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An Act to amend an Act of the First and Second Years of Her present Majesty, for securing the Debt due by the City of *Edinburgh* to the Public. [6th *June* 1844.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the First and Second Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to regulate and secure the Debt due by the City of* Edinburgh *to the Public, to confirm an Agreement between the said City and its Creditors, and to effect a Settlement of the Affairs of the said City and the Town of* Leith: (1 & 2 Vict. c. 55.) And whereas by the said Act the Port and Harbour of *Leith*, and Lands, Houses, and Areas, and other Properties connected therewith, and Rates and Duties payable thereat, as held by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of *Edinburgh*, were vested in the Commissioners to be appointed and elected by virtue of the said Act for the Purpose (among other things) of regulating and securing the Debt due by the City of *Edinburgh* to the Public: And whereas it would occasion much Expence and Inconvenience were it necessary from Time to Time to renew the Rights and Investitures of the aforesaid Port and Harbour of *Leith*, and Property, in favour of such Commissioners as

as may be appointed and elected in the Room of those dying, resigning, or becoming disqualified, and it is expedient to prevent the same: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen'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 Commissioners for the Superintendence and Management of the Harbour and Docks of *Leith*, elected and appointed for the Time being in pursuance of the said recited Act, shall be and they are hereby declared to be one Body Politic and Corporate, for the Purposes set forth in the aforesaid Act, and the Acts therein referred to, and in this Act, by the Name and Style of "The Commissioners for the Harbour and Docks of *Leith*," and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued, and shall and may hold the aforesaid Port or Harbour of *Leith*, and the Rates and Duties payable thereat, and all Lands, Tenements, Heritages, and other Property, real and personal, of and belonging to the said Harbour and Docks of *Leith*, and may purchase or acquire other Lands, Tenements, or Heritages, or other Property, real or personal, to be held by them for the Use of the said Harbour and Docks of *Leith*, but for no other Use or Purpose, and may also sell or dispose of, with the Consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, any Part of the said Real or Personal Property, if they shall deem it expedient, for the Use and Behoof of the said Harbour and Docks, the Price or Consideration Money obtained upon such Sales being always applied in repairing or ameliorating the other or remaining Property of or belonging to the said Harbour and Docks, or in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Heritages, to belong unto the said Commissioners.

Leith Harbour Commissioners incorporated.

II. And be it enacted, That the aforesaid Port and Harbour of *Leith*, and the Rates and Duties payable thereat, and all Lands, Tenements, Heritages, and other Property, real and personal, at present vested in the said Commissioners or their Predecessors in Office, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said Commissioners for the Time being as a Body Corporate for the Purposes aforesaid, in like Manner and to the same End and Effect as if the Titles and Investitures were so expressed, and that without any new Conveyance or Investiture, whatever may be the Terms in which the Rights and Titles have been taken.

Vesting Harbour and Works in the Commissioners when incorporated.

III. And be it enacted, That every Security, Evident, and Deed shall be deemed and held to be the Security, Evident, and Deed of the said Commissioners, which shall be signed at and in Presence of a Meeting of the said Commissioners as follows; where the same consists of only One Page, by the Preses of the Meeting, and at least Four others of the said Commissioners present at the Time; and where the same shall consist of more than One Page, by the Preses of the Meeting upon each Page, and by at least Four others of the said Commissioners present at the Time

Securities and Deeds.

Time upon the last Page; any Law or Practice to the contrary notwithstanding.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in the present Session of Parliament. Act may be amended this Session.

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