to any Tax or Aſſeſſment whatſoever.

Contributors to be intitled to redeemable Annuities, at 3*l.* 10*s. per Cent.*

And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall cauſe a Bond or Note, or other Security, in Writing, under the Common Seal of the ſaid City, to be delivered to every Perſon advancing the ſaid Monies, for the Payment of ſuch Annuities in reſpect thereof, until redeemed as is herein after-mentioned; which Bonds, Notes, or other Securities, ſhall be aſſignable by proper Words to be written or indorſed thereon.

Common Council to give Bonds for ſuch Annuities, aſſignable by Indorſement.

And, to the Intent that the ſaid intended Bridge at Black Fryars may, in due Time, be freed and exempted from the Payment of any Toll for the Paſſage over the ſame; be it further enacted, That the ſaid Fund, by the ſaid Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King William and Queen Mary eſtabliſhed, and by the ſaid Act of the Twenty firſt Year of King George the Second in Part further

The Orphans Fund charged with the ſaid 144,000*l.*

further continued, and by this preſent Act in Part further continued and augmented, ſhall, from and after the ſaid Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, be charged and chargeable with the Payment of the Principal and Intereſt of the ſaid Sum of One hundred and forty four thouſand Pounds, ſo borrowed and raiſed for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Bridge as aforeſaid, over and above the Debt now remaining due to the ſaid Orphans and other Creditors of the ſaid City, and the ſaid Sum of One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds to be raiſed and borrowed upon the Credit thereof, as aforeſaid.

6*d.* Duty upon Coals continued for 46 Years.

And be it further enacted, That, for and towards rendering the ſaid Fund ſufficient and effectual to pay off and diſcharge not only the Principal and Intereſt of the Debt ſo remaining due to the ſaid Orphans and other Creditors of the ſaid City, but likewiſe of the ſaid Sum of One hundred and forty four thouſand Pounds, ſo charged thereon by this preſent Act, and alſo to pay and redeem the Annuities which will be payable in reſpect of the ſaid Sum of One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds ſo to be raiſed and borrowed upon the Credit thereof; the ſaid Impoſition of Six Pence for every Chaldron or Ton of Coals or Culm, ſo by the ſaid Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King William and Queen Mary, granted during a Term of Fifty Years, and by the ſaid ſaid Act of the Twenty firſt Year of King George the Second further continued for a Term of Thirty five Years, ſhall be, and the ſame is hereby, continued for a further Term of Forty ſix Years from the Expiration of the ſaid Term of Thirty five Years: And that all and every the Powers, Authorities, Directions, and Proviſions, contained in the ſaid Two Acts, or either of them, for the collecting, levying, and recovering, of the ſaid Impoſition, and all the Penalties thereby impoſed, and Regulations therein reſpectively made for preventing Fraud and Covin, ſhall remain and be in Force, and, by virtue of this Act, ſhall and may be exerciſed and put in Ure, for collecting, levying, and recovering, the ſaid Impoſition, for and during all the Time by this Act limited and appointed for the Payment thereof, as if the ſame were herein expreſsly mentioned and repeated, and at large re-enacted: And all Monies to be received upon account of the ſaid Impoſition hereby continued ſhall, from time to time, be paid into the Receipt of the Chamber of the ſaid City of London, for and towards the Increaſe of the ſaid Fund.

And

City Revenues charged with 1500*l. per Annum* to the ſaid Fund.

And be it further enacted, That for and towards the further Increaſe of the ſaid Fund, all and every the Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Markets, Fairs, and the Duties thereof, and all other the Revenues of and belonging to the ſaid City of London, in Poſſeſſion or Reverſion, ſhall (from and after the ſaid Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, unto the Twenty fourth Day of June, which will be in the Year One thouſand eight hundred and thirty one) ſtand and be charged with the full yearly Sum of One thouſand five hundred Pounds, and no more, over and above the ſaid ſeveral yearly Sums of Eight thouſand Pounds, and Two thouſand Pounds, with which they now reſpectively ſtand charged; Which yearly Sum of One thouſand five hundred Pounds is hereby appropriated, and ſhall be applied, to the ſame Uſes to which the ſaid yearly Sums of Eight thouſand Pounds, and Two thouſand Pounds, are, by the ſaid former Acts, or by this preſent Act, made liable.

Said Fund appropriated to pay the Intereſt of the Orphans Debt, and of ſaid 144,000*l.* and 156,000*l.*

And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Fund created by the ſaid Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King William and Queen Mary, and by the ſaid Act of the Twenty firſt Year of King George the Second, and by this preſent Act in Part further continued and augmented, ſhall be, and the ſame is hereby, appropriated, in the Firſt Place, to pay the Intereſt on the ſaid Principal Debt remaining due to the ſaid Orphans, and other Creditors, of the ſaid City; and after Payment thereof, then to pay the Intereſt on the ſaid Principal Sum of One hundred and forty four thouſand Pounds ſo by this Act charged upon the ſaid Fund, and alſo the Annuities which ſhall be payable in reſpect of the ſaid Sum of One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds, ſo to be borrowed and raiſed upon the Credit thereof.

Surpluſſes of ſaid Fund to be applied, for the firſt Four Years, towards Diſcharge of the Principal of the Orphans Debt;

And, for diſcharging the Principal of the ſaid Sum of One hundred and forty four thouſand Pounds, and redeeming the Annuities which ſhall be ſo payable in reſpect of the ſaid Sum of One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds, as well as the ſaid Principal Debt now due to the ſaid Orphans, and other Creditors, of the ſaid City of London, be it further enacted, That the future Surpluſſes of the ſaid Fund, ſo created, continued, and augmented, as aforeſaid (after reſerving ſo much Money as ſhall be ſufficient to ſatisfy the Intereſt which ſhall, at any Time, be due to the ſaid Orphans, and other Creditors, of the ſaid City, as alſo to ſatisfy the Intereſt which ſhall, at any Time, be due on the ſaid Sum of One hundred and forty four thouſand Pounds, and the

ſaid Annuities in reſpect of the ſaid Sum of One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds, ſhall, from time to time, by Order of the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City of London (which Order the ſaid Court are hereby authorized and directed to make) be; by the Chamberlain of the ſaid City for the time being, applied towards the Payment and Diſcharge of the Principal, as well of the ſaid Sums of One hundred and forty four thouſand Pounds, and One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds, as of the ſaid Debt due to the ſaid Orphans, and other Creditors, of the ſame City, in Manner following; that is to ſay, For and during the Space of Four Years, to be computed from the ſaid Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, towards the Payment and Diſcharge of the ſaid principal Debt due to the ſaid Orphans, and other Creditors, of the ſaid City as aforeſaid, or of ſo much of the ſaid principal Debt as the ſaid Surpluſſes ſhall, during the ſaid Four Years, amount unto; and from and after the Expiration of the ſaid Four Years, then towards the Payment and Diſcharge of the ſaid principal Sum of One hundred and forty four thouſand Pounds; and from and after the Payment and Diſcharge thereof, then towards the Payment and Diſcharge of ſo much of the ſaid principal Debt as ſhall then remain due to the ſaid Orphans, and other Creditors of the ſaid City; and from and after the Payment and Diſcharge of the Whole of ſuch Debt, then towards Redemption of all and every the Annuities ſo to be granted in reſpect of the ſaid Sum of One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds: The Payment of which ſaid ſeveral Sums, ſhall and may be made in ſuch Order as the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen ſhall think fit, but within the reſpective Times ſo as aforeſaid limited for the making thereof reſpectively.

then of ſaid 144,000*l.*

then of the Remainder of the Orphans Debt, and afterwards to redeem the ſaid Annuities.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen ſhall give, or cauſe to be given, Six Calendar Months Notice of their Intention to pay off ſuch reſpective principal Sums, or to redeem ſuch Annuities, to the Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame ſhall reſpectively belong; at the End of which Six Months, upon Payment or Tender of the reſpective Sums ſo due, or for which ſuch Annuities ſhall have been granted, to or for the Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Notice ſhall be given, at the Office of the Chamberlain of the ſaid City of London, for the time being, in the Guildhall of the ſame City; and from thenceforth the Intereſt or Annuity payable to ſuch Perſon

Upon Six Months Notice of ſuch Redemption, and Tender of the Money, the Intereſt or Annuities to ceaſe;

ſon or Perſons, to whom ſuch Notice and Payment or Tender ſhall have been ſo given or made as aforeſaid, ſhall ceaſe and determine: Nevertheleſs, the Monies ſo tendered ſhall be paid to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, upon his, her, or their Demand, and giving a Diſcharge for the ſame; and the ſaid Debts or Sums ſo charged on the ſaid Fund, and paid off as aforeſaid, ſhall be annihilated.

but the Principal to be ſtill payable.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That for and during the ſaid Space of Four Years, to be computed from the ſaid Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, the Surpluſſes ariſing and to ariſe of the ſaid Fund, ſhall be applied to the reſpective Purpoſes aforeſaid yearly, at the End of each Year; but that from and after the Expiration of the ſaid Four Years, the ſaid Surpluſſes ſhall be ſo applied at the End of every Half Year.

The Surpluſſes to be applied for the firſt 4 Years yearly, and afterwards half yearly.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the ſaid Fund ſhall at any Time or Times hereafter prove inſufficient to pay off and diſcharge the Intereſt of the ſaid reſpective principal Debts, and the Annuities ſo charged thereon; then, and in every ſuch Caſe, and ſo often as the ſame ſhall happen, the Sum, which ſhall be wanting to complete the Payment and Diſcharge of ſuch Intereſt and Annuities, ſhall be advanced and paid out of the Chamber of the ſaid City, and be made good, and ſupplied out of the next Surpluſſes ariſing or to ariſe of the ſaid Fund.

Deficiencies in Payment of ſaid Intereſt or Annuities, to be paid out of the Chamber, and ſupplied out of the next Surpluſſes.

And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Sum of One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds, ſo to be raiſed and borrowed as aforeſaid, ſhall be iſſued and applied, and the ſame is hereby appropriated to and for the reſpective Uſes and Purpoſes herein after mentioned; (that is to ſay) A Sum not exceeding Fifty eight thouſand five hundred Pounds, Part of the ſaid Sum of One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds, ſhall be iſſued and applied for and towards the completing of the ſaid intended Bridge from Black Friars to the oppoſite Side in the ſaid County of Surrey; and for or towards making, widening, enlarging, and improving, Streets, Ways, and Paſſages, on each Side of the ſaid River, to and from the ſaid Bridge, according to the Powers given to the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, in and by the ſaid Act of the Twenty ninth Year of King George the Second, or in and by this preſent Act: And a Sum not exceeding Seven thouſand five hundred Pounds, other Part of the ſaid Sum of One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds,

Application of the Money raiſed.

Pounds, ſhall be iſſued and applied for or towards defraying the Expence of embanking ſo much of the North Side of the ſaid River, within the Limits aforeſaid, as ſhall by the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, be embanked by virtue of this preſent Act; the Reſidue of the ſaid Sum of Seven thouſand five hundred Pounds, if any, after defraying ſuch Expences, to be iſſued and applied in Manner herein after mentioned and directed, as Part of a Fund for lighting, watching, cleanſing, and repairing, the ſaid intended Bridge when built: And a Sum not exceeding Thirty thouſand Pounds, other Part of the ſaid Sum of One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds, ſhall be iſſued and applied, in the firſt Place, for or towards redeeming and purchaſing the ſaid Tolls, payable for the Paſſage over London Bridge, and the Leaſe thereof; and the Reſidue ſhall be placed out at Intereſt, upon ſuch Government or real Securities, or be laid out in the Purchaſe of the Freehold and Inheritance of ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as to the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall ſeem meet, in Truſt, for or towards the Uſes, Intents, and Purpoſes, to which the ſaid Tolls, or the Rents and Fines payable in reſpect thereof, are now applicable: And a Sum not exceeding Fifty thouſand Pounds, other Part of the ſaid Sum of One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds, ſhall be iſſued and applied for or towards the pulling down the ſaid Gaol of Newgate, and building a new Gaol inſtead thereof; and for or towards purchaſing ſuch Houſes and Lands as ſhall by the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, be judged neceſſary for the Purpoſe of rendering ſuch new Gaol more airy, extenſive, and commodious, or for making, widening, enlarging, or improving, any of the Streets, Ways, or Paſſages, adjoining or leading to the ſaid intended new Gaol and Seſſions Houſe: And a Sum not exceeding Ten thouſand Pounds, Reſidue of the ſaid Sum of One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds, ſhall be iſſued and applied for or towards the immediate and ſubſtantial Repairs of the ſaid Houſe or Building, called The Royal Exchange: And no Part of any of the ſaid ſeveral Sums ſhall be applicable or applied to or for any other Uſe, Intent, or Purpoſe whatſoever, than to or for, or towards, the ſeveral Purpoſes to which the ſame are ſo reſpectively appropriated by this Act; and if any Surplus ſhall remain of any of the ſaid Sums, over and above what ſhall be applied to the ſeveral

And to be applicable to no other Uſe;

and if any Surplus, to be applied to increaſe the Fund.

veral and reſpective Uſes and Purpoſes aforeſaid, all and every ſuch Surplus ſhall be applied and appropriated for or towards the Increaſe of the Fund by the ſaid Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King William and Queen Mary eſtabliſhed, and by the ſaid Act of the Twenty firſt Year of King George the Second and this preſent Act in Part continued and augmented as aforeſaid, to and for the ſeveral Uſes and Purpoſes thereof, by the ſaid Acts, or any of them, reſpectively declared or appointed.

City to pay an Annuity of 800*l.* towards the *Weſtminſter* Pavement,

And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, ſhall, and they are hereby required, yearly and every Year, to pay, or cauſe to be paid, to the Treaſurer, for the time being, of the Commiſſioners appointed by an Act of Parliament made in the Second Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, or to be appointed by any future Act of Parliament, for paving the City and Liberty of Weſtminſter, the Pariſhes of Saint Giles in the Fields, Saint George the Martyr, Saint George Bloomſbury, that Part of the Pariſh of Saint Andrew Holborn which lies in the County of Middleſex, the ſeveral Liberties of the Rolls and Savoy, and that Part of the Dutchy of Lancaſter which lies in County of Middleſex, or his Aſſigns, One or more Annuity or Annuities, or yearly Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding the yearly Sum of Eight hundred Pounds in the Whole, by equal Half-yearly Payments; that is to ſay, On the Twenty fifth Day of March, and Twenty ninth Day of September, in every Year; the firſt Payment thereof to begin and be made upon the Twenty fifth Day of March, which will be in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty eight: And that the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, ſhall, and they are hereby required, yearly and every Year, to pay, or cauſe to be paid, unto the Treaſurer, for the time being, of the Commiſſioners appointed by an Act of the Sixth Year of his ſaid preſent Majeſty's Reign, or to be appointed by any future Act of Parliament for paving the Town and Borough of Southwark, and Parts adjacent, or his Aſſigns, One or more Annuity or Annuities, or yearly Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding the yearly Sum of Four hundred and eighty Pounds in the Whole, by like equal Half-yearly Payments; that is to ſay, On the Twenty fifth Day of March, and Twenty ninth Day of September, in every Year; the firſt Payment thereof to begin and be made on the ſaid Twenty fifth Day of March, which will be in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty eight

of 480*l.* towards the Borough Pavement,

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aforeſaid: Two Third Parts of which Annuity or Annuities ſhall be applied to the Uſe of the Weſtern Diviſion, and the other Third Part to the Uſe of the Eaſtern Diviſion, deſcribed in the ſaid Act.

and for that Purpoſe to iſſue Bonds under their Common Seal.

And be it further enacted, That for ſecuring the Payment of the ſaid reſpective Annuities to the reſpective Commiſſioners aforeſaid, in Manner above-mentioned, the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, ſhall make and execute, under the Common Seal of the ſaid City, and deliver unto the Treaſurer for the time being of the ſaid Commiſſioners for paving the Streets within the City and Liberty of Weſtminſter, and Pariſhes adjacent, One or more Bond or Bonds (the Number thereof to be at the Option of the ſaid Commiſſioners) and that the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, ſhall be therein bound to the Treaſurer for the time being to the ſaid Commiſſioners, in ſome penal Sum or Sums, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Twenty thouſand Pounds, to be paid to the ſaid Treaſurer, or his Aſſigns, with Condition, that ſuch Bond or Bonds ſhall be void on Payment of the ſaid Annuity or Annuities of Eight hundred Pounds per Annum as aforeſaid, or on Redemption of ſuch Annuity or Annuities on the Terms and in Manner herein after expreſſed; and that the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, ſhall, in like Manner, make and execute, under the Common Seal of the ſaid City, and deliver unto the Treaſurer for the time being of the ſaid Commiſſioners for paving the Streets within the ſaid Town and Borough of Southwark, One or more Bond or Bonds (the Number thereof to be at the Option of the ſaid Commiſſioners) and that the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, ſhall be therein bound to the ſaid Treaſurer for the time being to the ſaid laſt named Commiſſioners, in ſome penal Sum or Sums, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Twelve thouſand Pounds, to be paid to the ſaid Treaſurer, or his Aſſigns, with Condition, that ſuch Bond or Bonds ſhall be void on Payment of the ſaid Annuity or Annuities of Four hundred and eighty Pounds per Annum as aforeſaid, or on the Redemption of ſuch Annuity or Annuities on the Terms and in Manner herein after expreſſed.

Bonds (if more than One) to be numbered,

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the ſaid Bonds (if more than One) ſo to be executed and delivered to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Commiſſioners for paving the Streets within the ſaid City and Liberty of Weſtminſter, and Pariſhes adjacent, ſhall be numbered

bered in arithmetical Progreſſion, beginning at Number One; and the ſaid Bonds (if more than One) ſo to be executed and delivered to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Commiſſioners for paving the Streets within the ſaid Town and Borough of Southwark, ſhall be numbered in like Manner; and all the ſaid Bonds ſhall be reſpectively aſſignable by proper Words to be written or endorſed thereon, and ſhall or may be ſold, or diſpoſed of, by the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively; and the Monies ariſing by ſuch Sale, and in the mean Time the Annuities to ariſe from ſuch Bonds, ſhall reſpectively be appropriated and applied towards the Execution of the ſeveral Truſts which the ſaid Commiſſioners are or ſhall, by any ſuch Act or Acts, reſpectively be authorized or required to execute, or cauſe to be executed, and to or for no other Uſe or Purpoſe whatſoever.

and aſſignable by Endorſement.

Annuities to be redeemable by the City, on Notice.

Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That the ſaid Annuities ſhall, from time to time (until the Whole ſhall be redeemed) be redeemable by the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, either wholly, or in Part, according to their numerical Order, without Preference or Partiality, upon Six Calendar Months Notice for that Purpoſe, to be firſt publiſhed in the London Gazette; at the Expiration of which Time, the Proprietors of ſuch Annuity or Annuities ſhall, upon delivering up to the Chamberlain of the ſaid City of London, for the time being, at his Office in the Guildhall of the ſame City, the ſaid Bond or Bonds ſo given for the ſame, be intitled to receive from the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, the Sum of One hundred Pounds, for and in full Satisfaction and Redemption of every Four Pounds of ſuch Annuity or Annuities; which Annuity or Annuities ſhall, from and after the End of the ſaid Six Months, ceaſe, and be no longer paid or payable; any thing to be in ſuch Bond or Bonds contained to the contrary thereof, in any ways notwithſtanding.

Tolls of *London Bridge* and *Black Fryars Bridge* to ceaſe on the City's being reimburſed ſaid Annuities, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every the Tolls which are or ſhall be payable, by virtue of any Act of Parliament or Preſcription, for the Paſſage over London Bridge, and for the Paſſage over the ſaid intended Bridge at Black Fryars, ſhall have Continuance, and be paid and payable to the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, until they ſhall, by and out of the nett Produce thereof to ariſe or accrue from and after the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy (after deducting the Charges of the Collection thereof, and the Charges which will attend the making and executing the

Bonds

Bonds by this Act directed to be given, and the obtaining and paſſing of this preſent Act, which they are hereby authorized to retain) receive and be reimburſed, all ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as they ſhall have advanced in Payment of the ſaid Annuities, or for the Redemption thereof, together with Intereſt for the Money ſo advanced at and after the Rate of Four Pounds per Centum per Annum; but from and immediately after ſuch Reimburſement ſhall have been made and completed, the ſaid Tolls ſhall ceaſe and determine, and be no longer paid or payable; any Law, Statute, or Preſcription, to the contrary thereof, in any ways notwithſtanding.

Ground embanked to veſt in the ſaid Owners.

And be it further enacted, That the Ground and Soil of the ſaid River ſo to be incloſed and embanked, in the Front of every ſuch reſpective Wharf or Ground (and which ſhall be bounded on the Eaſt and Weſt Sides thereof by ſtraight Lines running, at Right Angles, to and upon the ſaid intended Front Line) ſhall veſt, and the ſame is hereby veſted in the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, of ſuch adjoining Wharf or Ground, according to his, her, or their reſpective Eſtates, Truſts, or Intereſts therein, free from all Taxes and Aſſeſſments whatſoever.

The Ground to be embanked by the Owners, ſubject to a Quit-rent of 1*q.* *per* Foot;

And, in order to provide a Fund for defraying the Expences of lighting, watching, cleanſing, and repairing, the ſaid intended Bridge when built, be it further enacted, That the Ground and Soil of the ſaid River, which by virtue of this Act ſhall be ſo incloſed and embanked, ſhall, from and after the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, be for ever ſubject to, and the ſame is hereby charged with, the following yearly Quit-rents; that is to ſay, As to ſo much thereof as ſhall be ſo incloſed and embanked by or at the Expence of the reſpective Owners or Proprietors of the adjoining Wharfs or Grounds, to and with a yearly Quit-rent of One Farthing Sterling per Foot, ſuperficial Meaſure, for every ſuperficial Foot thereof; and as to ſo much of the ſaid Ground and Soil as ſhall be ſo incloſed and embanked by Order and at the Expence of the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, as aforeſaid, to and with a yearly Quit-rent of One Penny Sterling per Foot, ſuperficial Meaſure, for every ſuperficial Foot thereof; which ſaid yearly Quit-rents ſhall be, and the ſame are hereby veſted in and payable to the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, for ever, to and for the Uſes, Intents, and Purpoſes, herein after

and if by the City, to a Quit-rent of 1*d.* *per* Foot.

after mentioned, of and concerning the ſame; and ſhall be yearly paid and payable into the Receipt of the Chamber of the ſaid City of London, upon the Twenty fifth Day of March, and Twenty ninth Day of September, in every Year, by even and equal Portions; the firſt of ſuch Payments to begin and be made upon ſuch of the ſaid Days as ſhall firſt and next happen after ſuch reſpective Embankments ſhall have been finiſhed and completed.

Tenants by Leaſe to pay ſaid Quit-rents;

And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Quit-rents ſo charged upon, and payable in reſpect of, the Ground and Soil of the ſaid River, lying oppoſite and contiguous to any Wharfs or Grounds, which, at the Time of ſuch reſpective Embankments, ſhall be held by any Tenant or Tenants, by virtue of or under any Leaſe or Leaſes thereof, or any Agreement or Agreements in Writing, ſhall, during the Continuance of the Term or Intereſt of ſuch Tenant or Tenants therein reſpectively, be paid and payable by ſuch Tenant or Tenants, over and above the Rents reſerved and made payable by ſuch Leaſe or Leaſes, Agreement or Agreements, reſpectively.

and in caſe of Embankment by the Landlord, to pay

Provided always, That where the ſaid Ground and Soil of the River, oppoſite and contiguous to any of the ſaid Wharfs or Grounds, ſhall be incloſed or embanked, by or at the Charge of the Landlord or Landlords of ſuch Wharf or Ground reſpectively, the Tenant or Tenants thereof, holding under ſuch Leaſe or Leaſes, Agreement or Agreements, ſhall, during the Continuance of his, her, or their Term or Intereſt therein, pay unto his, her, or their reſpective Landlord or Landlords, over and above the ſaid Quit-rent, and the Rent or Rents reſerved and made payable by ſuch Leaſe or Leaſes, Agreement or Agreements, an additional yearly Rent of Three Farthings per Foot, ſuperficial Meaſure, for every ſuperficial Foot contained in the Ground and Soil ſo incloſed and embanked for him, her, or them reſpectively; which additional Rent or Rents ſhall commence and take place at the ſame Time as the Quit-rents hereby reſerved and made payable to the Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, of the ſaid City, are directed to take place, and ſhall be paid and payable, and ſhall and may be recovered, in ſuch and the like Manner as the ſaid original Rent or Rents is or are reſerved and recoverable by or under ſuch Leaſe or Leaſes, Agreement or Agreements; any thing therein contained to the contrary thereof in any ways notwithſtanding.

an additional Rent of 3 q. *per* Foot.

Provided

Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That in all Caſes not herein before mentioned and provided for, the Tenant or Tenants of any of the ſaid Wharfs or Grounds ſhall and may pay into the Receipt of the Chamber of the ſaid City, the Quit-rent hereby made payable in reſpect of the Ground and Soil oppoſite and contiguous to his, her, or their reſpective Wharfs or Grounds, and deduct the ſame out of the Rent or Rents which he, ſhe, or they, ſhall be liable to pay to his, her, or their reſpective Landlord or Landlords; and, upon Payment of ſuch Quit-rents, ſhall be acquitted and diſcharged of ſo much Money as the ſame ſhall amount unto, as if the ſame had actually been paid to ſuch Landlord or Landlords: And if any Difference ſhall ariſe between Landlord and Tenant, or any other Perſon, concerning the ſaid Quit-rent, or any Part thereof, the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City of London ſhall have, and they are hereby inveſted with, full Power to hear the ſame in a ſummary Way, upon Petition of either of the Parties, and Fourteen Days Notice to the other Parties intereſted, and finally to determine the ſame.

Tenants indemnified for their Payments to the City.

Mayor and Aldermen to determine Differences between Landlord and Tenant,

14 Days Notice.

Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That if the ſaid yearly Quit-rent, or any Part thereof, ſhall happen to be behind or unpaid, by the Space of Forty Days next over or after either of the ſaid Days herein before appointed for Payment thereof; then, and in every ſuch Caſe, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, into and upon the Premiſſes, in reſpect of which ſuch yearly Quit-rent, or any Part thereof, ſhall ſo be in Arrear, to enter, and the ſame to hold, uſe, occupy, poſſeſs, and enjoy, and the Rents and Profits thereof to take, until thereby, or otherwiſe, the ſaid yearly Quit-rent ſo due and in Arrear for the ſame, together with the Coſts and Charges of ſuch Entry and Poſſeſſion, ſhall be fully paid and ſatisfied.

City, in caſe of Non-payment, to enter and poſſeſs.

Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That the ſaid yearly Quit-rent, by this Act reſerved and made payable, and every or any Part thereof, ſhall be redeemable, upon Payment to the Chamberlain of the ſaid City for the time being of the Price or Value thereof, to be computed and eſtimated at and after the Rate of Twenty Years Purchaſe, together with all Arrears of the ſaid yearly Quit-rent, to be computed pro rata to the Day of ſuch Payment or Tender.

Quit-rents redeemable.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend to vacate or ſet

Agreements with the Societies of the *Middle* and *Inner Temple* not to be vacated,

aſide any Agreement which hath been, or ſhall be, made between the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, or any Committee of them, or their Agent or Agents, and the Benchers of the Two Honourable Societies of the Middle Temple and Inner Temple, or either of them, with reſpect to the ſaid Embankment, or any Payment or other Matter relating thereunto; but ſuch Agreement or Agreements ſhall be duly carried into Execution; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

or their Franchiſes abridged.

Provided alſo, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend to take away, alter, or abridge, any Right, Claim, Privilege, Franchiſe, Exemption, or Immunity, to which the ſaid Societies, or either of them, are now by Law intitled; but the ſame ſhall remain and continue in ſuch Force and Effect as if this Act had never been made.

Redemption Money and Reſidue of ſaid 7,500 *l.* to be placed out at Intereſt;

And be it further enacted, That all the Monies which ſhall be ſo paid for the Redemption or Purchaſe of any Part of the ſaid Quit-rents, and alſo the Reſidue (if any) of the ſaid Sum of Seven thouſand five hundred Pounds (Part of the ſaid Sum of One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds, to be borrowed and raiſed as aforeſaid) which may remain after defraying the Expence of the Embankments ſo to be made by Order of the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall be placed out at Intereſt, upon real or Government Securities, in the Name of the Chamberlain, Comptroller, and Town Clerk, of the ſaid City for the time being: And the Intereſt or Dividends of the ſaid Sums ſo to be placed out at Intereſt, which ſhall accrue before the ſaid Twenty ninth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy; and the ſaid Quit-rents, which in that Time ſhall become due and payable; ſhall, in like Manner, be placed out at Intereſt, in addition to the ſaid Principal Sums; and the Intereſt or Dividends of the ſaid accumulated Sums, together with the Quit-rents which ſhall not be redeemed, and ſhall accrue from and after the ſaid Twenty ninth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy, ſhall, from time to time, be iſſued and applied, and the ſame are hereby appropriated, to, for, or towards, the lighting, watching, cleanſing, and repairing, the ſaid intended Bridge at Black Fryars, and to or for no other Uſe, Intent, or Purpoſe whatſoever.

and ſaid Intereſt and Quit-rents

appropriated to the lighting the new Bridge.

And, to the end that the ſeveral Sums of Money hereby appointed and appropriated to the reſpective Uſes and

and Purpoſes herein beforementioned and preſcribed, may be duly applied to ſuch Uſes accordingly, and to no other, be it further enacted, That there ſhall, from time to time, be provided and kept by the Chamberlain of the ſaid City of London for the time being, One or more Book or Books of Vellum or Parchment, in which all the Monies to be received of the ſaid Fund, by the ſaid Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King William and Queen Mary eſtabliſhed, and by the ſaid Act of the Twenty firſt Year of King George the Second and this preſent Act in Part continued and augmented, ſhall, from time to time, as the ſame ſhall be received, be entered and ſet down; and ſuch Entry ſhall ſpecify for what the ſame was received; and alſo one other like Book or Books, wherein the Accounts of all Payments and Diſburſements out of the ſame ſhall be likewiſe entered and ſet down, expreſſing the Time when, the Occaſion for which, and the Name of the Perſon or Perſons to whom, the ſame were ſo paid and diſburſed; and that the Accounts of ſuch Receipts and Payments be audited yearly upon Oath, before One of the Auditors of the Impreſt for the time being (which Oath the ſaid Auditors reſpectively are hereby required to adminiſter) between the Feaſt Days of Saint Michael the Archangel and Saint Thomas the Apoſtle; and the ſaid Auditor ſhall have and receive of the Chamberlain of the ſaid City of London for the time being the Sum of Twenty Shillings, and no more, for every Thouſand Pounds the ſaid Account ſhall amount to; which Accounts, ſo audited, ſhall be ſigned by the Auditor, and be allowed alſo by the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City of London: And there ſhall alſo be provided and kept by the ſaid Chamberlain, One or more Book or Books of Vellum or Parchment, in which all the Monies, which by virtue of this preſent Act ſhall be raiſed or borrowed upon the Credit of the Fund aforeſaid, ſhall, from time to time, as the ſame ſhall be received, be entered and ſet down; and wherein alſo all the Monies to be paid and diſburſed out of the Monies to be received ſhall, from time to time, be entered and ſet down; and ſuch Entry ſhall expreſs the Time when, the Occaſions for which, and the Names of the Perſons to whom, the ſame ſhall be ſo paid; the Account of which ſaid laſt mentioned Receipts and Payments ſhall be yearly audited and allowed by the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled: And there ſhall alſo be provided and kept by the ſaid Chamberlain One or more Book

Chamberlain to keep Accounts of Receipts and Diſburſements, for public Inſpection.

or Books of Vellum or Parchment, in which all the Monies to be received from any of the Tolls which, from and after the ſaid Twenty ninth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy, ſhall be payable for the Paſſage over London Bridge, or for the Paſſage of the ſaid intended Bridge at Black Friars, ſhall, from time to time, as the ſame ſhall be received, be entered and ſet down; and wherein alſo all the Monies to be paid or diſburſed of the Monies ſo received ſhall, from time to time, be entered and ſet down; and ſuch Entry ſhall expreſs the Times when, the Occaſions for which, and the Names of the Perſons to whom, the ſame ſhall be ſo paid; the Account of which laſt mentioned Receipts and Payments ſhall be yearly audited and allowed by the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City; and the ſaid ſeveral Books ſhall remain in the Chamber of the ſaid City of London, to be peruſed and inſpected gratis by any Perſon or Perſons at any Time or Times (Sundays or other Holidays excepted) in the Forenoon, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve.

Common Council impowered to appoint Officers.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, and they are hereby authorized and impowered, from time to time, to nominate and appoint ſuch and ſo many Clerks and other Officers under them as ſhall be neceſſary to be employed in or about the Execution of all or any the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and out of the ſaid Monies to be raiſed by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, to make ſuch Allowances to the ſaid Clerks and Officers reſpectively, for their Care and Pains in the Execution of their reſpective Offices, as they ſhall think reaſonable; any thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof in any ways notwithſtanding.

Officers concerned in the Receipt of Money, to give Security.

And be it further enacted, That all and every Officer and Officers, or other Perſon or Perſons whatever, concerned, or to be concerned, in the Receipt of any of the Sums of Money by this Act appropriated to the Uſes aforeſaid, before he or they ſhall be admitted to take upon him or them the Execution of any of the ſaid Office or Offices, ſhall be bound with ſufficient Sureties to the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, for the juſt and faithful Execution of ſuch Office or Employment, in ſuch reaſonable Sum or Sums as by the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen ſhall be thought fitting, having Regard to the Truſt repoſed, or to be repoſed, in ſuch Officer or Officers.

And

And be it further enacted, That if any Chamberlain of the ſaid City of London, or other Officer or Perſon aforeſaid, ſhall, after Receipt of any of the ſaid Monies, divert or miſapply the ſame, or any Part thereof, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; then ſuch Chamberlain or other Officer, or Perſon aforeſaid, ſo diverting or miſapplying the ſaid Money, ſhall forfeit Treble the Sum ſo miſapplied; which ſaid Forfeitures ſhall be recovered by any of the ſaid Orphans and other Creditors of the ſaid City, claiming under or by virtue of the ſaid Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King William and Queen Mary, or by the Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, of any of them, who ſhall ſue for the ſame by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record, wherein no Eſſoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, ſhall be allowed. Penalty on Officers miſapplying any of the ſaid Monies.

And be it further enacted, That if any of the ſaid Sums by this Act appropriated, or any Part thereof, ſhall happen to be miſapplied or converted to any other Uſe than as aforeſaid, by the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of London, for the time being, or any of their Officers, or any other Perſon, by Colour of any Warrant or Authority by, from, or under them; then, and in ſuch Caſe, the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, ſhall be anſwerable for the ſame, out of the Revenues of the ſaid Corporation, in any Action to be brought by any of the ſaid Creditors, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns; which ſaid Sum ſo recovered ſhall be applied to the ſame Uſes as the ſame Sums (if not miſapplied) ſhould or might have been; excepting the Coſts of Suit, which ſhall be to and for the Benefit of him, her, or them, ſo ſuing. City anſwerable in caſe of any Miſapplication by them.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Amerciaments, Fines, Iſſues, or Diſtreſſes, againſt the ſaid Corporation of the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, had, charged, or levied, in or upon account of ſuch Suits or Actions brought, ſhall be applied to the Uſes aforeſaid, and to no other Uſe whatſoever; nor ſhall the ſame be pardoned, acquitted, or diſcharged, by any Letters of Signet, Privy Seal of His Majeſty, His Heirs, or Succeſſors, or otherwiſe howſoever; any Law or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding. Amerciaments, &c. againſt the City to be applicable to the Uſes of this Act, and not to be diſcharged, &c.

And be it further enacted, That the Chamberlain of the ſaid City of London, for the time being, ſhall, within the Firſt Seſſion of the next Parliament, lay before each Houſe of Parliament an Account of the Surplus which ſhall have Chamberlain to lay Accounts before Parliament annually.

ariſen between the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, and Twenty ninth Day of September, in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty eight, of and from the ſaid Fund eſtabliſhed by the ſaid Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King William and Queen Mary, and in Part further continued and augmented by the ſaid Act of the Twenty firſt Year of King George the Second and this preſent Act, and how much of the ſaid Surplus ſhall have been applied to the Payment of the ſaid reſpective Principal Sums, and how much of ſuch Principal Sums ſhall then remain unpaid; and alſo an Account of the Diſburſements within that Time of the ſaid Sum of One hundred and fifty ſix thouſand Pounds, or of ſo much thereof as ſhall have then been raiſed and borrowed; and alſo an Account of the Receipts of, and Payments out of the ſaid Tolls, within the ſame Time; and ſhall, in each ſucceeding Year, lay before each Houſe of Parliament, the like Accounts for the Year, ending the Twenty ninth Day of September then laſt paſt.

Bonds, &c. directed by this Act, not chargeable with any Duty.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Bond, Note, Contract, Agreement, Aſſignment, Entry, Copy, or Proceeding, by this Act directed or authorized to be executed, made, or given, ſhall be charged or chargeable, or ſubject or liable to any Duty whatſoever.

This Act not to affect any of the City's preſent Creditors.

Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend, to leſſen or affect the Security of any of the preſent Creditors of the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, further or otherwiſe, than is herein expreſsly directed and enacted.

Limitation of Actions.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, 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, every ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be laid or brought within Six Calendar Months next after the Fact done, and ſhall be laid or brought in the ſaid City of London, 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 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 City, County, or Place, than as aforeſaid, then the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants;

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ants; or if the Plaintiff or Party ſhall become non-ſuited, or ſuffer a Diſcontinuance of his, her, or their Action or Actions, or if Judgement ſhall be given againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the ſaid 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 by the Authority aforeſaid, That this Act ſhall be allowed in all Courts whatſoever, as a Public Act; and all Judges, Juſtices, or other Perſons, are hereby required to take Notice thereof as ſuch, without ſpecial Pleading. Publick Act.

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