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An Act for improving the Roads between *London* and *Chirk*, in the County of *Denbigh*, by *Coventry*, *Birmingham*, and *Shrewsbury*. [15th *July* 1820.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for granting to His Majesty the Sum of* 55G.3.c.152.
Twenty thousand Pounds, to be issued and applied towards repairing Roads between London *and* Holyhead *by* Chester, *and* London *and* Bangor *by* Shrewsbury: And whereas an Act was passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for* 56G.3.c.142.
granting to His Majesty a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Fund of Great Britain, *and for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year One thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and for further appropriating the Supplies granted in this present Session of Parliament:* And whereas an Act was passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for applying cer-* 57G.3.c.132.
tain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and for further appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And whereas an Act was passed in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the* 58G.3.c.101.
Service of the Year One thousand eight hundred and eighteen: And whereas an Act was passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His

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59 G. 3. c. 48. said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend an Act passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of His present Majesty, for granting to His Majesty the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, towards repairing Roads between* London *and* Holyhead *by* Chester, *and between* London *and* Bangor *by* Shrewsbury; *and for giving additional Powers to the Commissioners therein named, to build a Bridge over the* Menai Straits; *and to make a new Road from* Bangor Ferry *to* Holyhead, *in the County of* Anglesea: And whereas by the said several recited Acts, certain Sums of Money were respectively granted and directed to be issued and applied towards repairing the said Roads: And whereas the Commissioners under the said first-mentioned Act have proceeded in the Execution of the said recited Acts, and have expended the said Sums of Money in making several new Cuts along the said Road from *Chirk*, in the County of *Denbigh*, on the Boundaries of *North Wales*, to *Bangor*, and in otherwise amending and improving the same; and by the Improvements already made, the Communication between *London* and *Holyhead* has been facilitated, and the Intercourse between *Great Britain* and *Ireland* has been thereby greatly promoted: And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His
59 G. 3. c. 30. said late Majesty King *George* the Third, 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* Carnarvon; *and for discharging the Trustees under several Acts of the Seventeenth, Twenty-eighth, Thirty-sixth, Forty-first, Forty-second, Forty-seventh, and Fiftieth Years of His present Majesty, from the future Repair and Maintenance thereof; and for altering and repealing so much of the said Acts as affects the said Line of Road;* the said Line of Road from *Shrewsbury* to *Bangor Ferry*, together with all the new Cuts and Improvements along the same, was vested in and placed under the Control, Management, and Superintendance of the Commissioners in the last-mentioned Act named: And whereas several of the Roads and Parts of the Roads between *London* and *Chirk*, in the said County of *Denbigh*, by *Coventry*, *Birmingham*, and *Shrewsbury*, being the Remainder of the principal Line of Road from *London* to *Holyhead*, require to be improved and altered, and by the Improvements and Alterations which may be made thereon, the Distances may be shortened, and the travelling thereon rendered more safe and expeditious: And whereas with a View to the effecting of such Alterations and Improvements on the said Roads, and thereby affording additional Facilities to the Intercourse between *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have caused the said Roads between *London* and *Chirk* to be surveyed, and Maps, Plans, Sections, and Estimates of the Expence of the several Alterations and Improvements required, have been prepared and made by the Order of the said Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury; which said Maps, Plans, Sections, and Estimates have been referred to and approved of by the Commissioners for carrying into Effect the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid, and have been presented to and laid before the Commons House of Parliament during this present Session; all which said Alterations and Improvements, and the Estimates of the Expence of the same, are described and set forth in the Schedule to this Act annexed: And whereas it is desirable that the said Alterations and Improvements

should be carried into Effect, but the Funds of the several Trustees under whom the said Roads are maintained are inadequate thereto, and it would be of great public Benefit if such Sum or Sums of Money as may be required for carrying on and completing the said Alterations and Improvements were advanced to the Trustees or Commissioners of the said several Roads by the Commissioners appointed under an Act passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to authorize the Issue of Exchequer Bills, and the Advance of Money out of the Consolidated Fund, for the carrying on of Public Works and Fisheries in the United Kingdom, and Employment of the Poor in* Great Britain, *in Manner therein mentioned*; and if the said several Trustees or Commissioners were empowered to pay over the Money so advanced to the Commissioners for executing the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid, in order that the said Alterations and Improvements may be made, and the said Money applied thereto, under the Direction of such Commissioners: 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 the said Commissioners for carrying into Execution the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid, and their Successors, shall be Commissioners for carrying into Effect the Purposes of this Act, and making and completing the said several Alterations and Improvements on the said Roads described and set forth in the Schedule to this Act annexed, and in the said Maps, Plans, Sections, and Estimates.

57 G. 3. c. 34.

Commissioners under 55 G. 3. c. 152. to be Commissioners for carrying into Effect this Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for executing the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid shall consider and determine which of the said Roads so surveyed and reported upon, and estimated, shall be altered and improved in the Manner herein directed, and shall cause a List and Description thereof, referring to such Survey, to be published in the *London Gazette*; and such List or Description shall also be sent to the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for each County through which the said Roads or any of them do pass; and the altering and improving such Road or Roads may thereupon, or as soon after as the said Commissioners shall appoint, be proceeded upon pursuant to this Act.

Commissioners to determine which of the Roads shall be improved, and publish a Description thereof in the London Gazette, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That as soon as the said Commissioners for executing the said first recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid shall have determined which of the said Roads so surveyed and estimated shall be altered and improved, the said last-mentioned Commissioners shall direct an Account to be opened in their Books for such Road; and it shall and may be lawful for the Trustees or Commissioners for repairing and maintaining such Road, and they are hereby required, thereupon to pay over and place to such Account of the said Commissioners for executing the said first-recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid a Sum equal to the estimated Expence of making the intended Alterations and Improvements on such Road so determined on, provided that the Commissioners appointed

When Roads determined on, an Account to be opened, and a Sum equal to the Estimate to be placed to it.

pointed under the recited Act of the Fifty-seventh Year aforesaid shall have agreed to advance such Sum to the said Trustees or Commissioners; and such Road shall be forthwith directed to be altered and improved; and such Sum so paid by the Trustees or Commissioners thereof shall be expended by the said Commissioners for executing the said first-recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid, under the Powers, Regulations, and Restrictions in that Act contained.

Extending Powers of 55G.3.c.152. to this Act.

IV. And, for enabling the said Commissioners under the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Third, more effectually to carry into Execution the Purposes of this Act; be it further enacted, That all the Clauses, Powers, Provisions, and Authorities given and granted to the said last-mentioned Commissioners, in and by the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid, shall be construed and held to extend and shall extend to this Act, for the Purpose of making the said Alterations and Improvements, as fully, amply, and effectually as if the same Clauses, Powers, Provisions, and Authorities were repeated and re-enacted in and by this Act.

Commissioners to improve the Roads, and to make Contracts.

V. And be it further enacted, That every such Alteration and Improvement shall be made in conformity to the said Maps, Plans, Sections, and Estimates aforesaid; and the said Commissioners for carrying into Execution the said first-recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid, are hereby empowered and required to make such Contracts and Agreements with skilful Persons and their Sureties, for the carrying on, making, and completing such Alterations and Improvements on the said Roads, and to appoint such Person or Persons as they shall think proper, who shall from Time to Time, under such Regulations as the said Commissioners under the said first-recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid shall direct, draw for the necessary Sums to defray the Expences thereof; and such Payments shall from Time to Time be placed to the Account of the Road in respect of which the Expences shall be incurred; and all the said Alterations, Works, and Improvements hereby intended to be made and completed on the said Roads, shall be done by Contract, and in no other Way whatsoever.

Contracts to be submitted to a Committee of Five Trustees or Commissioners of the Roads specified.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That every such Contract and the Terms thereof shall, previous to the same being signed and concluded, be submitted by the said Commissioners for executing the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid, to a Committee, not exceeding Five of the Trustees or Commissioners of the Road on which the Work specified in such Contract is to be performed, (which Committee the several Trustees and Commissioners of the said Roads to be altered and repaired are hereby respectively empowered and required to elect and appoint); and the Committee to whom such Contract shall be submitted shall examine the Terms thereof, and if they or the major Part of them shall approve thereof, they shall sign their Names to such Contract; and when such Signatures shall be obtained, the said Contract shall then be signed and concluded by the said Commissioners for executing the said recited

Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid, with the Person or Persons willing to undertake and enter into the same.

When Works completed, to be examined and reported on by a Committee of Trustees or Commissioners of the Road, before Payment to the Contractor.

VII. And be it further enacted, That when the Alterations and Improvements on any Road by this Act to be altered and improved shall be made and completed, it shall and may be lawful for the Trustees or Commissioners of the Road so altered and improved, and they are hereby empowered and required to appoint a Committee, not exceeding Five of such Trustees or Commissioners, to examine the Alterations and Improvements so made; and the Committee so to be appointed shall, immediately on being nominated, proceed to inspect and examine such Alterations and Improvements, and the several new Works made on such Road, and shall within One Month after they shall have been so appointed, report the Result of such Examination and Inspection, and whether the said Alterations and Improvements have been made in conformity to the Maps, Plans, Sections, and Estimates aforesaid, and whether the same are done in a substantial and sufficient Manner, together with any other Observations which may occur to the said Committee thereon, to the said Commissioners for carrying into Execution the said first-recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid; and when the said Committee so to be appointed shall have made such Report, or at the Expiration of One Month after such their Appointment, in case no Report shall have been made, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners under the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid, to make and adjust a final Settlement of Accounts with the Person or Persons who shall have contracted to make, and shall have made and completed such Alterations and Improvements, and to pay to such last-mentioned Person or Persons such Sum or Sums of Money as shall appear on such final Settlement of Accounts to be justly due and owing to him or them, according to the Terms and Conditions of his or their Contract.

New Roads and Improvements to be and become Part of the old Roads.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all new Roads or Cuts, or Parts of Roads, and all the said Alterations and Improvements which shall be made under or by virtue of this Act, shall be deemed and taken to be, and shall become to all Intents and Purposes, Parts of those Roads to which the old Roads or Parts of Roads (in lieu or for the Improvement whereof such new Roads, Cuts, or Parts of Roads, or Alterations shall be made) did belong, before the making of such new Roads, Cuts, or Parts of Roads, or Alterations and Improvements; and such new Roads, Cuts, or Parts of Roads, Alterations and Improvements, shall be subject to all such Trusts, and to all and every such Act and Acts of Parliament, and to all Provisions in any such Act or Acts of Parliament contained, as such old Roads or Parts of Roads are by Law subject to at the Time of passing this Act.

The SCHEDULE referred to.

TRUST.	NAME of PLACE.	Length in Yards.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Commissioners from Shrewsbury to Holyhead	Cutting and embanking, &c. at Hill, East of Montford Bridge	440	546 13 0	
Do.	Improving Road at Shelton	440	666 13 0	
	Contingencies		121 0 0	1,334 6 0
Shrewsbury District of Watling Street Trust	Cutting and embanking and re-making Roadway at Emstry Hill	210	210 0 0	
Do.	Variation at Horse Shoe Inn	500	500 0 0	
	Contingencies		71 0 0	781 0 0
Wellington Trust	Variation at Overley Hill	3,120	2,702 0 0	
Do.	Do. at Ketley Bank, cutting and embanking	1,100	2,686 0 0	
	Contingencies		538 16 0	5,926 16 0
Shiffnall	Variation at Prior's Lee, upon the Eastern Line of Map, and some cutting and embanking	3,566	- -	3,526 0 0
Wolverhampton	Cutting and embanking at Cosford Brook	300	300 0 0	
Do.	Variation near Summer House	1,440	1,526 0 0	
	Contingencies		182 12 0	2,008 12 0
Bilstone	Variation opposite Wednesbury, viz. the Part up to Brook	3,168	3,830 7 6	
	Contingencies		383 0 0	4,213 7 6
Birmingham and Wednesbury	Remaining Part of Variation	2,112	2,533 12 6	
	Contingencies		212 0 0	2,745 12 6
Birmingham and Stone Bridge	Variation between Bottom of Coleshill Street and Small Heath	2,200	2,700 0 0	
	Contingencies		220 0 0	2,920 0 0

TRUST.	NAME of PLACE.	Length in Yards.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Stone Bridge and Dunchurch	Variations between the Village of Meriden and Pickford Brook	3,600	4,350 0 0	
Do.	Variation between Village of Allesby and Coventry	2,640	2,840 0 0	
	Contingencies		719 0 0	
				7,909 0 0
Dunchurch and Stratford	Variation at Braunston Hill	4,060	4,560 0 0	
Do.	Variation at Cuttle Mill	1,600	2,500 0 0	
	Contingencies		706 0 0	
				7,766 0 0
Stratford and Hockliffe	Variation at Little Brick Hill, cutting and embanking	620	1,020 0 0	
Do.	Variations to avoid Hockliffe Hills	4,320	5,320 0 0	
	Contingencies		634 0 0	
				6,974 0 0
Whetstone	Variation at South Approach to the Town of Barnet, cutting, embanking, &c.	880	2,546 0 0	
Do.	Cutting, embanking, Road making at the North Approach to Whetstone	690	1,440 0 0	
	Contingencies		398 12 0	
				4,384 12 0

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