Anno ſeptimo

Georgii III. Regis.

An Act for continuing the Duty of Two Pennies *Scots*, or a Sixth Part of a Penny Sterling, upon every *Scots* Pint of Ale and Beer which ſhall be brewed for Sale, brought into, tapped, or ſold, within the Town of *Burrowſtounneſs* and Liberties thereof, in the County of *Linlithgow*, and for extending the ſame over the Pariſh of *Burrowſtounneſs*; for repairing the Harbour of the ſaid Town, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS by an Act paſſed in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King George the Second, intituled, An Act for laying a Duty of Two Pennies *Scots*, or a Sixth Part of a Penny Sterling, upon every *Scots* Pint of Ale and Beer which ſhall be brewed for Sale, brought into, tapped, or ſold, within the Town of *Burrowſtounneſs* and Liberties thereof, in the County of *Linlithgow*, for repairing the Harbour of the ſaid Town; it was enacted, Preamble, reciting Acts 17 *Geo.* II.

enacted, That from and after the Firſt Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and forty four, for the Term of Twenty five Years, and to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament, there ſhould be laid an Impoſition or Duty of Two Pennies Scots, or a Sixth Part of a Penny Sterling (over and above the Duty of Exciſe paid or payable to His then Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors) upon every Scots Pint of Ale and Beer that ſhould be either brewed, brought in, tapped, or ſold, within the ſaid Town of Burrowſtounneſs, or the Liberties thereof; and that the ſaid Impoſition or Duty ſhould be paid and made payable by the Brewers for Sale, or Venders or Sellers of the ſaid Ale and Beer, to the ſeveral Perſons thereby nominated and appointed Truſtees for clearing, deepening, rebuilding, repairing, and improving, the ſaid Harbour and Piers, and alſo for putting in Execution all other the Powers given in and by the ſaid Act: And whereas the Revenue ariſing from the ſaid Duty hath been applied towards repairing and improving the Harbour of the ſaid Town, and very great Additions and Improvements have been made on the ſaid Harbour, whereby the ſaid Truſtees have expended all the Money ariſing from the ſaid Duty, and have contracted a conſiderable Debt upon the Credit of the ſaid Duty, which cannot be diſcharged without a Continuation of the Term already granted for collecting the ſame; and further Improvements are ſtill wanting in the ſaid Harbour, to render the ſame commodious for the many Perſons making uſe thereof, and for preſerving the Repairs and Improvements already made from going to Decay: And whereas the Shipping reſorting to the ſaid Harbour have very much encreaſed ſince the ſaid Act of Parliament; and a Ship Maſter or Harbour Maſter is very much wanted, for regulating and preſerving the Shipping of the ſaid Harbour; and there are many Coal and Salt Works near adjoining to the ſaid Town, which make a great Addition to the Trade thereof; and ſeveral Engines neceſſary for carrying on theſe Works have been erected within theſe few Years, which have entirely drained every Spring Well of Water in the ſaid Town, whereby the Inhabitants are obliged to bring their Water from a conſiderable Diſtance, and at a great Expence; and the Streets of the ſaid Town ſtand in need of great Repair; and, from the Increaſe of the Trade and Populouſneſs thereof, the ſeveral Ave-

nues leading into the ſaid Town very much require to be opened and made wider, in order to render the Town more convenient for the Inhabitants, Traders, and others, frequenting the ſame: And whereas ſeveral Doubts have ariſen whether the Inhabitants of that Part of the Pariſh of Burrowſtounneſs which is not contained within the Town, are not exempted from the Payment of the ſaid Duty, although they enjoy almoſt every Advantage equal with the Inhabitants thereof; To the End therefore that the ſaid Harbour may be effectually repaired, and a Ship-maſter appointed for regulating the Shipping in the ſaid Harbour, and that the ſaid Town may be ſupplied with freſh Water, and the Streets thereof repaired, and the Avenues leading into the ſaid Town be widened and rendered more commodious; May it pleaſe Your Majeſty, that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That the ſaid Duty or Impoſition of Two Pennies Scots, or a Sixth Part of a Penny Sterling, ſo granted by the ſaid Act paſſed in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King George the Second, ſhall be, and the ſame is hereby continued and made payable, over and above the Duties of Exciſe to be paid or payable to His Majeſty, His Heirs, or Succeſſors, for and during the further Term of Twenty five Years, to be computed from the Expiration of the Term granted by the ſaid former Act, and to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament; and that the ſaid Impoſition or Duty ſhall be paid and made payable by the Brewers for Sale, or Venders or Sellers of all ſuch Ale and Beer, for and during the ſaid additional Term, to the preſent Truſtees, or any Eight or more of them, by virtue of or under the ſaid recited Act of Parliament, and to their Aſſigns or Collectors. Preſent Duty continued,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, until the Twenty fourth Day of June, in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty nine, and from thence during the Term of Twenty five Years, and to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament, there ſhall be laid the like Impoſition or Duty of Two Pen- and extended to the Pariſh;

nies Scots, or a Sixth Part of a Penny Sterling (over and above the Duty of Excise paid or payable to His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors) upon every Scots Pint of Ale and Beer, that shall be either brewed, brought into, tapped, or sold, within that Part of the said Parish of Burrowstounneſs which is not comprehended within the said Town and Liberties; and that the said Imposition or Duty shall be paid, and made payable, by the Brewers, or Venders, or Sellers, of all such Ale and Beer, to the said Trustees, and their Assigns and Collectors.

payable according to former Act:

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, the said Duty of Two Pennies Scots, or a Sixth Part of a Penny Sterling, upon every Scots Pint of Ale and Beer that shall be either brewed, brought into, tapped, or sold, within the said Town and Parish of Burrowstounneſs, or any Part thereof, shall be raised, levied, collected, paid, and made payable, to the said Trustees, in and by the same Means and Methods, and by and under such Rules and Directions, and under the same Penalties, Forfeitures, and Powers, as are prescribed, mentioned, and expressed, in the said recited Act, for, relating to, or concerning, the Duty payable by the said Act; and that the said Act, and every Article, Rule, Clause, Matter, and Thing, therein contained (except the Clause relating to the Overseers) shall be of equal Force and Effect to all Intents and Purposes, for the chusing of new Trustees, and for raising, collecting, securing, disposing, accounting for, and levying, the said Duty, in and upon the said Town and Parish of Burrowstounneſs, during the said Term aforesaid, as if the Whole of the said Parish of Burrowstounneſs had been comprehended, mentioned in, and subject to, the Payment of such Duty by the said Act of Parliament, as fully as if the same were particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this present Act, and extended to the Parish of Burrowstounneſs as aforesaid.

Application thereof.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Money so to be raised and collected, by virtue of this Act, is, and hereby shall be vested in the said Trustees, and the Survivor of them; and the same, and every Part thereof, shall be paid, applied, disposed of, or assigned to and for the several Purposes of

of repairing, improving, and preſerving the ſaid Harbour, and for ſupplying the ſaid Town with freſh Water, and for widening the Streets of the ſaid Town, and the Avenues leading into the ſame, and alſo for putting in Execution all other the Powers in and by this Act given; the reaſonable Charges expended or to be expended in, about, or by reaſon of, paſſing this preſent Act of Parliament, being firſt deducted.

And whereas, for the regulating of the Shipping, and better Direction thereof, in the laying, mooring, or anchoring, of any Ship or Veſſel, or loading, ſhipping, or diſcharging, of Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, or in regard to the heaving out, or delivering, or taking in Ballaſt, and the Government of the Shipping in all other Reſpects whatſoever within the ſaid Harbour, it is extremely neceſſary that a proper Perſon ſhould be appointed Harbour-maſter for that Purpoſe, and that the Rules, Orders, and Directions, of ſuch Harbour-maſter ſhould be ſtrictly adhered to and obeyed, not only to prevent Confuſion therein, but alſo as tending greatly to the Safety and Preſervation of all Shipping coming into, laying, anchoring, or mooring within, the ſaid Harbour; be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Truſtees, or any Eight or more of them, from time to time, and at all Times hereafter, during the Continuance of this preſent Act, and they, or any Eight or more of them, are hereby authorized and impowered, by any Writing under their Hands and Seals, to nominate, authorize, and appoint, ſuch Perſon as they ſhall think fit, and for ſuch Term as to them ſhall ſeem expedient, (with ſuch Allowance or Salary out of the ſaid Duties as they ſhall think fit, not exceeding Thirty Pounds Sterling Money per Annum) to be Harbour-maſter; and it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Harbour-maſter, ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, from time to time, and at all Times hereafter, to give ſuch Orders and Directions to all Ships, Veſſels, or Boats, as do, or ſhall, or may, at any Time or Times hereafter, come or lay within the ſaid Harbour, for their laying, mooring, anchoring, loading, ſhipping, or diſcharging, of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, or in regard to the heaving out, or delivering, or taking in, Ballaſt, and the Government of the Shipping in all other Reſpects whatſoever, within the ſaid Harbour, as to him ſhall ſeem reaſonable and meet: And that if the

Harbour-maſter to be appointed.

Owner

Owner or Owners, Maſter or Commander, of any Ship or Veſſel, or Boat, ſhall diſobey ſuch Order or Orders, or Directions given him or them by ſuch Harbour-maſter, or ſhall refuſe or neglect to obey and comply therewith; ſuch Owner or Owners, Maſter or Commander, of all or any Ship or Veſſel, Wherry or Boat, ſo diſobeying, refuſing, or neglecting, to obey and comply therewith, ſhall, for every ſuch Diſobedience of ſuch Order or Orders, Direction or Directions, Refuſal or Neglect, forfeit and pay unto the ſaid Truſtees, or any Three or more of them, for the Repairs or Improvements of the ſaid Harbour, the Sum of Ten Pounds Sterling Money; which ſaid Sum, ſo forfeited, ſhall, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any Three or more of the ſaid Truſtees, be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of all or any Part of the Tackle, Furniture, and Apparel, of ſuch Ship or Ships, Veſſel or Veſſels, which ſhall be anchored, moored, and laid contrary to, or againſt the Order, Direction, or Appointment, of, the Perſon ſo as aforeſaid appointed for the ordering thereof, tendering the Overplus thereof to the Owner, the Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale being firſt deducted; And alſo, that in caſe of the Diſobedience of ſuch Orders or Directions of the ſaid Harbour-maſter; it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Harbour-maſter, immediately to unmoor ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and to remove or cauſe to be removed ſuch Ship or Veſſel, Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, to ſuch Place and Mooring as to him ſhall ſeem convenient and proper, the Expence whereof ſhall be defrayed by the ſaid Harbour-maſter, and ſhall be repaid by the Owner or Owners, Maſter or Commander, of every ſuch Ship or Veſſel; and in caſe of Refuſal to repay the ſame, ſhall be levied and recovered of ſuch Owner or Owners, Maſter or Commander, of every ſuch Ship or Veſſel, in like Manner, and by the like Ways and Means, as aforeſaid.

Penalty of Maſters of Veſſels not complying with Orders.

Power to cut Ropes.

And be it alſo enacted, That in caſe any Maſter or Commander, or other Perſon on Board of any Ship or Veſſel, which ſhall be moored within the ſaid Harbour, ſhall at any Time, upon a flowing Tide, refuſe or neglect, upon Demand of the Harbour-maſter, to unlooſe or ſlacken the Rope or Ropes by which ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be ſo moored, to give a convenient Paſſage to any other Ship or Veſſel, which ſhall be coming into, or going out of, the ſaid Harbour; or in caſe there ſhall

be no Perſon on Board any ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſo moored, or who ſhall anſwer to the Call of the Harbour-maſter for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Harbour-maſter to cut the Rope or Ropes, by which ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be ſo moored as aforeſaid, in order to give a convenient Paſſage for the Ship or Veſſel which ſhall be ſo coming into or going out of the ſaid Harbour.

Appeal to juſtices or Truſtees.

Provided always, That in caſe any Owner or Owners, Maſter or Commander of any Ship, or Veſſel, or Boat, or any other Perſon, ſhall think himſelf or herſelf aggrieved by any ſuch Orders or Directions given by ſuch Harbour-maſter, or the Unmooring or Removal of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, or of ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, or the cutting of any ſuch Ropes; it ſhall and may be lawful to and for him, her, or them, within the Space of Twelve Hours after ſuch Order or Orders, Direction or Directions given, or Proceedings therein had, and ſuch Penalty incurred, or cutting of any ſuch Ropes, to appeal or complain to any Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of Linlithgow, or to any Three or more of the ſaid Truſtees for the time being; which Juſtices or Truſtees reſpectively, are hereby required and authorized immediately to hear the Matter of the ſaid Appeal or Complaint, and to determine upon the Examination of Witneſſes upon Oath (which Oath the ſaid Juſtices or Truſtees are hereby impowered and required to adminiſter) the Matter of the Appeal or Complaint of any ſuch Perſon or Perſons in a ſummary Way; and if they ſee Cauſe, may, by their Order, revoke or diſannul, at their Diſcretion, all or any ſuch Orders, Directions, and Proceedings, of ſuch Harbour-maſter, or mitigate the ſaid Penalty, or vacate or ſet aſide the ſame, and ſet the Parties at Liberty, or recompenſe him, her, or them, for the Damages in cutting ſuch Rope or Ropes, or otherwiſe may ratify and confirm the Acts of the ſaid Harbour-maſter in cutting ſuch Rope or Ropes, and all other his Order or Orders, Direction or Directions, or Proceedings, with ſuch Coſts and Charges, as to ſuch Juſtices or Truſtees ſhall ſeem reaſonable, and to make ſuch Orders and Judgements in regard to the ſame, or give ſuch other Relief to the Parties, as they ſhall think right or reaſonable.

And whereas there is, in the Neighbourhood of the ſaid Town of Burrowſtounneſs, a Spring or Well of Water, called Saint John's Well, which would be of great Utility, if Power was given to the ſaid Truſtees to contract and agree with the Owner or Proprietor of the ſaid Spring or Well, and with the Owners or Proprietors of any other Spring or Well within One Mile of the ſaid Town, for the Liberty of collecting, receiving, and conveying, the ſaid Spring or Springs into the ſaid Town, and building Ciſterns and Reſervoirs for that Purpoſe; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, or any Eight or more of them, to contract and agree with the Owners or Proprietors of the ſaid Spring, or of any other Springs, within One Mile of the ſaid Town, for the Liberty of collecting, receiving, and conveying, the ſaid Spring or Springs, and building Ciſterns and Reſervoirs for that Purpoſe; and to pay ſuch Rate and Conſideration for the ſame, as ſhall be agreed upon between the ſaid Truſtees, or any Eight or more of them, and the Owners or Proprietors of ſuch Spring or Springs, either by abſolute Purchaſe, or by Payment of a certain annual Sum for the Uſe thereof: And the ſaid Truſtees are hereby authorized and impowered to convey ſuch Water to the ſaid Town by Pipes to be laid through the Grounds lying between ſuch Spring or Springs and the ſaid Town or Reſervoirs, for diſtributing ſuch Waters into the ſeveral Parts of the ſaid Town.

Truſtees may contract for Springs, and build Reſervoirs;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Truſtees, or any Eight or more of them, to contract and agree with any Perſon or Perſons for paving the Streets of the ſaid Town, and for maintaining and keeping the ſaid Pavement in good Repair, from time to time, during the Continuance of this preſent Act; and alſo to widen the Streets of the ſaid Town, and the Avenues, Paths, and Paſſages, leading thereto; and to remove, or cauſe to be removed, all Outſtairs projecting into the Streets of the ſaid Town, where the ſaid Streets are not Twenty Feet wide; and alſo to remove, or cauſe to be removed, all other Encroachments in or upon the Streets of the ſaid Town.

may contract for paving the Streets, and remove Encroachments;

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, or any Eight or more of them, to

and alſo buy Houſes to widen Streets.

to contract and agree with any Perſon or Perſons for any Houſe or Houſes, neceſſary or convenient for opening and widening the Streets of the ſaid Town, and to pay ſuch Rate or Conſideration for the ſame, as ſhall be agreed upon between the ſaid Truſtees, or any Eight or more of them, and the Owners or Proprietors of ſuch Houſe or Houſes, for the abſolute Purchaſe thereof; provided the ſame doth not exceed the Sum of One hundred Pounds Sterling Money.

In caſe of Diſputes, &c.

And whereas it may happen that ſome of the Owners, Proprietors, or Occupiers, of the ſaid Houſe or Houſes requiſite to be pulled down for the opening or widening of the ſaid Streets or Avenues, or of the ſaid Spring or Springs, or of the Lands, upon or through which it may be neceſſary to build ſuch Ciſterns or Reſervoirs, and to lay the ſaid Pipes, may inſiſt upon too high Prices for ſuch Houſe or Houſes, or for ſuch Water, or for the Privilege of laying ſuch Pipes, or of altering, mending, or repairing of the ſaid Ciſterns or Reſervoirs, and Pipes, from time to time, or through Infancy, Minority, Defect of Title, Incumbrances, Debts, or other Diſabilities or Cauſes, it may be difficult to obtain valid and legal Rights to ſome of the Properties neceſſary to be uſed for thoſe Purpoſes; for Remedy whereof, be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if the Owners or Occupiers of any ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Spring or Springs, Grounds, Tenements, or Heritages, ſhall be under any of the Circumſtances before deſcribed, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, or any Eight or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and impowered to apply to the Sheriff Depute of the ſaid County of Linlithgow for the time being, and he is hereby impowered and required to order a Viſitation and Inſpection of ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Spring or Springs, or Grounds, and to call before him the reſpective Proprietors thereof, or the Truſtees, Tutors, or Curators, or others having the Charge and Adminiſtration of the Affairs of ſuch Owners or Proprietors, requiring them, within a limited Time, to ſhew Cauſe why ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Spring or Springs, may not be aliened or granted to the ſaid Truſtees for the Service of the Town of Burrowſtounneſs, or why the ſaid Pipes ſhould not be laid through their Grounds for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and thereupon the ſaid Sheriff ſhall proceed to hear the ſaid Parties, and to pronounce ſuch Sentence upon the ſaid Matter, as ſhall be reaſonable and juſt.

Sheriff Depute impowered to order an Inſpection, and determine thereon.

7 Provided,

Perſons aggrieved may appeal,

Provided, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall think him, her, or themſelves aggrieved by the Sentence of the ſaid Sheriff, that it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Perſon or Perſons to apply, by Petition to the Lords of Council and Seſſion, to have ſuch Sentence reviewed, altered, or amended; and the ſaid Lords of Seſſion are hereby impowered and required to proceed and determine therein ſummarily, without abiding the Courſe of any Roll.

on 15 Days Application.

Provided always, That ſuch Application be made to the Lords of Seſſion within Fifteen Days, on which the Court ſhall ſit, after the ſaid Sheriff has pronounced his Sentence.

If the Springs, &c. may be aliened, a Jury to be ſummoned to ſettle the Damage and Recompence.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if upon Trial it ſhall appear to the ſaid Sheriff Depute, that the ſaid Houſe or Houſes, Spring or Springs, or the Liberty of laying the ſaid Pipes, may be ſo aliened or granted, without Hurt or Prejudice to the ſaid Owners or Proprietors thereof, and ſhall be ſo found and declared; then, for aſcertaining the Value or Conſideration to be paid for the ſame, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Sheriff Depute, and he is hereby impowered and required, after the elapſing of the ſaid Fifteen Days, in which the Perſons who may think themſelves aggrieved are allowed to apply to the Court of Seſſion for Redreſs as aforeſaid; or, in caſe of any ſuch Application, after a Decree of the ſaid Lords is extracted, thereupon to ſummon and impanel a competent Number of diſcreet, ſubſtantial, and diſintereſted Perſons, not leſs than Thirty, nor more than Forty; and out of ſuch Perſons ſo ſummoned and returned, to name and appoint a Jury of Fifteen Perſons, each of them poſſeſſed of an Eſtate of One hundred Pounds Scots valued Rent, in the County of Linlithgow, to come and appear before him, at ſuch Time and Place as by his Warrant or Precept ſhall be directed; and to receive ſuch Evidence as ſhall, by either Party, be brought before him: And the ſaid Sheriff Depute ſhall examine the ſaid Evidence upon Oath, which Oath he is hereby authorized and impowered to adminiſter, touching the Value to be paid to the reſpective Proprietors for the Liberty of pulling down the ſaid Houſe or Houſes, and collecting and uſing the ſaid Spring or Springs, and for laying Pipes through the ſaid Grounds, and for building, altering, mending, and repairing, the ſaid Ciſterns or Reſervoirs, and Pipes, in all Times hereafter reſpectively, as

as the Case shall be: And the Verdict of the said Jury shall be final and conclusive as to what Consideration shall be paid to the Owners of such House or Houses, Spring or Grounds, respectively.

Provided always, That all Parties concerned shall have their lawful Challenges against any of the said Jurymen. Jurors may be challenged.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Sheriff Depute shall, and he is hereby authorized and required, upon such Verdict given, to give Judgement for the Payment of such Sum or Sums to be awarded by the said Jury, and to ordain the Owners or Proprietors of such House or Houses, Spring or Springs, or Grounds, or their Trustees, Tutors, Curators, or Administrators, upon Payment or lawful Tender thereof, quietly to permit and suffer the said House or Houses to be pulled down, and the said Spring or Springs to be collected or received into Cisterns or proper Reservoirs, to be erected by the said Trustees, or any Eight or more of them, or such Person or Persons as they, or any Eight or more of them, shall appoint; and also to permit proper Pipes to be laid for the Conveyance of the said Water through their respective Lands or Grounds, and to have Access and Liberty to make, alter, amend, and repair, the same thereafter, in such Manner as the said Trustees, or any Eight or more of them, shall order and direct: And the Judgement, Decree, or Determination, pronounced by the said Sheriff Depute, upon the said Verdict or Verdicts, conformable to the Method above prescribed, shall be binding and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, against the several Proprietors of such House or Houses, Spring or Springs, or Grounds, and the said Trustees respectively; and the same, or Extracts thereof from the Sheriff's Court Books, shall be deemed and taken as good and effectual Evidence and Proof in any Court of Law or Equity whatsoever. Sheriff to give Judgment, and make Order on Verdict. Extracts from Sheriff's Court Book to be good Evidence.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Most Noble George James Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, the Right Honourable Henry David Earl of Buchan, the Right Honourable Neil Earl of Roseberry, the Right Honourable John Earl of Hopetoun, the Right Honourable Stewart Lord Cardross, the Right Honourable Charles Lord Hope, the Honourable James Hope, the Honourable Charles Hope Weir of Cragie Hall, the Honourable Robert Sandilands, Sir David Cunningham of Overseers.

Lavingſton, Sir Robert Dalyell of Binns, Baronets; James Dundas of Dundas, Thomas Sharpe of Houſtoun, James Glen of Longcraft, William Maxwell of Carridon, Robert Ramſay younger of Blackcraig, John Gillon of Wallhouſe, John Dundas of Duddingſtone, William Baillie younger of Polkemmit, Robert Stewart of Eaſt Binny, Alexander Johnſton of Straiton, Alexander Barron of Preſton, Roger Hog of Newliſton, Thomas Hog younger of Newliſton, and Alexander Innes of Cathlaw, Eſquires; together with the Knight of the Shire to ſerve in Parliament for the time being of the County of Linlithgow; or any Three or more of them, ſhall, from and immediately after the paſſing of this preſent Act, be, and they are hereby appointed, Overſeers of the ſaid Duty, in the Place and Stead of the Overſeers nominated and appointed in and by the ſaid recited Act; and ſhall have, and hereby are inveſted with the ſame Powers, and under the ſame Regulations, as are by the ſaid recited Act granted and given to the former Overſeers; any thing in the ſaid former Act contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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

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