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An Act to appoint Commissioners to enquire and examine into any Irregularities or Abuses which may have taken place in conducting and managing the Paving, Cleansing, and Lighting the Streets of *Dublin*; and to provide for the Suspension of the Powers and Authorities of the Corporation of Directors and Commissioners for Paving, Cleansing, and Lighting the said Streets, and for vesting the same in other Persons during such Suspension; and for the better conducting and managing the Business of the said Corporation. [10th *July* 1805.]

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Twenty-sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the Improvement of the City of* Dublin, *and the Environs thereof, by the better Paving, Lighting, and Cleansing the same*, certain Persons therein named were appointed Directors and Commissioners for the carrying the said Act into Execution; and the said Directors and Commissioners were by the said Act incorporated by the Name of "The Directors and Commissioners for Paving, Cleansing, "and Lighting the Streets of *Dublin*:" And whereas an Act was made in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Thirtieth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for extending the Powers of the Corpora-*

26 G. 3. c. 61.

30 G. 3. c. 42.

tion for Paving, Cleanſing, and Lighting the Streets of Dublin, *and to enable the ſaid Corporation to build a Bridge acroſs the River* Anna Liffey, *at* Iſland Bridge: And whereas an Act was made in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Thirty-ſeventh Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, to amend and continue the ſaid recited Act, paſſed in the Thirtieth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, and to enable the ſaid Corporation to borrow a certain Sum of Money for the Purpoſes therein mentioned: And whereas large Sums of Money have been from Time to Time granted by Parliament towards completing the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Acts, and the Debt exiſting at the Time of the Incorporation of the ſaid Directors and Commiſſioners has been ſince increaſed, by Means whereof the Fund for Paving, Cleanſing, and Lighting the ſaid Streets and Places is greatly diminiſhed; and it has become neceſſary to make further Proviſions for the ſaid Purpoſes: And whereas it is thought expedient and neceſſary to appoint Commiſſioners to enquire whether any Irregularities and Abuſes have taken place in conducting and managing the Matters under the Direction of the ſaid Corporation of Directors and Commiſſioners, and of the ſaid Directors and Commiſſioners reſpectively, and alſo to make Proviſion for ſuſpending the Powers and Authorities of the ſaid Corporation for a Time to be limited; and for the veſting in other Perſons full Powers and Authorities for carrying into Execution the ſaid recited Acts, if the ſame ſhould be found expedient; be it therefore 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 Right Honourable *John* Earl of *Meath*, *John Latouche* Eſquire, and *Robert Shawe* Eſquire, *Patrick Duigenan* Doctor of Laws, *Joſeph Pemberton* Eſquire, *George Renny* Doctor of Phyſick, the Reverend *John Whitelaw* Clerk, *Alexander Taylor* Eſquire, *William Diſney* Eſquire, *William Gregory* Eſquire, and *William Colville* Eſquire, ſhall be and are hereby appointed Commiſſioners for making the Enquiries intended by this Act.

37 G. 3, c. 22.

Grants to and Expences of Paving Corporation.

Expediency of appointing Commiſſioners of Enquiry.

Commiſſioners appointed.

II. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry ſo appointed by this Act ſhall and may, and they are hereby authorized and required to examine into and inveſtigate whether any improper Practices, Irregularities, and Abuſes, or other Miſconduct, have exiſted or do exiſt in the Execution of the Powers and Authorities given by the ſaid herein-before recited Acts, or any of them, or have been practiſed or committed by the ſaid Corporation of Directors and Commiſſioners, or by the ſaid Directors or Commiſſioners reſpectively, or by any Perſon or Perſons who now are or have been concerned in managing, conducting, or tranſacting the Buſineſs of paving, cleanſing, and lighting the Streets of *Dublin*, and the Environs thereof, or any other Buſineſs or Concern under the Powers and Authorities of the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them, and by any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, who now are or have been concerned in the Collection and Receipt of the Taxes, Rates, Aſſeſſments, Compoſitions, or Fines levied for the paving, cleanſing, and lighting the Streets of the ſaid City, and the Environs thereof; and the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry under this Act ſhall from Time to Time report and certify their Proceedings in Writing under the Hands and Seals of them, or any Three of them, to the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, ſpecifying the

To examine into Miſmanagement under recited Acts;

and report their Proceedings to Lord Lieutenant, and to ſuggeſt Remedies.

the Nature of any Mal-practices, Irregularities, or Abuſes, or other Miſconduct, if any ſuch ſhall be found to exiſt, or have exiſted, and which they may have diſcovered or inveſtigated, and ſhall alſo ſtate whether the ſeveral Works contracted for or executed under the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them, have been well and ſufficiently executed, and whether the Revenues and other Sum and Sums of Money applicable to the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Acts, have been expended to the beſt Advantage for the Publick Service, and what in the Judgement of ſuch Commiſſioners will be a reaſonable Limitation of the Expences of the ſaid Eſtabliſhment, and in what Manner all Contracts ſhould be made and executed, and how the Appointment of Officers, and of ſufficient Checks over them, ſhould be arranged, and how the Revenue applicable to the Purpoſes of the ſaid Acts, may be moſt effectually adminiſtered; and the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry ſhall add to ſuch Report ſuch other Obſervations as ſhall occur to them, together with ſuch Plans either for collecting and improving, or for aboliſhing or regulating any of the Departments, Offices, or Appointments heretofore made under or by virtue or pretext of the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them, and for amending or altering the Proviſions of the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them, as may appear to the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry to be fitting and expedient: Provided always, that any and every Report which ſhall be ſo made by the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry, to the ſaid Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, ſhall be laid before both Houſes of Parliament, within One Month after any ſuch Report ſhall be made, if Parliament ſhall be then ſitting, or elſe within One Month after the then next Meeting of Parliament.

First and other Meetings of Commiſſioners.

III. And be it further enacted, That the firſt Meeting of the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry appointed by this Act ſhall be held within Thirty Days after the paſſing of this Act; and that the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry ſhall meet at leaſt Four Days in each Week for carrying into Execution the Enquiry intended by this Act, and ſhall have full Power to adjourn for any Length of Time, not exceeding One Week at one Adjournment.

Oath of Commiſſioners.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry ſhall, before they proceed to execute the Purpoſes of this Act, take and ſubſcribe the following Oath:

'I *A. B.* do ſwear, that according to the beſt of my Skill and Knowledge 'I will faithfully, impartially, and truly execute the ſeveral Powers 'and Truſts veſted in me by an Act, intituled, *An Act*, [*here inſert the 'Title of this Act*] according to the Tenor and Purport of the ſaid Act.

Which Oath any Three or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby empowered to adminiſter to each other; and the Secretary or Clerk to the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall enter the ſame in a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe.

Commiſſioners to ſend for Perſons, Books, and Papers.

V. And be it further enacted, That for the better Execution of this preſent Act, the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry, or any Three of them, may and they are hereby authorized to meet and ſit from Time to Time in ſuch Place or Places within the City of *Dublin* as they ſhall find moſt convenient, with or without Adjournment, and to ſend their Precept or

Precepts under their Hands and Seals, or under the Hands and Seals of any Three of them, for any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, and for ſuch Books, Papers, Writings, or Records, relating to the Matters and Things herein-before mentioned, or to any Contracts, Dealings, or Tranſactions which may have taken place reſpecting the ſame, as ſhall be neceſſary for carrying into Execution the Enquiries intended by this Act; all which Perſons are hereby required and directed punctually to attend the ſaid Commiſſioners at ſuch Time and Times, Place and Places as ſhall be by them appointed.

Paving Corporation to account to Commiſſioners of Enquiry for all Sums received under recited Acts, and for Matters done in Execution thereof.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Corporation of Directors and Commiſſioners for paving, cleanſing, and lighting the Streets of *Dublin*, ſhall give a true and particular Account to the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry appointed by this Act, whenever the ſaid Corporation ſhall be thereto required by the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry, of and concerning all Sum and Sums of Money received by the ſaid Corporation for the Purpoſe of carrying the ſaid recited Acts into Execution, and of all Sum and Sums of Money paid and diſburſed thereout, and ſhall alſo, when required by the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry, render an Account of all ſuch Matters and Things by them done in the Execution of the ſaid Acts, as ſhall be required by the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry under and by virtue of this Act.

Commiſſioners of Enquiry empowered to examine upon Oath.

VII. And, for the rendering more effectual all ſuch Examinations as are intended to be had under this Act, be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry, or any Three of them, and they are hereby authorized and required to examine upon Oath, or Affirmation of Perſons being Quakers (which Oath or Affirmation the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry, or any Three of them, are hereby authorized to adminiſter) all Perſons whom they ſhall find Occaſion to call before them to be examined, touching all Matters and Things neceſſary for the Execution of the Powers veſted in the ſaid Commiſſioners by this Act.

To iſſue Warrants for apprehending and committing to Priſon Perſons neglecting to attend, &c.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſummoned to appear before the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry, or any Three of them, ſhall wilfully neglect or refuſe to appear before the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Three of them, or to bring or produce any Accounts, Books, Papers, Writings, or Records relating to any of the Matters and Things herein-before mentioned, or to any Contracts, Dealings, or Tranſactions reſpecting the ſame, or any of them, that ſhall be in his, her, or their Poſſeſſion, Cuſtody, or Power, and which he, ſhe, or they ſhall have been required by ſuch Summons to produce, or ſhall refuſe to be ſworn, or being Quakers ſhall refuſe to affirm, or being ſworn, or being Quakers having affirmed, ſhall refuſe to anſwer to and before the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Three of them, any Queſtion on Oath or Affirmation touching or concerning any Matter or Thing relating to the ſeveral Matters and Things before mentioned, or any Contracts, Dealings, or Tranſactions relating thereto, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry, or any Three of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make and iſſue their Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, or under the Hands and Seals of any Three of them, for taking and apprehending

apprehending any such Person or Persons, and committing him, her, or them to such Prison as the said Commissioners, or any Three of them, shall think fit, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, until he, she, or they shall submit to be examined touching and concerning all Matters and Things necessary for the Execution of the Powers given by this Act, or to make such Production as aforesaid, as the Case may be.

No Persons compellable to criminate themselves.

IX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Person shall be compellable to answer any Question, or to produce any Account, Book, Paper, or Writing, the Answer to which, or the Production of which may criminate, or tend to criminate such Person, or to expose such Person to any Pains or Penalties.

Penalty of Perjury on false Evidence.

X. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons upon Examination upon Oath, or being Quakers upon Affirmation, before the said Commissioners of Enquiry, or any Three of them respectively as before mentioned, shall wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, any such Person so offending, and being thereof duly convicted, shall be and is hereby declared to be subject and liable to such Pains and Penalties as by any Law now in force in *Ireland*, Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are subject and liable to.

Commissioners of Enquiry empowered to appoint Clerks, &c.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners of Enquiry shall and may, and they, or any Three or more of them, are hereby authorized to appoint and employ such Clerks, Messengers, and Officers as they shall think meet, and to give to every of the said Clerks and Officers an Oath for his true and faithful Demeanour in all Things relating to the due Performance of the Trust reposed in him by the said Commissioners, and in all other Things touching the Premises, which Clerks and Officers are hereby required faithfully to execute and perform the said Trust in them severally and respectively reposed, without taking any Thing for such their Service, other than such Salary or Reward as the said Commissioners, or any Three of them, shall think fit to direct and appoint in that Behalf; and the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, or Lord High Treasurer of *Ireland* for the Time being, are hereby authorized and required to issue and cause to be paid any Sums of Money, not exceeding One thousand Pounds, to such Person or Persons as the said Commissioners of Enquiry, or any Three of them, shall by Writing under their Hands desire or direct out of the Consolidated Fund of *Ireland*, which Sums so issued and paid shall be employed for the Payment of Clerks, Messengers, and other Officers, and in defraying all other necessary Charges in or about the Execution of the Powers of this Act, so far as relates to the making the Enquiries intended by this Act, and in such Manner and in such Proportions as shall be appointed by the said Commissioners of Enquiry, or any Three of them, by Writing under their Hands and Seals in that Behalf, the same to be accounted for by the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be issued or paid, according to the Course of His Majesty's Exchequer, without any Fees or other Charges to be taken or demanded for the issuing and Payment of the same on the passing of the said Accounts, other than such Sum as the said Commissioners, or any Three of them, shall appoint.

If on Report of Commissioners of Enquiry Lord Lieutenant shall think it expedient that the Powers of Paving Corporation should be suspended and vested in other Persons, he may appoint Commissioners of Enquiry, or any other Persons, to be Commissioners for Paving, &c.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if upon any Report to be made by the Commissioners of Enquiry appointed by this Act, it shall appear expedient to the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, that the Powers of the said Corporation of Directors and Commissioners under the herein before recited Acts, should be suspended, and that the said Powers should be committed to other Persons, it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, at any Time within One Month after the making of such Report, and during the Continuance of this Act, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and empowered and required under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to appoint any proper and discreet Persons, not exceeding Five in the Whole, not being Members of Parliament, and being resident Inhabitant Householders within the District of *Dublin* Metropolis, to be Commissioners for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Streets of *Dublin*, and the Environs thereof, during the Continuance of this Act; and that immediately upon and from and after such Appointment of Commissioners for Paving, in case the same shall take place under this Act, all and every Power and Authority heretofore exercised by or vested in the said Corporation of Directors and Commissioners for the paving, cleansing, and lighting the said Streets, or for any other Purposes in the said recited Acts mentioned, shall during the Continuance of this Act be suspended; any Thing in the said herein-before recited Acts, or in any other Act or Acts in force in *Ireland*, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Commissioners of Paving shall have all the Powers of the Paving Corporation, but shall receive no Salary.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Persons shall be so appointed Commissioners under this Act for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Streets of *Dublin*, and the Environs thereof, such Commissioners for Paving, and their Successors, shall, during the Continuance of this Act, have full Power and Authority to carry into Execution the several recited Acts, and to order, direct, and manage the paving, cleansing, and lighting the several Streets and other publick Passages, and to order, design, and make new Sewers, Drains, and Cess Pools within the Limits in the said recited Acts, or any of them mentioned and described, and to carry into Effect the several Orders and Regulations in the said recited Acts, or any of them, or in this Act set forth and mentioned; and that all and every the Powers and Authorities which were heretofore by and under the said recited Acts, or any of them, or by or under any other Act or Acts of Parliament in force in *Ireland*, or otherwise, granted to, exercised by, or vested in the said Corporation of Directors and Commissioners, shall be and the same are hereby vested in such Commissioners for Paving, in case they shall be appointed under and by virtue of this Act, during the Continuance of this Act, so long as such Commissioners for Paving shall continue to act without any Salary, Fee, or Reward, and no longer, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as such Powers were heretofore granted to, exercised by, or vested in the said Corporation of Directors and Commissioners, or in the said Directors and Commissioners respectively.

XIV. And

Paving Corporation House, and all Arrears of Rates and Property of Paving Corporation, vested in such Commissioners for Paving &c. under this Act.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the House or Houses, commonly called *The Paving Board House or Houses*, and all Buildings and Premises thereunto belonging, and all other Buildings whatever, and all Furniture which has been purchased at the publick Charge for the Use of the Persons inhabiting and using any such House or Houses or Buildings, and also all Rates, Taxes, and Assessments imposed or to be imposed by the said Corporation of Directors and Commissioners, and all Arrears thereof now due or payable, or which shall be due and payable at the Time when such Commissioners for Paving shall or may be appointed under this Act, and all and every Sum and Sums of Money, Debts and Dues, Goods, Chattels, Property, Claims, Materials, and Things whatsoever, which the said Corporation of Directors and Commissioners are or shall or may be in anywise possessed of or entitled unto, under or by virtue of the said recited Acts, or any of them, for the Purpose of the said Acts, at the Time of such Appointment of such Commissioners for Paving under this Act, shall immediately from and after the Appointment of such Commissioners for Paving under and by virtue of this Act, in case the same shall take place as aforesaid, be and the same are hereby vested in the said last-mentioned Commissioners, and their Successors, during the Continuance of this Act, with all such Remedies for recovering the said Rates, Assessments, Debts, Dues, Claims, and Demands, as are by the said recited Acts or any of them provided for receiving and recovering Rates and Assessments made under the Authority of the said recited Acts, or any of them, or for Recovery of any other such Debts, Dues, Claims, or Demands whatsoever respectively.

Corporation shall deliver to Commissioners under this Act all Books and Papers.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the said Corporation of Commissioners and Directors, and all Clerks, Officers, and other Persons employed by them, shall within Thirty Days after the Appointment of such Commissioners for Paving, in case the same shall take place under this Act, deliver unto the said Commissioners for Paving, who shall or may be so appointed under this Act, all Books, Deeds, Contracts, Securities, Accounts, Papers, and Writings relative to the Execution of the said recited Acts, which the said Corporation of Directors and Commissioners, or the said Directors and Commissioners respectively, or any other Persons, or any of them, have or hath in his or their Custody, Power, or Possession.

Commissioners for Paving liable to all Claims against the Paving Corporation.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That such Commissioners for Paving who shall or may be so appointed under and by virtue of this Act, shall from the Time of such their Appointment, and during the Continuance of this Act, be subject and liable to all Actions and Suits, Causes of Actions and Suits, Claims, and Demands whatsoever, to which the said Corporation of Directors and Commissioners now are subject and liable, or may be subject and liable at the Time of the Appointment of such Commissioners for Paving under this Act; and that all Actions and Suits which shall have been brought and instituted either by or against the said Corporation, and which shall be depending at the Time of such Appointment of Commissioners for Paving under this Act, may be continued and carried on by or against the said Commissioners for Paving under this Act, in the same Manner during the Continuance of this Act, as such Actions or Suits might have been carried on if this Act had not been made.

XVII. And

Present Clerks and Officers to remain until removed by Commissioners for Paving who may appoint others.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the several Officers, Clerks, and Servants who have been appointed, or who were continued in their respective Offices by the said Corporation of Directors and Commissioners, or by the said Directors or Commissioners respectively, pursuant to the Powers given to them by the said recited Acts, and who shall be in Possession of their Offices or Employments at the Time of the Appointment of Commissioners for Paving under this Act, shall and may (until they shall be removed, resign, or die) continue to act in all Matters and Things which shall appertain or belong to the Execution of the said recited Acts: Provided always, that the said Commissioners for Paving who shall or may be appointed under this Act, shall and may during the Continuance of this Act, from Time to Time remove all or any of the said Officers, Clerks, or Servants, and appoint One or more Person or Persons in their room, or not, as the said Commissioners for Paving shall in their Discretion judge fitting and expedient.

In case of Vacancies Lord Lieutenant may appoint new Commissioners of Enquiry or Commissioners for Paving.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, from Time to Time during the Continuance of this Act, to appoint One or more Person or Persons in the Place or Stead of any Commissioner or Commissioners of Enquiry, hereby appointed, who may die or refuse to act, provided the Number of the said Commissioners shall be reduced to less than Nine, or in the Place or Stead of any Commissioner for Paving, hereafter to be appointed as herein directed, who may die or refuse or be rendered incapable to act in the Execution of this Act; and all and every Person and Persons so to be appointed shall be and is and are hereby invested with the same Powers for putting into Execution this Act, and the said recited Acts respectively, as the Person or Persons in whose Place or Stead he or they shall be so appointed was or were invested with; and all the Powers hereby vested in any Commissioners appointed or to be appointed under or by virtue of this Act, shall and may from Time to Time be exercised by the Majority of such Commissioners respectively as shall attend at any Meeting to be holden for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution; and all Acts, Orders, and Proceedings of any such Commissioners respectively, or any Three or more of them, at such Meeting (except for the Purpose of adjourning, and then of such as shall attend, and also except in such Cases where a greater Number is required by this Act) shall have the same Force and Effect as if done or made by all the said Commissioners.

Penalty on any Commissioner taking Fee or Reward for his Duty under this Act, or being concerned in Contracts.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Commissioner of Enquiry appointed by this Act, or if any Commissioner of Paving, if any such shall be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall ask, take, accept, or exact any Fee or Reward whatsoever, for or on Account of any Thing done or to be done under or by virtue of this Act, or of the said recited Acts, or any of them, or on any Account whatsoever relative to the putting this Act or the said recited Acts, or any of them, in Execution, or if any such Commissioner or Commissioners respectively shall anyways be concerned or interested in any Contract or Bargain made, or to be made, with respect to the paving, lighting, and cleansing the said City of *Dublin*, or the Environs thereof, or to provide any Materials relating thereto, or in any Contract with respect to any Matter or Thing under the Direction and Management of the said Corporation of Directors and Commissioners, or

which may be under the Direction and Management of any Commiſſioners under this Act, or ſhall be a Surety for any Perſon entering into any ſuch Contract, or holding any Office under or by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts or this Act, every ſuch Perſon ſo offending ſhall be rendered diſabled and incapable of being a Commiſſioner under this Act, and ſhall alſo forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſue for the ſame, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record in *Ireland*, within Six Months after the Offence committed, in which Suit no Eſſoign, Privilege, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed.

Lord Lieutenant may empower the Treaſury to raiſe Money to be advanced to the preſent Corporation, or to Commiſſioners of Paving.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if upon any Report to be made by the Commiſſioners of Enquiry under this Act, it ſhall appear expedient to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, that an Advance of Money ſhall be made for the Purpoſe of carrying the herein-before recited Acts into Execution, and for more effectually paving, cleanſing, and lighting the ſaid City of *Dublin*, and the Environs thereof, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treaſurer of *Ireland*, or any Three or more of them, by the Direction of ſuch Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, to raiſe by Loan, or Debentures carrying an Intereſt after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, ſuch Sum or Sums as ſhall be certified by the ſaid Commiſſioners of Enquiry to be neceſſary to be borrowed for ſuch Purpoſe, and as ſhall be ſpecified in ſuch Directions of ſuch Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Twenty thouſand Pounds *Iriſh* Currency; and that the ſame when raiſed ſhall be remitted and paid either to the Corporation of Directors and Commiſſioners herein-before mentioned, or to the Commiſſioners for Paving who may be appointed under this Act, as the Caſe may require, and as to ſuch Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, may in his Diſcretion ſeem fitting and expedient, or ſhall be paid to the Order of ſuch Corporation, or of ſuch Commiſſioners for Paving, in ſuch Manner, and under ſuch Reſtrictions, for inſuring the due Application of ſuch Money to the Purpoſes of this Act, as ſuch Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, ſhall direct.

Rates made liable to Repayment of Intereſt of ſuch Money after prior Incumbrances, and 2 l. per Cent. as a Sinking Fund.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all Rates, Taxes, and Aſſeſſments, Compoſitions, Fines, and Sum and Sums of Money whatſoever, which on the Day when ſuch Money ſhall be borrowed, or at any ſubſequent Time ſhall be veſted in the ſaid Corporation of Directors and Commiſſioners, or in the Commiſſioners for Paving who may be appointed under this Act, ſhall, after Payment of all Charges for prior Incumbrances thereon, be ſubject to the Payment at the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer in *Ireland*, of the Intereſt payable on ſuch Debentures, and alſo to the further Sum of Two Pounds *per Centum per Annum* on the Principal Sum borrowed, which ſaid Sum of Two Pounds *per Centum per Annum* ſhall, by the Commiſſioners for reducing the National Debt of *Ireland*, be duly and regularly applied, together with the Intereſt of all Principal Sums which ſhall be redeemed therewith, to the

Redemption of the Sums so borrowed; and when the Whole of the Sums so borrowed shall be redeemed thereby; and all Interest thereon paid and satisfied, the said Rates, Taxes, Assessments, Compositions, Fines, and other Sum and Sums of Money, shall be discharged from all Demands on Account of the said Sums so borrowed.

On Failure of Payment of Interest, Lord Chancellor may appoint a Receiver, or sequester the Rates.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That if the said Corporation of Directors and Commissioners, or the said Commissioners for Paving (as the Case may be) or their proper Officer, shall omit or neglect to pay at the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer of *Ireland*, a Sum equal to the full Amount of all Interest which may become due on any such Debentures, Twenty-one Days at the least before such Interest shall be payable at the Treasury of *Ireland*, together with a further Sum after the Rate of Two Pounds *per Centum per Annum* as aforesaid, the Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper, or Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal of *Ireland*, may, upon the Motion of His Majesty's Attorney General of *Ireland*, on Behalf of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer of *Ireland*, appoint a Receiver to receive so much of the said Rates, Taxes, Assessments, Compositions, Fines, and other Sum and Sums of Money vested in the said Corporation or Commissioners respectively, as may be necessary to pay such Interest, and also such further Sum after the Rate of Two Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, together with the Receivers Fees, and all reasonable Costs attending such Application, or may make such Order for sequestering the said Rates, Taxes, Assessments, Compositions, Fines, and other Sum and Sums of Money for the Payment of the said Interest, and of the said Sum of Two Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, and of the said Fees and Costs, as to such Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Commissioners may appear just and fitting in that Behalf.

Limitation of Actions.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Action shall be brought against any Commissioner appointed or to be appointed by or under this Act, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, for any Matter or Thing whatsoever done or committed under or by virtue, or in the Execution of this Act, unless such Action shall be brought within Six Calendar Months next after the doing or committing of such Matter or Thing; and if any Action or Suit shall be hereafter commenced or prosecuted against any Person or Persons for any Matter or Thing done under, by virtue, or in the Execution of this Act, such Person or Persons may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff shall become nonsuited, or suffer Discontinuance, or forbear further Prosecution, or if Judgement shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants, such Defendant or Defendants shall recover Treble Costs, for which he, she, or they shall have the like Remedy as where Costs by Law are given to Defendants.

Treble Costs.

Continuance of Act.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue in force until the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and six, and no longer.

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