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been given to the Communication between *Great Britain* and *Ireland*: And whereas great Inconvenience and Interruptions are occasioned to the Conveyance of His Majesty's Mail, and to Persons passing over the River *Conway*, at the Ferry called *Conway Ferry*, in the County of *Carnarvon*, which is necessary to be passed in travelling from *London* by *Chester* to *Holyhead*; and it is desirable and expedient, for the more regular and speedy Conveyance of the Mails, and the Convenience and Accommodation of Travellers between *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to erect a Bridge across the River *Conway*, from or near *Conway Castle* on the West Side of the said River to the opposite Bank of the said River: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, to advance and issue from Time to Time, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to the said Commissioners acting in Execution of the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be necessary, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Forty thousand Pounds, for defraying the Expences of building and completing the said Bridge over the River *Conway*, and for the Purchase of the said Ferry, and the Tolls and Profits arising therefrom; and which Sum or Sums of Money so advanced or issued to the said Commissioners, shall be applied by them to the Purposes of the said Bridge, and for the Purchase of the said Ferry and Tolls, and for no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

Treasury empowered to advance 40,000*l.* towards building a Bridge over the River Conway.

Bridge to be built under the Powers of 55G.3.c.152.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Bridge shall be built and completed by the said Commissioners, under the Powers, Authorities, and Provisions given and vested in them by, and contained in the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third.

A Waterway of 300 Feet to be left.

III. And be it further enacted, That there shall always be and remain a free and open Passage for the Water to pass through the Centre Opening of the Bridge so to be built, so as to constitute a clear Waterway of Three hundred Feet at the least within the Banks of the said River *Conway*.

Commissioners within Six Calendar Months to contract for the Purchase of Conway Ferry.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners acting in Execution of the said recited Act, and they are hereby required, within Six Calendar Months after the passing of this Act, to treat, contract, and agree with the Owner or Owners of the said Ferry, called *Conway Ferry*, his, her, or their Trustees, Guardians, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, for the Purchase of the said Passage or Ferry, together with all the Tolls, Profits, Rights, and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Owner or Owners, his, her, or their Trustees, Guardians, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, upon Payment as herein-after mentioned of the Pur-

chase Money for the said Passage or Ferry, and the Tolls, Profits, and Appurtenances thence arising and thereunto belonging, to convey the same to the said Commissioners and their Successors; and all Contracts, Agreements, Conveyances, and Assurances which shall be made for that Purpose, shall be made at the Expence of the said Commissioners, and shall be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; any Law, Usage, or Statute to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Bodies Politic and incapacitated Persons empowered to sell.

V. And be it further enacted, That all Contracts, Agreements, Sales, Conveyances, and Assurances, made for the Purchase and Sale of the said Passage or Ferry and Tolls, shall be made at the Expence of the said Commissioners; which said Sales, Conveyances, and Assurances shall be kept by the Clerk or Clerks to the said Commissioners, who shall from Time to Time, when requested, deliver attested Copies thereof to any Person or Persons interested therein, requiring the same, and shall have and receive Sixpence for every One hundred Words of each such attested Copy; and so in proportion for any less Number of Words.

Satisfaction to be made.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all and every Person or Persons, who is or are seised, possessed of, or interested in the said Ferry, may accept and receive Satisfaction for the Value of such Ferry in gross Sums; and in case the said Parties interested, or any of them, and the said Commissioners, cannot agree as to the Amount or Value of such Satisfaction, the same shall be settled and ascertained as is herein-after directed.

If Parties are dissatisfied, they may cause a Jury to be impannelled to decide the Matter.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the Owner or Owners of the said Passage or Ferry called *Conway Ferry*, his, her, or their Trustees, Guardians, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, cannot agree with the said Commissioners, acting under the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, respecting the Purchase of the said Ferry, and shall give Notice in Writing to the Clerk of the said Commissioners, requiring a Special Jury to be summoned for the Purpose of determining such Purchase or Satisfaction; or if such Owner or Owners, or other Person or Persons so interested in or entitled to the said Passage or Ferry and Tolls, shall upon Notice in Writing given by the Clerk of the said Commissioners to such Owner or Owners, or other Person or Persons so interested or entitled as aforesaid respectively, or left at the last or usual Place or Places of his, her, or their Abode, or with the Tenant or Tenants of the said Ferry, for the Space of Twenty-one Days next after such Notice, neglect or refuse to treat, or shall not agree with the said Commissioners, or by reason of Absence or otherwise shall be prevented from treating, or through Disability by Non-age, Coverture, or other Impediment, cannot treat for themselves, or make such Agreement or Agreements as shall be necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, or shall not, within the before-mentioned Space of Twenty-one Days, produce and fully disclose the State and the Title to the said Passage or Ferry and Tolls, which he, she, or they respectively is or are or shall be in Possession of, and the Interest which he, she, or they respectively may claim therein, then and in every such Case the said

said Commissioners shall and they are hereby empowered and required, within Ten Days after the Receipt of such Notice by the Clerk to the said Commissioners, in case Security in manner herein required shall be given, or after the Expiration of Twenty-one Days after the Delivery of such Notice by the said Clerk (as the Case may be), to issue a Warrant under their Hands, directed to the Sheriff of the County of *Carnarvon*; and in case the said Sheriff or his Under-Sheriff shall be interested in the Matter in question, then to any one of the Coroners of the County who shall not be so interested as aforesaid; and in case all the said Coroners of the County shall be so interested, then to the last Person or Persons who filled the Office of Sheriff of the County of *Carnarvon*, who shall not be interested as aforesaid, commanding such Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Person, to impannel, summon, and return a Special Jury; and the said Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Person or Persons, are and is hereby required accordingly to impannel, summon, and return a Jury of Twenty-four honest, sufficient, and indifferent Men, qualified according to the Laws of this Realm to be returned as Special Jurors for the Trials of Issues at the Assizes, to appear before the Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Person or Persons, at such Time and Place as in such Warrant shall be appointed, such Time not being less than Twenty-one or more than Twenty-eight Days after such Warrant shall be served upon the said Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Person or Persons; and Fourteen Days Notice at least in Writing, under the Hands of the Commissioners, is hereby required to be given to such Owner or Owners, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, interested in the Premises, or to be left at the respective Dwelling Houses or Places of Abode of such Person or Persons, of the Time and Place of the said Jury being so impannelled, summoned, and returned; and the said Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Person or Persons, are and is hereby required, out of the Persons so impannelled, summoned, and returned, or out of such of them as shall appear upon such Summons, to swear or cause to be sworn Twelve, who shall be the Special Jury for the Purposes aforesaid; and in default of a sufficient Number of Jurymen, the said Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Person, shall return other honest, sufficient, and indifferent Men of the Standers-by, or that can speedily be procured to attend that Service (being qualified as last aforesaid), to make up the said Jury to the Number of Twelve; and it shall and may be lawful to and for all Persons concerned, by themselves, their Counsel and Solicitors, to attend and be heard, and to adduce Evidence before the said Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Persons or Person respectively; and such Persons shall also have their lawful Challenges against any of the said Jurymen when they come to be sworn, but shall not challenge the Array; and the said Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Persons or Person, is and are hereby required, by a Summons or Notice to be signed by such Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Persons or Person, either previous to or at the Time of any such Meeting or Meetings, to call before them all and every Person or Persons who shall be thought necessary and proper to be examined as a Witness or Witnesses upon Oath touching and concerning the Premises; and the said Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Person, may order

and authorize the said Jury, or any Three or more of them, to view the Place or Places, or Matter or Matters in question, if there be Occasion, and to use all other lawful Ways and Means, as well for his and their own as for the Jury's better Information in the Premises, as the said Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Person or Persons shall think fit; which Jury upon their Oaths (which Oaths, as well as the Oaths to such Person or Persons as shall be called upon as Witnesses, the said Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Person is hereby empowered and required to administer), shall inquire of, assess, and ascertain the Sum of Money to be paid for the Purchase of such Passage or Ferry, and the Tolls and Profits thence arising, and other the Appurtenances thereof; and after the said Jury shall have inquired of, ascertained, and settled such Damages, Recompence, and Satisfaction, the said Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Person, shall thereupon order the Sum or Sums of Money so assessed by the said Jury to be paid by the said Commissioners to the said Owners of, or other Person or Persons interested in the same Ferry, according to such Verdict or Inquisition of the said Jury and the Directions of this Act, and shall give Judgment for such Purchase Monies, Recompence, or Satisfaction to be assessed by such Jury; which said Verdict or Inquisition, Order and Judgment thereon pronounced as aforesaid, shall be signed by the said Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Person, and shall be final, binding, and conclusive, to all Intents and Purposes, against all Parties and Persons whomsoever, claiming any Estate in Fee Simple or Fee Tail, for Life or Lives, in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, Expectancy, or otherwise, their Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, Infants, Issues unborn, Femes Covert, Persons beyond the Seas, and under any other Disability whatsoever, as well as all other Persons whomsoever; and shall not be removed by Certiorari or other Process into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or any other Courts; any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Penalty on Sheriff or other Officers for Neglect.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Person so directed to impannel, summon, and return a Jury as aforesaid, or his or their Deputy or Agent, shall make Default in the Premises, he or they shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be recovered by Action of Debt or on the Case in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by the said Commissioners, or by such other Person or Persons interested in the Matter in question; and if any Persons so impannelled, summoned, and returned as aforesaid upon such Jury shall not appear, without some reasonable Excuse, or appearing shall refuse to be sworn on the said Jury, or being so sworn, shall refuse to give or shall not give his Verdict, or shall in any other Manner wilfully neglect his Duty therein, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, he shall be liable and subject to the same Regulations, and to the same Pains and Penalties for such Default, as if he had been impannelled, summoned, and returned for the Trial of any Issue at the Assizes; and if any Person so summoned and required to give Evidence before the said Jury touching the Premises, after having been paid or tendered a reasonable Sum for his, her, or their Costs and Expences, shall neglect or refuse to appear, or shall not

Penalty on Persons summoned on Juries for Non-attendance.

Penalty on Witnesses for not attending, &c.

not allege a sufficient Excuse to the said Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Person, for not appearing, or appearing, shall refuse to be sworn or examined, or to give Evidence, then and in every such Case every such Person so offending, upon Proof thereof made before One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County in which the Matter in question shall arise, upon the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, according to the Discretion of the said Justice.

For punishing Persons guilty of Perjury.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person or Persons, who, in any Examination to be taken upon Oath by virtue of this Act, shall wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, or otherwise forswear themselves before any such Jury, or before any Justice of the Peace, acting as such in the Execution of this Act, shall and may be prosecuted for the same, and upon Conviction thereof shall be subject and liable to such and the same Pains and Penalties as Persons guilty of Perjury are by the Laws in being subject and liable to.

Expence of Jury and Witnesses, by whom to be paid.

X. And be it further enacted, That in case a Verdict shall be given for more Money, as a Recompence or Satisfaction for the absolute Sale of the said Ferry and Tolls, with the Appurtenances, than had been previously offered by or on behalf of the said Commissioners, or where by reason of Absence in Foreign Countries, or other Impediment or Disability as aforesaid, there shall not be found any Person or Persons at hand who may be legally capacitated to enter into a Contract with, and make Conveyances to, and receive Compensations from, the said Commissioners, then and in all such Cases, all the Expences of impannelling, summoning, and returning such Jury, and taking such Verdict, shall be settled by the said Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Coroner, or such other Person so impannelling, summoning, and returning such Jury, and taking such Verdict as aforesaid, and be defrayed by the said Commissioners; but if any Verdict shall be given for the same Sum as had been previously offered by or on behalf of the Commissioners, or for a less Sum than had been so previously offered, or for Damages where the Dispute is for Damages only; or in case of such Refusal or Neglect to enter into Treaty with, or make Conveyances to, or receive Compensation from the said Commissioners; then and in all such Cases (except where by reason of Absence or otherwise any Person or Persons shall have been prevented from treating and agreeing as aforesaid, when such Costs and Expences shall be paid by the said Commissioners), the Costs and Expences of impannelling, summoning, and returning such Jury, and taking such Verdict, shall be borne and paid by the Person or Persons with whom the said Commissioners shall have such Concerns, Disputes, or Controversies; which said Costs and Expences having been so settled, shall and may be deducted out of the Money so assessed and adjudged, as so much Money advanced to and for the Use of such Person or Persons as aforesaid, and the Payment or Tender of the Remainder of such Sum or Sums shall be deemed and taken to all Intents and Purposes to be a Payment or Tender of the whole Sum or Sums so assessed and adjudged.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the said Judgments and Verdicts so given, shall be transmitted to, and be kept by the Clerk of the Peace, or other Person or Persons having the Custody of the Records of the Quarter Sessions of the said County of *Carnarvon*, when such Verdict shall have been given, and shall be deposited with, and be deemed Records of such Quarter Sessions respectively, to all Intents and Purposes; and the same, or true Copies thereof, shall be allowed to be good Evidence in all Courts whatsoever; and all Persons shall have Liberty to inspect the same, paying for such Inspection the Sum of One Shilling, or to have Copies thereof, paying for every Copy the Sum of Sixpence for every One hundred Words, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Number of Words. Verdicts of Juries to be recorded.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Sum or Sums of Money to be paid by the said Commissioners for the Purchase of the said Passage or Ferry, and the Tolls, Profits, and Appurtenances thereto belonging, to any Person under any Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, for the Purchase of the same Ferry and Premises, by virtue of the Powers in this Act contained, shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, 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 *ex parte* the Commissioners of the *London* and *Holyhead* Roads, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Ferry, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Charge or Incumbrance, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same, or affecting other Hereditaments standing settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Intents, and Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, and Purposes, and in the same Manner, as the same Ferry and Premises stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking effect; and in the meantime, and until such Purchase shall be made the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court of Chancery upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General, in his Name, in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Proceeds of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Ferry so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase and Settlement were made. Application of Purchase Money when amounting to or exceeding 200*l*.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any such Sums of Money as aforesaid, agreed or awarded to be paid, shall be less Application when Purchase Money

If less than 200*l.* and above 20*l.*

less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Ferry, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy or Lunacy, Trustee or Trustees, Receiver or Receivers, or other Person or Persons acting as such, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by the said Commissioners (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties), in order that such principal Money, and the Dividends arising thereon, may be applied in Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case may be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the said Court of Chancery.

Application when Money is less than 20*l.*

XIV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That when such Money so agreed or awarded to be paid as next before mentioned, shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments in respect whereof the same shall be paid, in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall think fit; or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, Trustee or Trustees, or other Person or Persons acting as such, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively; and the Receipt or Receipts of the Person or Persons to whom the said Commissioners shall direct the same to be paid, shall be a sufficient Discharge for the same.

In default of Title, Money to be paid into the Bank in the Name of the Accountant General.

XV. And be it further enacted, That in case the Person or Persons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be awarded for the Purchase of the said Ferry and Premises, shall refuse to accept the same, or shall not be able to make a good Title to the Premises, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, or in case the Person or Persons entitled thereto be not known or discovered, then and in every or any such Cases it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, to order the said Sum of Money awarded as aforesaid, to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the said High Court of Chancery, to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Ferry, subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court of Chancery; which said Court, on the Application of any Person or Persons making claim to such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, shall be and is hereby empowered, in a summary Way of Proceeding, or otherwise, as to the same Court shall seem meet, to order and direct the same to be laid out and invested in the Public Funds, and to order the said Sum or Sums to be distributed, or the Dividends thereof to be paid, to the

Person or Persons making claim thereto, according to their respective Estate or Estates, Titles or Interest therein, and to make such further or other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable.

When any Question shall arise as to the Title to Money, the Person in Possession of the Premises shall be deemed entitled.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person or Persons to any Money 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, in pursuance of the Provisions aforesaid, for the Purchase of the said Ferry and Premises, or any Estate, Right, or Interest therein, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of the said Passage or Ferry, in respect whereof such Money shall have been so paid at the Time of passing this Act, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to the same Premises according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shown, to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Chancery; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court, that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, or that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Ferry and Premises, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

Commissioners to pay the Purchase Money for the Ferry.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, acting in Execution of the said recited Act, shall and they are hereby required, within Thirty Days after the said intended Bridge shall be completed, so that Passengers, Horses, and Carriages shall be permitted to pass thereon, to pay the Sum which shall be agreed to be paid as aforesaid, or shall be awarded by a Jury, for the Purchase of the said Passage or Ferry, and the Tolls and Profits, to the Persons entitled to receive such Purchase Money.

No Person to pass the River Conway by the Bridge, or otherwise than in the Ferry Boats, until Bridge shall be completed.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Passenger, Horse, Cattle, Carts, Waggon, or Carriage of any Kind, shall be permitted or suffered to pass upon or by means of the said intended Bridge, from the West Side of the said River *Conway* to the opposite Bank on the East Side thereof, or from the East to the West Side thereof, or by any Boat, Wherry, or other Conveyance of the like Kind, either from the West to the East, or from the East to the West Side thereof, within the Limits of the said Ferry, except by the Boats maintained and supported by the Owner or Owners of the said Ferry, otherwise than for the Purpose of constructing the said Bridge, and the necessary Occupations relating thereto, until the said Bridge shall be so completely finished as to be opened as a Passage Way for all the Subjects of this Realm, within the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Additional Rate of Postage to be paid.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Postmaster General for the Time being, and he is hereby required,

required, from and after the passing of this Act, to charge and levy on all Letters and Packets conveyed by Post, to and from any Part of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, by way of *Conway* and *Chester*, in addition to the Rates and Duties now payable by Law for the Conveyance by the Post of such Letters and Packets, the Rates and Duties following; (that is to say), for a single Letter and Packet, the additional Sum of One-penny; for a double Letter and Packet, the additional Sum of Two-pence; for a treble Letter and Packet, the additional Sum of Three-pence; and so in Proportion, an additional Sum of One-penny, according to the Rate of Increase of the Postage of Letters now established by an Act, passed in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for granting to His Majesty certain additional Rates of Postage in* Great Britain; and all the Powers and Authorities given by Law for the Recovery of the Postage of Letters, shall be in force and applicable to such additional Duty hereby imposed; and the same shall be charged, paid, and regulated by, and be subject to the same Rules, Regulations, and Exemptions, as are now by Law in force as to the Rates and Duties payable on such Letters.

52 G. 3. c. 88.

Application of additional Postage.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the Sum or Sums of Money arising from the said additional Rate of Postage by this Act imposed, shall be paid over from Time to Time to the Receiver General for the Time being of the Revenue of the Post Office, in the same Manner and at the same Time as other Sums are directed to be paid over to him by the said Act of the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third; and the said Receiver General shall, at the Times when he shall pay the other Rates and Duties by him received into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, pay over also into the said Receipt all such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be received by him for or on account of the said additional Rate of Postage hereby imposed, (the necessary Charges for paying, collecting, and accounting for the same being first deducted), distinguishing the same in his Accounts, and paying such Sum and Sums of Money for and on account of the Commissioners appointed by the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third; and the said Sum and Sums of Money so paid shall be carried to the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and shall be applied in the Payment of the Interest of the Money to be advanced out of the said Fund, under the Provisions of this Act, until the said principal Sum of Forty thousand Pounds by this Act directed to be advanced shall be paid off; and in case there shall be any Surplus arising from such additional Postage hereby imposed, after Payment of such Interest as last aforesaid, then the same Surplus shall from Time to Time be applied, as far as the same will extend, in Payment of the said principal Sum of Forty thousand Pounds, or so much thereof as shall have been advanced under the Powers in this Act contained.

Punishment for destroying Works.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully and maliciously, during the building of the said Bridge, or after the Completion thereof, to the Prejudice of the said Undertaking,

taking, break, throw down, or destroy any of the Works to be erected and made for completing or supporting the said Bridge, every such Person shall be adjudged guilty of Felony; and every such Person so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be subject to the like Punishments and Penalties as in Cases of Felony; and the Court by or before whom such Person shall be tried and convicted shall have Power and Authority to cause such Person to be punished, in like Manner as Felons are directed to be punished by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm; or in Mitigation of such Punishment, such Court may award such Sentence as the Law directs in Cases of Petit Larceny.

Materials vested in Commissioners.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That all Stones, Lead, Iron, Wood, Bricks, Gravel, and other Materials and Implements which shall be purchased or provided by the said Commissioners for executing the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, for the Purposes of building and completing the said intended Bridge, shall belong to and be the Property of and the same are hereby vested in the said Commissioners; and the said Commissioners shall and may cause to be brought any Action or Actions, or direct the preferring of any Bill or Bills of Indictment, as the Case may require, against any Person or Persons who shall steal or carry away, detain, spoil, injure, or destroy the several Articles and Things hereby vested in them the said Commissioners as aforesaid, or any of them, or any Part thereof; and in all such Actions and Bills of Indictment respectively, it shall be deemed and taken to be sufficient to state generally, that the Article or Articles, Thing or Things, for or on account of which such Action or Actions shall be brought, or Bill or Bills of Indictment preferred, is or are the Property of the Commissioners, without particularly stating or specifying the Name or Names of all or any of the said Commissioners; and the said Commissioners shall have Power and Authority from Time to Time to sell and dispose of, for the Purposes of this Act, all or any of the said Articles and Things, or any Part of the same respectively, to such Person or Persons and in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall think proper.

Commissioners to account to the Treasury, and also lay Accounts before Parliament.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners acting in Execution of the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, shall from Time to Time render an Account to the said Lord High Treasurer, or Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, of the Application of all such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be advanced and issued to them by the said Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for and towards the building and completing of the said intended Bridge, and other the Purposes of the said Bridge; and shall also yearly, within Thirty Days after the First Day of *May*, present an Account of such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be advanced and issued to them, and of the Application thereof, to the King's most Excellent Majesty, and to both Houses of Parliament.

When Bridge is completed, the Provisions

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That when and so soon as the said intended Bridge shall be made and completed, the same shall be given

of 59 G. 3. c. 30. shall extend to this Act.

given up by the said Commissioners, acting in Execution of the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, and made over to the Commissioners appointed by an Act passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for vesting in Commissioners the Line of Road from* Shrewsbury, *in the County of* Salop, *to* Bangor Ferry, *in the County of* Caernarvon; *and for discharging the Trustees under the several Acts of the Seventeenth, Twenty-sixth, Thirty-sixth, Forty-first, Forty-second, Forty-seventh, and Fiftieth Years of His Majesty's Reign, from the future Repairs and Maintenance thereof; and for altering and repealing so much of the said Acts as affects the said Line of Road;* and from and after the said Bridge being so made over, the several Powers, Penalties, Exemptions, Provisions, Clauses, Matters, and Things contained in the said recited Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, shall (except as far as the same are hereby varied or repealed) extend to, and be construed as Part of this Act, as fully and effectually as if such Powers, Penalties, Exemptions, Provisions, Clauses, Matters, and Things had been expressly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act.

Limitation of Actions.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be brought against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, after Three Calendar Months after the Fact committed; and every such Action or Suit shall be laid, brought, and tried in the County of *Carnarvon*, or in the next adjoining *English* County, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in every such Action or Suit, may, at his, her, or their Election, plead specially or 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 under the Authority of this Act; and if the same shall appear to be so done, or that such Action or Suit shall have been brought before Twenty-one Days Notice shall have been given, or after a sufficient Satisfaction made and tendered, or shall be brought in any other County than the Counties aforesaid, then and in every such Case the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiffs or Plaintiff shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, then the Defendant or Defendants shall recover Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for his, her, or their Costs in any other Cases by Law.

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