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Cap. 8.

An Act for empowering the Company of Proprietors of *The Grand Junction Canal*, to raise a further Sum of Money to enable them to complete the Works authorized to be executed in pursuance of the several Acts passed in the Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-eighth, and Forty-first Years of the Reign of His present Majesty; and for amending, altering, and enlarging the Powers and Provisions of the said Acts. [24th March 1803.]

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King *George the Third*, intituled, *An Act for making and maintaining a Navigable Canal from the Oxford Canal Navigation at Braunston, in the County of Northampton, to join the River Thames at or near Brentford, in the County of Middlesex, and also certain Collateral Cuts from the said intended Canal*, certain Persons therein named were incorporated by the Name and Style of *The Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal*, for making the said Canal and Collateral Cuts, and the several other Works necessary for carrying the said Act into Execution, and were thereby authorized to raise certain Sums of Money therein mentioned towards defraying the Expences thereof: And whereas by several other Acts passed in the Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-eighth, and Forty-first Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, certain Powers and Authorities were granted to the said Proprietors for enabling them to make certain Collateral Cuts from or out of the said Canal, and for executing other Works therein mentioned, and also for raising several further Sums of Money for discharging the Debts of the said Company, and for completing the said Canal and Collateral Cuts; which said several Sums of Money have been raised and expended in Discharge of the Debts owing by the said Company, and in the Execution of the several Works before mentioned: And whereas the several Communications from *Braunston* to *London*, and Part of the Collateral Communications by the said recited Act authorized to be

33 Geo. 3.

Acts 34th, 35th, 36th, 38th, and 41st Geo. 3. recited.

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made, have been completed, together with such Wharfs, Warehouses, and other Works, at *Paddington*, as are therein directed, for the Accommodation of the Publick trading upon and using the same: And whereas it has been represented to the said Company of Proprietors, that by executing a Tunnel, in Addition to the Rail Road at *Blisworth* already completed, and by constructing an Aqueduct over the River *Ouse* at *Wolverton*, and by making certain other Provisions and Accommodations on the Line of the said Canal, additional Safety and Expedition in Conveyance of all kinds of Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, would be secured to the Publick: And whereas the said Company of Proprietors are desirous to execute the said Tunnel, Aqueduct, and other Works as aforesaid, and for that Purpose to raise among themselves, by Subscription of the Holders of Shares, Half Shares, and Loans in the said Undertaking, sufficient Sums for the Execution thereof; but that such beneficial Purposes cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament; and it is expedient that the Powers and Provisions of the said recited Acts should be amended, altered, and enlarged; 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 said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to raise, in Manner herein after mentioned, the further Sum of Four hundred thousand Pounds, and to borrow or take up the same at legal or less Interest, from such Persons as shall be willing to advance and lend the same; and the Money so to be raised shall be applied in defraying the Expences of obtaining and passing this Act, and all other Expences relating thereto, and of carrying on and completing the several Works authorized to be done and completed by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force for making and completing the said Canal and Navigable Cuts; and the said Sum of Four hundred thousand Pounds, or such Part thereof as the said Company of Proprietors, or the Committee of the said Company for the Time being, shall think proper, shall or may be raised, by all, any, or either of the Ways or Means by which the said Company of Proprietors are authorized to raise any Money by virtue of the said recited Acts, or any or either of them; and that all and every the Powers contained in the said several recited Acts, with respect to the borrowing and securing such Sum or Sums of Money, and the Application thereof, shall be extended to this Act, as fully and effectually as if the said several Powers were repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this present Act.

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II. Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors, or their General Committee for the Time being, to raise the said Sum of Four hundred thousand Pounds, or such Part or Parts thereof as they shall from Time to Time think fit, by creating new or additional Shares of One hundred Pounds each, or Half Shares of Fifty Pounds each, or Quarter Shares of Twenty-five Pounds each, or Eighth Parts of Shares of Twelve Pounds and Ten Shillings each, or any or either of them, and disposing of the same to such Person or Persons, and at such Price or Prices, as to the said Company of Proprietors shall from Time to Time seem meet; and that the respective Proprietors of any Share, Half Shares, Quarter Shares, or Eighth Parts of Shares, which shall or may be

be created by virtue of this Act, shall be entitled to such and the same Powers, Privileges, and Advantages, and be liable to such and the same Restrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as if the same were Part of the Shares or Half Shares already created, and now vested in the several and respective Proprietors of the said Grand Junction Canal; and the Admission of every Person to any such New Shares, Half Shares, Quarter Shares, or Eighth Parts of Shares, by any Order or Resolution of the said Company of Proprietors, or their General Committee for the Time being, shall be good and effectual Titles to such Person or Persons, and his, her, or their respective Executors and Administrators, on his, her, or their Payment to the said Company of the Purchase Money or Price agreed for the same.

III. And whereas the constructing, erecting, and making the said Tunnel at *Blysworth*, and Aqueduct over the River *Ouse*, and the other Works as aforesaid, will be attended with a very considerable Expence to the said Company of Proprietors; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors, for and in Consideration of the same, to ask, demand, take, recover, and receive, to and for their own proper Use and Behoof (over and above the Rates of Tonnage and Wharfage they are entitled to receive), the additional Rates herein-after mentioned; that is to say,

Additional Rates of Tonnage for passing through the Tunnel and Aqueduct.

For all Coal and Coke, Lime, Limestone, Flint and other Stones, and all Bricks, Tiles, Slate, Sand, and Fullers' Earth, and all Ironstone, Pig Iron and Pig Lead, and all Kinds of Manure, which shall be carried or conveyed upon the said Canal into or through the said proposed Tunnel, or the deep Cutting at the Two Mouths or Entrances of the same, the additional Sum of Eight-pence *per* Ton; and for all other Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and Things whatsoever, the additional Sum of One Shilling and Four-pence *per* Ton:

For all Coal and Coke, Lime, Limestone, Flint and other Stones, and all Bricks, Tiles, Slates, Sand, and Fullers' Earth, and all Ironstone, Pig Iron and Pig Lead, and all Kinds of Manure, which shall be carried or conveyed over or upon any Part of the said Aqueduct, the additional Sum of Four-pence *per* Ton; and for all other Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and Things whatsoever, the additional Sum of Eight-pence *per* Ton.

Which said additional Rate or Rates shall be paid by the Person having the Care or Conduct of every Boat, Barge, or other Vessel, which shall pass upon the said Canal into or through the said Tunnel or deep Cuttings, or over or upon the said Aqueduct, at such Place or Places as the said Company of Proprietors shall appoint for that Purpose and shall and may be recovered and applied by such Ways and Means, and in such Manner, as the Rates of Tonnage and Wharfage granted by the said recited Acts, or any of them, are to be or may be recovered and applied; and in all Cases where there shall be a Fraction of a Ton in the Weight of Lading in any Boat or other Vessel so to be navigated into or through the said Tunnel and deep Cuttings, or over or upon the said Aqueduct, or either of them, a Proportion of the said Rates shall be demanded and taken by the said Company of Proprietors for such Fraction, according to the Number of Quarters of a Ton contained therein.

Rates may be reduced.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the General Committee of the said Company of Proprietors shall have full Power, from Time to Time, to lower or reduce all or any Part of the said Rates upon all or any or either of the Articles which shall be carried upon the said Canal, and to raise the same again to such Sum as they shall think proper, not exceeding the Rates before mentioned, as often as they shall deem it necessary so to do for the Interest of the said Navigation.

For regulating Weight of Tonnage.

V. And whereas certain Rules are established by the said recited Act of the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for ascertaining the Weight of Timber and other Articles conveyed in or upon the said Canal, which Rules are liable to great Uncertainty; for Remedy whereof, be it enacted, That the Tonnage for Timber, and all other Goods, Merchandize, and Things whatsoever, shall be ascertained and charged according to the real Weight thereof, and that One hundred and twelve Pounds Weight Avoirdupois, shall be deemed and taken as and for One hundred Weight, with respect to all Timber, and other Goods, Merchandize, and Things whatsoever; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Requiring the Company to complete the Collateral Communication to Northampton within a certain Time.

VI. And whereas by the said Act passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, the Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal, are authorized to make and maintain a Collateral Communication (by such Cuts, Railways, or other Ways and Means, as therein mentioned) to branch from and out of the Grand Junction Canal, in the Parish of *Gayton*, to join the Navigation of the River *Nen* at the Town of *Northampton*: And whereas it is expedient that such Collateral Communication should be made and completed on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and five; be it therefore, and it is hereby enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors shall, and they are hereby required and directed to cause such Collateral Communication as aforesaid to be made and completed on or before the said Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and five.

Directing a Sum of Money to be set apart for making the Collateral Communication to Northampton.

VII. And it is hereby further enacted, That out of the Sum of Money authorized to be raised by this Act, a Sum sufficient to defray the Charge and Expence of making and completing such Collateral Communication from the said Grand Junction Canal, in the Parish of *Gayton*, to join the Navigation of the River *Nen* at the Town of *Northampton* as aforesaid, shall be, and the same is hereby required and directed to be appropriated and applied solely and exclusively to the making and completing the said last mentioned Collateral Communication.

Expences of the Act.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the Charges and Expences attending the obtaining and passing this Act, shall be paid by the said Company of Proprietors; and that this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a publick Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and other Persons, without specially pleading the same.

Publick Act.