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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 171.

An Act for completing and maintaining the *East Country Dock* at *Rotherhithe*, in the County of *Surrey*.
[15th June 1811.]

WHEREAS divers Persons, Proprietors of certain Premises called the *East Country Dock*, situated on the South Side of the River *Thames*, in the Parish of *Saint Mary Rotherhithe*, in the County of *Surrey*, adjoining the Dock lately called the *Greenland Dock*, and now called the *Commercial Dock*, have subscribed among themselves for the converting the same into a Dock for the Convenience of the Trade to the East Country, and for the Reception of such Articles of Merchandize as are usually imported in East Country Ships and other Goods, and have expended the whole of the Money so subscribed in making the said Dock and Premises thereto belonging: And whereas the said Dock and Premises are not yet complete, although the said Proprietors are indebted in a large Sum of Money beyond the Sums subscribed, and a further Sum will be necessary to complete the said Dock and Premises: And whereas the said Proprietors are desirous of raising the additional Sum necessary to complete the said Dock and Premises by transferable Shares, and also to become a Joint Stock Company with transferable Shares, as to the Sums already subscribed, and also as to the Sums to be received in pursuance of this Act: And whereas the Purposes of the said Dock and Premises will be more conveniently answered, and great Advantage will arise from the same being done: May it therefore please Your

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Names of
Proprietors.

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 and with the Authority of the same, That *Thomas Aston, George Allen Aylwin, William Armstrong, Michael Andrews, John Powell Ashley, William Arthur, Thomas Ashton, John Butterworth, John Branton, James Browning, Edward Browne, Thomas Burness, Joseph Boucock, James Bell, James Benson, John Bainbridge, Gilbert Burn, John Cotton, John Collett, Mrs. Martha Cawston, Aaron Clark, Miss Florellah Cohen, John Collins, Joseph Cobb, John Crouch, Thomas Champion, Edmund Drayton, Charles Downes, Thomas Day, Joseph Doane, Ralph Day, John Eykyn, Richard Eykin, Walter Emmett, William Forman, Richard Farmer, Charles Fisher, Arthur French, William French, Philip French, Henry Fountain, Daniel Folkard, Robert Grant, Samuel Garratt, Thomas Graves, John Henry Hecker, James Hazlewood, Luder Hoffham, Matthew Hutchinson, William Hobson, William Hebb, Solomon Hougham, Jeremiah Hobson, John Louten Hillier, Matthew Heather, William Hower, Robert Hitchins, John Daniel Humbert, Thomas James, William Jourdain, Nicholas Jourdain, Nicholas Jourdain, John Idle, John David Jones, Robert Kingston, George Leyburn, Richard Lloyd, Thomas Leonard, William Legge, Samuel Langhorn, Mathew Moody, Thomas Maltby, Robert Humphrey Martin, David Mathews, Henry Madgwick, Thomas Neck, Nourse, Charles Price, Ralph Price, Richard Price, Robert Pedder, Miss Harriet Perry, John Powell, Richard Pack, Richard Parwin, William Parker, George Penny, Thomas Piper, Thomas Paffard, Charles Seymour Pearson, Joseph Robbins, James Robins, Valentine Rutter, Thomas Reynolds, Thomas Raggett, Edward Robinson, Thomas Reeve, George Syme, Hasket Smith, Robert Henry Sparks, Miss Jane Sorel, Miss Eliza Sorel, Benjamin Sewell, William Thompson, Thomas Taylor, John Thornton, Samuel Thornton, Morris Tobias, John Tilstone, Samuel Ward, John Ward, Thomas Wilson, Thomas Wace, Thomas Wilde, Thomas Wilson, Joseph Wolfe, William Wade, together with such other Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, as shall, according to the Conditions and Restrictions in this Act contained, be possessed of any Part of the Joint Stock of the said Company, their several and respective Executors, Administrators and Assigns, being a Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares in the said Dock or Docks, shall have full Power and Authority to keep, direct and order the Docks, Basons, Quays, Wharfs and Works now erected and made, and to complete and maintain the same, and all other Basons, Quays, Wharfs, Works, Entrances, Bridges, Buildings, Machines, and other Matters and Things appertaining thereto, and shall for that Purpose be a Joint Stock Company, by the Name and Stile of *The East Country Dock Company.**

Power to supply the Docks with Water.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall have full Power and Authority to supply the said Docks, Basons or other Works, or any of them, at all Times with Water from the River *Thames*, and all such Brooks, Springs, Rivulets, Waters, and Watercourses as are or shall flow or be found in the completing the said Docks and Basons, and other Works respectively.

III. And

III. And be it further enacted, That the said *East Country Dock Company* shall have full Power and Authority, by their Servants, Agents, and Workmen, to enter on and deepen, and scour out the Beach and Bed of the River *Thames* at the Entrance to the said Docks, and for ever after maintain and preserve the Depth so made from the Docks, Piers, or other Works, at the Entrance from the River to the said Docks, so as to admit Vessels navigating or entering into the said Basons and Docks from the said River *Thames*; with the same or a greater Depth of Water than is on the Sills of the Docks or Entrance to the said Basons or Docks.

To scour the
Bed of the
River.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which now belong or may hereafter belong to the said Company, and all Buildings, Erections, and other Matters and Things thereon and thereunto belonging, and also all Basons or Docks, Cuts, Quays, Wharfs, Works, Machines, and requisite Roads, Ways, Sluices, Drains, Matters, and Things, which shall be made, built, provided, or established by the said Company, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said Company; and it shall be lawful for the said Company, in the Name of the Treasurer of the said Company for the Time being, to bring any Action or Actions, and to prefer or prosecute any Bill or Bills of Indictment against any Person or Persons, who shall cut, damage, or injure, or cause to be cut, damaged, or injured, any of the Works to be made, erected, established, amended, or repaired by virtue of this Act, or who shall injure or destroy the same whilst doing, or impede the doing thereof, or shall steal, purloin, or wrongfully take away Stones, Lead, Iron, Wood, Bricks, or other Materials, and Machines, Engines, or Utensils, provided or to be provided from Time to Time; or used, or intended so to be used thereon, or for any other Purposes of this Act, or who shall wilfully do or suffer, or consent to do any Thing whereby Damage may accrue to the Messuages, Erections, and Buildings to be purchased, or the Works or Machines to be made or erected by virtue of this Act; and all the Damages which shall be so recovered by the said Company, by any Suit, Process, or Action, after deducting the Costs of Suits, shall be applied as herein-after directed.

Premises to
vest in Sub-
scribers.

Power to
bring Ac-
tions.

V. And be it further enacted, That a General Court of the said *East Country Dock Company* shall be held every Year at such Time as the Directors shall appoint.

General
Meeting.

VI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Twelve or more of the said Company, who shall severally be Proprietors of One hundred Pounds or upwards of the said Stock, shall judge it necessary or expedient for the carrying into Execution the Purposes of this Act, to have an extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company called, and shall request the same so to be called by Notice in Writing under their respective Hands, delivered to the Clerk or Treasurer of the said Company for the Time being, specifying in every such Notice the Business intended to be proceeded upon at such Meetings, the Directors of the said Company to be appointed as herein-after directed, or any Three or more of them, shall, within Ten Days after the Delivery of such

Special Meet-
ings to be
called at the
Request of
Twelve
Subscribers.

such Notice, and they and their Successors are hereby authorized and required to call such extraordinary Meeting, to assemble at such Time and Place, within the Limits aforesaid, as they shall judge expedient, within Twenty-one Days from and after such Notice; and such Meeting shall be deemed a public one, and all Proceedings then duly had and confirmed by a subsequent Meeting, ordinary or extraordinary, shall be deemed as valid and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same had been done at Meetings in the Manner hereinbefore appointed.

Present Directors.

Three of the present Directors to retire on the 2d Thursday in May 1812.

Retiring Directors decided by Lot.

Directors to hold Five Shares.

Quorum.

VII. And be it further enacted, That *Thomas Wilson, John Branton, John Collett, Robert Grant, John Eykyn, James Benson, Hesketh Smith, Thomas Maltby, and Joseph Boucock*, shall be and continue Directors of the said Company until the Second *Thursday* in the Month of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twelve, unless such Directors or either of them shall die, be removed by the Court of Proprietors or otherwise, or dispose of his, her, or their Shares in the said Stock, so as to reduce the same under the Number of Five, in any of which Cases it shall and may be lawful to and for the next General Meeting of the said Company, ordinary or extraordinary, to nominate and appoint by Ballot a new or other Director in the Room of such Director or Directors so dying, being removed, or having disposed of his or their said Stock, for the Remainder of the Term which such Director should have been in Office, and so on from Time to Time as Occasion may require; and that on the said Second *Thursday* in the Month of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twelve, Three of the present Directors, or of such of them as shall then remain in Office, and the Person or Persons who shall be substituted in the Place or Places of any of them who shall in the mean Time cease to be a Director or Directors, shall retire from their said Office, and on the Second *Thursday* in the Month of *May* One thousand eight hundred and thirteen, Three of the remaining Six of the present Directors or the Person or Persons who shall have been appointed in the Place or Places of any of them, shall retire in like Manner; and it shall be decided amongst the Directors by Lot, which Three of the said present Directors, or of such Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall retire at the respective Times aforesaid; and that after the said Second *Thursday* in the Month of *May* One thousand eight hundred and thirteen, Three Directors shall retire from Office on the Second *Thursday* in the Month of *May* in every subsequent Year; and the Directors so retiring shall be those Directors who shall have been in Office for Three Years, or who shall have been substituted in the Place of such Directors as would, if they had not ceased to be Directors, have been then in Office for that Period: Provided always nevertheless, that no Person shall be eligible to be appointed a Director of the said Company, who shall not hold at least Five Shares, of One hundred Pounds each, of the Stock of the said Company.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That not less than Three of the said Directors shall be a *Quorum* capable of acting in Execution of this Act, and that all Motions and Questions to be made and put at such Meetings shall be decided by a Majority of the Directors present; and

and if the Numbers on each Side shall happen to be equal, the Chairman of the Meeting shall in every such Case give the casting Vote.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all and every Body and Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, or other Person or Persons who shall by virtue of this Act have subscribed or undertaken for One Share in the said Undertaking, his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have One Vote in the several Assemblies to be holden as herein-after appointed for carrying on the said Undertaking; and the Holder or Holders of One Share shall have One Vote, and the Holder or Holders of Two Shares shall have One Vote, Three Shares Two Votes, Four Shares Two Votes, Five Shares Three Votes, Ten Shares Four Votes, Twenty Shares Five Votes; but no Holder or Holders of Shares shall, by reason of any Number of Shares, have more than Five Votes; which Vote or Votes may be given by him, her or them, or by his, her or their Proxy or Proxies, constituted under the Seal of such Body Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, or the Hand and Seal of such other Person, every such Proxy being a Proprietor in the said Undertaking; and every such Vote by Proxy shall be as good, sufficient and valid, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Principal had voted in Person; and every Question, Matter or Thing, which shall be proposed, discussed or considered in any General or Special Assembly of the said Company, shall be determined by the Majority of Votes and Proxies then present: Provided nevertheless, that no Person shall give or deliver in Proxies for more than Five Share-holders, the Appointment of which Proxies may be made according to the Form following:

I *A. B.* One of the Proprietors of the *East Country Docks*, do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint *C. D.* of _____ to be my Proxy, in my Name and in my Absence to vote or give any Assent or Dissent to any Measure, Business or Thing relating to the said Docks and Undertaking, that shall be mentioned or proposed at any Assembly of the Company of Proprietors of the said Docks, in such Manner as he the said *C. D.* shall think proper, according to his Opinion and Judgment, for the Benefit of the said Docks and Undertaking, or any Thing appertaining thereto. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the _____ Day of _____

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company to raise and contribute amongst themselves, a competent Sum of Money for completing and maintaining the said Dock or Docks, and all the Feeders, Aqueducts, Ways, Roads, Bridges, Offices, Sluices, Wharfs, and all other Works belonging or requisite thereto, and for paying such Sums of Money as may be due, by reason of the Expences already incurred in making the same, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Forty thousand Pounds (save and except as hereinafter mentioned) in Addition to the Sum already subscribed; and the same shall be divided into Shares of One hundred Pounds each, and the said Shares, as well those already subscribed for, as those which shall be hereafter subscribed for, in pursuance of this Act, shall be and are hereby vested in the several Persons so subscribing, and their several and respective Executors, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, to

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their

Regulation of
Votes.

Proxy.

No Person to
have more
than Five
Proxies.

Power to raise
Forty
thousand
Pounds.

their and every of their proper Use and Benefit, proportionably to the Sums they shall severally raise and contribute; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate and Collegiate, and all Persons, their several and respective Successors, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, who shall severally subscribe for One or more Share or Shares, or such Sum or Sums as shall be demanded in lieu thereof towards completing the said Dock or Docks, and other the Purposes of the said Subscription, shall be entitled to and receive the entire and net Distribution of an equal proportionable Part, according to the Money so by them respectively paid, of the Profits and Advantages that shall and may arise and accrue by the Tolls, Rates, Wharfage, and other Sums of Money to be raised, recovered, and received by the said Company by the Authority of this Act.

Joint Stock to be personal Estate.

XI. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Shares and Proportions of all Bodies Politic, Corporate and Collegiate, and of all other Persons of and in the said Dock or Docks, or the Joint Stock or Fund of the said Company, shall be and be deemed to be the Personal Estate and transmissible as such, and distributable as such, and not in any respect of the Nature of Real Property.

Not liable to Attachments.

XII. And be it further enacted, That no Share or Shares of the said Dock or Docks shall be liable to be attached by any foreign Attachment within the City of *London* for any Debt or Demand; any Law, Usage or Custom of the City of *London* to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Power to raise a further Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds by new Shares.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Money hereinbefore authorized to be raised, shall be found insufficient for the completing and maintaining the said Dock or Docks, and other Works hereby authorized to be made, and all necessary Charges and Expences relating thereto, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, to raise and contribute amongst themselves in Manner and Form aforesaid, or to raise by the Admission of new Subscribers (the Consent of a General Meeting being previously had and obtained for that Purpose) any further or other Sum of Money for completing and perfecting the said Undertaking, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds; and every Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, subscribing towards raising such further or other Sum of Money, shall be deemed a Member or Members of the said Company, and shall have all Rights and Privileges of the said Company, in as full and perfect a Manner as if he, she or they had been nominated and appointed at the General Meeting holden for the Purposes of this Act, and shall also be liable to such Forfeitures, and be interested in all the Profits of the said Undertaking, in proportion to the Sum he, she or they shall or may subscribe thereunto, as generally and extensively to all Intents and Purposes as if such further or other Sum hereby allowed to be subscribed for and raised, had originally been Part of the said first Sum.

Directors to audit Accounts, and make Calls.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Directors for managing the Concerns of the said Company, to be appointed as herein-after is expressed, or any Three or more of them, shall have Power from Time to Time to call for, audit, and settle all Accounts of Money laid out and disbursed for the Purposes of this Act, by Officers and

Persons employed under the Authority of this Act, and to make such Call or Calls of Money from the Subscribers, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, according to the Amount of their respective Subscriptions or Shares, for the Purpose of defraying the Expences of this Act, or the carrying on the Works authorized or directed by this Act, as by them the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, shall from Time to Time be deemed necessary for those Purposes, so that no Call shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds for every Hundred Pounds on the Sum or Sums so subscribed, and so as no Call to that Amount be made but at the Interval of One Calendar Month at the least from the preceding Call, which Money so called for shall be paid to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner as the said Directors shall from Time to Time appoint or direct, for the Use of the said Undertaking; and the Owner or Owners of Stock in the said Undertaking shall pay his, her or their Proportion or Proportions of the Monies called for as aforesaid at such Time and Place, and in such Manner as shall be appointed for that Purpose as aforesaid; and if any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their rateable or proportionable Part or Share, Parts or Shares of the said Monies to be called for as aforesaid at the Time and Place to be appointed by the said Directors, the Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, so neglecting or refusing to pay the same, shall forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds for every Hundred Pounds of his, her or their respective Subscriptions or Stock, or Part and Interest in the said Undertaking; and in every such Case, the said Dock Company are hereby empowered to sue for and recover in any Court or Courts of Law or Equity (as the Case may require) every or any such Part or Share, or any Part thereof so neglected or refused to be paid, and also the said Penalty of Five Pounds per Share; and in case such Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her or their rateable or proportionable Part or Parts or Shares of the said Money to be called for as aforesaid, for the Space of One Month after the Time or any of the respective Times to be appointed for Payment thereof as aforesaid, then, and in every such Case, the same may be sued for and recovered by the said Dock Company, as last herein-before is mentioned; or otherwise, at the Option of the said Directors, or of any Three or more of them, of the Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, so neglecting to pay the same, shall forfeit all his, her, or their respective Stock or Part and Interests in the said Undertaking and Premises, all which Forfeitures shall go to and for the Benefit of the rest of the Proprietors, their Successors, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, (holding for the Time being Shares of the said Stock) in proportion to their respective Interests.

No Call exceed 20l.

Calls to be recovered by Action.

Shares to be forfeited for Default.

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Advantage shall be taken of any Forfeiture of any such Stock or any Part thereof, until Notice of such Forfeiture in Writing shall have been previously given or left by some Officer of the said Company to or with the Owner or Owners of such Stock, or left at his, her or their usual or last known Place of Abode, nor unless the same shall be declared to be forfeited at

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No Advantage to be taken for Forfeiture until Notice to the Party, and until declared forfeited at a General Meeting.

some General Meeting of the said Company, to be held within Six Calendar Months next after such Forfeiture shall happen to be made; and in case of such Forfeiture, the same shall be an Indemnification; to and for every Proprietor so forfeiting all his or her Stock, Part, and Interest as aforesaid, against all and every Action or Actions, Suits or Prosecutions whatsoever, to be commenced or prosecuted for any Breach of Contract or other Agreement betwixt such Proprietor or Proprietors so forfeiting, and the rest of the Proprietors, with regard to carrying on the said Works.

In case of
Death, Execu-
tors, &c. to
be answerable
for Calls.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons subscribing or holding any Stock of the said Company, shall die before such Call or Calls shall have been made for the full Sum to be advanced on the Sum or Sums so subscribed, without having made Provision by Will, or otherwise in Writing, how the Money shall be paid upon Calls for the future, then, and in every such Case, the Executors or Administrators of such Owner or Owners shall be chargeable in respect of such Calls as for the Debts of that Testator or Intestate; and in case the Executors and Administrators, or Person or Persons entitled to the Personal Estate, shall refuse or neglect for the Space of Three Calendar Months to answer such Calls and Payments, the said Company shall be at Liberty, and are hereby authorized and required to admit any other Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, to be Proprietor or Proprietors of the Stock of such Owner or Owners so deceased, on Condition that he, she or they so admitted do and shall, on or before such Admission, pay to the Executors or Administrators of such deceased Owner or Owners, the full Sum or Sums of Money which shall have been paid by such Owner or Owners in his, her or their Lifetime, by virtue of any such Call or Calls, or otherwise, upon such Share or Shares of such Stock, or such other Sum or Sums of Money as the same can be sold for, first deducting the Penalties that may have been incurred.

Subscribers
may sell
Shares.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said several Proprietors of the said Undertaking, his, her or their respective Executors and Administrators, to sell and dispose of any Share or Shares to which he, she, or they may be entitled therein, subject to the Rules and Conditions herein mentioned; the Conveyance of which Shares shall be in the Form following:

Form of
Transfer.

‘ I A. B. of _____ in consideration of
‘ _____ paid to me by _____ of
‘ _____ do hereby bargain, sell, assign
‘ and transfer to the said _____ the Sum of
‘ _____ Capital Stock of and in the *East Country Dock*,
‘ being part, [*or, the whole, as the Case may be,*] of my Share in the
‘ Dock, to hold to the said _____ Executors,
‘ Administrators and Assigns, subject to the same Rules, Orders and Re-
‘ strictions, and on the same Conditions, that I held the same immediately
‘ before the Execution hereof; and I the said C. D. do hereby agree to
‘ take and accept the said Capital Stock or Share of
‘ _____ subject to the same Rules, Orders, Restrictions and Conditions.
‘ As Witness our Hands and Seals the _____ Day of _____

And

And on every such Sale the said Deed of Conveyance (being executed by the Seller or Sellers, and the Purchaser and Purchasers of such Share or Shares) shall be kept by the said Purchaser or Purchasers for his, her or their Security, after the Solicitor or Clerk or Clerks to the said Company of Proprietors shall have entered in a proper Book or Books, to be kept for that Purpose, a Memorial of such Transfer and Sale for the Use of the said Company, and have testified or indorsed the Entry of such Memorial in the said Deed of Sale or Transfer, for which no more than Five Shillings shall be paid; and the said Solicitor or Clerk or Clerks is and are hereby required to make such Entry or Memorial accordingly; and until such Memorial shall have been made and entered as above directed, such Purchaser or Purchasers shall have no Part or Share of the Profits of the said Dock, nor any Interest for such Share or Shares paid to him, her or them, nor any Vote in respect thereof as a Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Dock.

Transfer to be kept by Purchaser.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That after any Call of such Money shall have been made by such Committee as aforesaid, no Person or Persons shall sell or transfer any Share or Shares, which he, she or they shall possess in the said Dock, on Pain of forfeiting his, her or their respective Share or Shares therein to the said Company of Proprietors, in Trust for the Benefit of all the said Proprietors, unless he, she or they, at the Time of such Sale and Transfer, shall have paid and discharged to the Treasurer of the said Company of Proprietors the whole and entire Sum of Money which shall have been called for upon each Share so sold or transferred, such Forfeiture nevertheless to be notified and declared at a General or Special Assembly in Manner before directed: Provided always, that in case the said Company shall be desirous of raising the said Sum, not exceeding Twenty thousand Pounds, by Mortgage of the said Undertaking, or shall at any Time hereafter be desirous of raising by such Mortgage a Sum not exceeding Twenty thousand Pounds of the Capital Sum subscribed, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company to borrow and take up at Interest all or any Part of the said Sums on the Credit of the Rates, Tolls or Profits of the said Docks, and to assign the Property of the said Docks, and the Rates and Profits arising or to arise to the said Company by or from the said Docks, or to mortgage any Part or Parts thereof (the Costs and Charges of assigning the same to be paid out of such Rates and Profits, as a Security to any Person or Persons, or to his, her or their Trustee or Trustees, who shall advance the same,) all which said Assignments shall be made and signed by Three or more of the Directors of the said Company, and shall be in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

No Person to sell after Call till paid.

Power to raise Twenty thousand Pounds by Mortgage.

BY virtue
 Company of Proprietors of the *East Country Dock Company*, in
 Consideration of the Sum of
 Hand paid by
 do hereby bargain, sell, and assign to the said
 his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, the said
 Dock or Docks, and all and singular the Profits arising therefrom,
 or payable to us by virtue
 and all our Estate, Right, Title and Interest of, and in, and to the
 same, to hold unto the said *A. B.* his Executors, Administrators and
 Assigns, until the said Sum of

We, the Form of Mortgage to us in

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‘ with the Interest for the same, after the Rate of
 ‘ *per Centum per Annum*, shall be fully paid and satisfied.’

Not to have
 Preference.

Mortgages
 to be entered,
 and opened to
 Inspection.

Mortgages
 to be trans-
 ferrable.

Form of
 Transfer.

And all and every Person or Persons to whom such Assignment shall be made, shall be equally entitled, one with the other, to their Proportions of the said Rates, and Profits and Purchases, according to the respective Sums in such Assignments mentioned to be advanced, without any Preference whatsoever; and the Date, Name or Names of Assignees, with their Addition or Additions, the Sum of Money borrowed, and Rate of Interest, shall, within Twenty-one Days from the Date of every such Assignment, be entered in One or more Book or Books, to be kept by the Clerk to the said Company, which Book or Books shall and may be inspected at all reasonable Times by any of the Proprietors or Creditors of the said Dock, and any other Person or Persons interested therein, upon Payment for every such Inspection of the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence; and the Person or Persons to whom such Assignment shall be made as aforesaid, or who shall be entitled to the Money due thereon, shall and may from Time to Time transfer his, her or their Right or Interest therein to any Person or Persons by Writing under his, her or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

‘ I *A. B.* of _____ in con-
 ‘ sideration of the Sum of _____ paid by
 ‘ the said *C. D.* of _____ do hereby
 ‘ transfer a certain Mortgage made by the Company of Proprietors of
 ‘ the *East Country Docks*, _____ bearing Date the
 ‘ Day of _____ for securing the Sum of
 ‘ _____ and all the Interest now due and to become due thereon,
 ‘ and all my Right and Property therein, to the said *C. D.* his Executors,
 ‘ Administrators and Assigns, dated this
 ‘ Day of _____

Transfers to
 be entered.

Interest to be
 paid before
 Dividends.

Mortgagees
 not to vote.

Subscribers
 not to be li-
 able beyond
 their Shares.

And every such Transfer shall, within Seven Days after the Date thereof, be produced to the Solicitor or Clerk of the said Company, who shall cause a Memorial to be made thereof, for which the said Solicitor or Clerk shall be paid the Sum of Five Shillings and no more; and every such Entry made of such Transfer shall from thenceforth vest all Interest in the said Mortgage in the Assignee or Assignees, his, her or their Executors, Administrators and Assigns; and the Interest of the Money which shall be borrowed or raised by Mortgage as aforesaid, shall be provided for and paid to the several Persons entitled thereto, before any Interest or Dividends due to the said Company of Proprietors or any of them shall be paid, made, or divided.

XIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be capable of voting by reason of any Mortgage or Assignment, or any Transfer of the same, either as Principal or Proxy, at any Assembly or Meeting of the said Company, for or on account of his or her having lent or advanced any Money on the Credit of such Assignment.

XX. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, who may be Proprietor or Proprietors of any Shares of the said Company, shall be liable to his, her or their Real or Personal Estates being chargeable with any Debt or Demand
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whatsoever, due or to become due from the said Company, beyond the Extent of his, her, or their Share or Shares in the Stock of the said Company; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That when the Docks and Works shall be completed for the Reception of Shipping, or as soon after as a competent Judgment can be formed of the Profits which may accrue, the said Company shall, and they are hereby empowered and directed to make and declare such Dividend or Dividends on the Stock of the said Company, to be paid Yearly or Half Yearly out of the Profits which shall accrue to the said Company, as may and shall be settled and approved by a General Meeting of the said Company, to be from Time to Time called for the Purpose of making and declaring Dividends. Power to make Dividends.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, to appoint a Solicitor, Clerk or Clerks, Collector or Collectors, Receiver or Receivers, Treasurer or Treasurers, Watchman or Watchmen, and such other Officers and Servants as they shall find necessary for the Purposes of this Act, taking such Security or Securities for the faithful Execution of their respective Offices as the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, shall from Time to Time think fit; and out of the Money to be raised by this Act to pay or allow unto such Person or Persons such Salaries, Allowances or Recompences yearly or otherwise, for their Time and Trouble, as to them shall seem meet and reasonable, and from Time to Time to remove and suspend them or any of them, and appoint others in their Stead, or in the Room of such as shall die or be removed, suspended, or become incapable of performing their Office or Offices. Directors to appoint Officers.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company, or the major Part of them in General Court assembled, shall and may make, ordain, and constitute such and so many Bye-laws, Constitutions, Rules, and Ordinances, as to them, or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid, shall seem meet and convenient for the better governing, regulating, ordering, and managing of the said Company, and the Officers, Servants, and Persons employed or to be employed in and about the Affairs of the said Company, and to alter, change, revoke, repeal or make void the same from Time to Time, and as often as they or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid, shall judge necessary and expedient; provided that such Bye-laws, Constitution, Rules and Ordinances be printed, and be not contrary or repugnant to the Statutes, Customs, or Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, or to the Provisions in this Act contained; but no Order, Bye-law, Constitution, Rules, or Ordinance so made shall be good and valid, without being confirmed at a subsequent General Meeting of the said Company, ordinary or extraordinary, to be held as hereinafter mentioned. Power to make Bye-Laws.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Penalty to be imposed by any Bye-law made, ordained, and constituted by Authority of this Act, shall exceed the Sum of Five Pounds. Limitation of Penalty in Bye-laws.

XXV. And

Penalty for
destroying
Works, &c.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall steal, take away, break, demolish, or throw down any Lamp or Lamps, Lamp Irons or Posts, which the said Company shall or may set up near, unto and about the said Dock or Docks and other Works, or any of the Premises belonging to the said Company, or shall wilfully extinguish the Lights within the same Lamp or Lamps, or damage the Iron or other Furniture thereof, it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons who shall see such Offence committed, and also for any other Persons to assist, when called upon, to arrest the Offender or Offenders by Authority of this Act, and, without any other Warrant to convey him, her, or them into the Custody of a Peace Officer, in order to be conveyed before a Justice or Justices of the Peace for the Counties of *Kent* or *Surrey*; and that such Justice or Justices shall proceed to examine upon Oath any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear to give any Information touching such Offence (which Oath the said Justice or Justices is or are hereby authorized and required to administer), and that if the Party or Parties accused shall be convicted of such Offence, either by Confession or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses as aforesaid, he, she, or they shall forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for each Lamp, Lamp Iron or Post, or other Furniture so broke, thrown down or damaged, or for every Light extinguished, and moreover shall make full Satisfaction to the said Directors, or to such Person as they shall appoint to receive the same, for the Damage so done; and that in case such Offender or Offenders shall not, on Conviction, pay the Forfeiture assessed, and make Satisfaction as aforesaid, such Justice or Justices is or are hereby required to commit him, her, or them to the House of Correction for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months.

To appoint a
Dock Master.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and required from Time to Time, as Occasion shall require, to nominate and appoint a proper Person or Persons to be Superintendant Dock Master or Dock Masters, and to remove, suspend, or dismiss the same, which said Superintendant Dock Master or Dock Masters shall have full Power and Authority to direct the mooring, unmooring, moving, and removing of all Ships and Vessels, Lighters, and Craft coming into, lying or being in the said Dock or Docks, or any of them, either as to the Time or Times and the Manner of their Entrance into, lying or going out of the same, and their Positions, loading and discharging therein, and the Time or Times of opening and shutting the several Gates thereof; and in case the Owner, Master, Pilot, Servant, or other Person having the Care of any Ship or Vessel, shall refuse or neglect to moor, unmoor, move, or remove the same according to such Direction within Three Hours after Notice to him or them given in Writing, or left with some Person or Persons on board the said Ship or Vessel for that Purpose, then it shall be lawful for the said Dock Master or Dock Masters, or his or their Assistants, and he and they is and are hereby required to moor, unmoor, move, or remove such Ship or Vessel, and the Charges and Expences thereof respectively shall be paid, together with a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds for each Offence, by the Owner or Owners of such Ship or Vessel, and may be recovered by the said Company of the Owner of such Ship or Vessel in case of Nonpayment thereof,

thereof, on Demand, by such Ways and Means as Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act to be recovered; and in case any Master, Commander, Mate, Pilot or other Person or Persons whomsoever, shall obstruct or hinder the mooring, unmooring, moving or removing of any Ship or Vessel, such Person or Persons shall, for every such Offence, forfeit a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, to be recovered and applied as hereinafter declared.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That as soon as the said intended Dock or Docks are so far completed as to admit Ships, Vessels or Craft to enter therein, no Ship or other Vessel or Vessels shall lie within the Distance of One hundred Yards of the Entrances of the said Docks, unless it is for the Purpose of coming in or going out of the Dock, so that at all Times the Entrance may be kept clear and without Obstruction; and over this Space the Dock Master shall have Controul, so far as relates to the placing or transporting Ships or Vessels coming in or going out of the Dock.

No Ship to lie within the Distance of One hundred Yards of the Entrance.

XXVIII. And, for the better making and preserving a free and clear Passage and Entrance from the River *Thames* into and out of the said Docks for all Ships, Vessels, Lighters, Barges and Boats of every Description, be it further enacted, That no Ship, Vessel, Lighter, Barge, Craft or Boat of any Description whatsoever, shall lie across, in, or in any way obstruct any of the Entrances or Passages into or from any of the said Docks, Basons or Cuts except only such Ships, Vessels, Lighters, Barges, Crafts and Boats of whatsoever Description as shall have come out of or are intended to go into the said Dock, under a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds for every such Offence.

Penalty.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to prohibit any Ship or Vessel lying at or alongside of the Wharfs and Premises to the South Side of the said Docks or Basons, in such Manner as such Ship or Vessel before the passing of this Act by Law might have done.

XXX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Slip or Slips, Dry Dock, Graving Dock Way, or other Place for the building, heaving down, or repairing of Ships or other Vessels, shall at any Time hereafter be made or built, or permitted or suffered to be made or built, within the Walls surrounding any of the said Docks hereby authorized to be made, or of the Basons or Entrances which shall belong thereto; nor shall any Communication at any Time hereafter be made into the said *East Country Dock*, or to any of the Basons or Entrances which may belong thereto, from any Wet Dock, Slip or Slips, Dry Docks, Graving Dock Way, or other Place for the building, heaving down, or repairing of Ships or other Vessels which may hereafter be adjoining to the said *East Country Docks*, or to any of the Basons or Entrances which may belong thereto; nor shall the said *East Country Dock Company* at any Time or Times hereafter carry on or be otherwise concerned in the Trade or Business of building or repairing the Hulls or Masts of Ships or Vessels for Hire or Profit.

Restrictions as to Graving Docks.

No combusti-
ble Matter
to remain on
the Premises.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That no Tar, Pitch, Rosin, Hemp, Flax, Faggots, Furze, Brandy or other Spirituous Liquors, Turpentine, Oil, Hay, Straw, Tallow, Grease, Shavings of Wood, or combustible or inflammable Matter whatsoever of any Kind, shall be suffered to be or remain on the Quays or Wharfs aforesaid, or any Part thereof, or upon the Deck of any Ship or other Vessel in the said Bason or Docks, Cuts or other Works, or any of them, above the Space of Twelve Hours after passing the Custom House Offices; and that in case such Goods, Merchandize or Things cannot be conveniently removed therefrom by Day-light, that then, and in every such Case, the Owner or Owners of such Goods, Merchandize, or Things respectively, if on the Quays or Wharfs, or the Commander, Master or Mate, if on board of any Ship or Vessel, shall be obliged, and are hereby required to set and maintain at their own Expence a sufficient Number of sober Persons to guard and watch over the same, for such and so many Hours, according to the Season of the Year, as the said Superintendant Dock Master, or Dock Masters, or his or their Assistants shall direct or appoint; and in case the Owner or Owners of such Goods, Merchandize or other Things, or the Commanders, Master or Mate of any Ship or other Vessels shall make Default herein by neglecting the same, then, and in that case the said Superintendant Dock Master or Dock Masters, or his or their Assistants, shall set and appoint such sufficient Number of careful Persons as may be requisite to watch and guard over the same, at the Expence of the said Owner or Owners of such Goods or Ship or Ships; and every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence a Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds, exclusive of the full Charges of watching and attending the same.

To remove
Wrecks, &c.

XXXII. Be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, their Agents, Servants or Workmen, as often as Occasion shall require, well and sufficiently to cleanse, scour, open, deepen, widen, or cut through and take away any Banks, Hills, Earth, Soil or Rubbish in the said intended Works and Entrances to the said Docks, Basons or Cuts, in such Manner as the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, or any Person appointed by them for that Purpose, shall think proper for the Security, Entrance, and Accommodation of Shipping in the same; and also to remove and take away any Wrecks of Ships or Vessels, or any Ship or Vessel that shall be sunk therein, or any Wood, Timber, Anchors, or other Obstructions, or other Impediments of the like Nature that may be found or arise therein; and in case the Owner or Owners of any such Ship or Vessel, or other Obstructions so to be removed, shall refuse or neglect to pay the Charge of removing the same for the Space of Seven Days after Demand thereof made by any Officer of the said Company, then the Owner or Owners of any such Wrecks, or Ships or Vessels, or any Ship or Vessel that shall be sunk therein, or any Wood, Timber, Anchors, or other Obstructions, or Impediments of the like Nature, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit to the said Company, exclusive of the Expences incurred by removing the same, a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds; and the same shall be recovered and applied in such Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act directed to be recovered and applied.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons whomsoever shall throw, cast, or put any Ballast, Earth, Dust, Ashes, Stones or other Things into or upon any of the Works to be made in pursuance of this Act to the Prejudice thereof, or do any other Annoyance to the same or any Part thereof, and Complaint be made thereof, upon Oath, by any of the said Directors or their Clerk, or other Officer, or any other Person, the same shall be examined into and determined by One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Kent*, or *Surrey*; and they are hereby authorized to impose upon the Offender or Offenders (other than and except as is herein-after mentioned) such Fine or Fines, not exceeding Twenty Pounds for such Offence, as they the said Justices shall think reasonable; and in case any Owner or Owners, Master or Commander, Seaman or Servant of or belonging to any Ship or other Vessel shall be guilty of any of the said Offences, upon Proof thereof by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses before any of the said Justices, the Person or Persons so offending shall for such Offence forfeit to the said Company a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, and in case of Nonpayment of such last-mentioned Twenty Pounds for the Space of Three Days after the same shall be demanded, it shall be lawful for such Justices, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals to levy the same, together with the Costs and Charges incident thereto, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of every such Owner, Master or Commander, Seaman or Servant, or other Person or Persons so offending, or the Tackle, Apparel, or Furniture of or belonging to such Ship or Vessel, rendering the Overplus (if any) to the Person whose Goods or other Things shall be so distrained; and if sufficient Distress cannot be found, then it shall be lawful for such Justices, by Warrant under their Hand and Seals, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months, unless sooner discharged.

To prevent
Nuisance in
the Docks.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons whomsoever shall wilfully or maliciously cut or break, or in any Manner destroy any Rope or other Thing, by which any Ship or other Vessel lying in the said Dock or Docks, Basin or Basins, or Cuts, shall be moored or fastened, such Person or Persons shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall hinder or restrain the Dock Master or Dock Masters to be appointed in pursuance of this Act, or his or their Assistant or Assistants, from exercising in a due and reasonable Manner any of the Powers or Authorities hereby vested in them.

Penalty for
destroying
Ropes.

XXXV. And, for preventing Accidents by Fire in the said Docks or Basins, or Cuts or other Works, be it further enacted, That no Person whomsoever shall have, or keep, or cause to be had or kept any Fire, Candle, or Lamp lighted on board any Ship or other Vessel within the same at any Time or Times whatsoever, between the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* and the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in every Year after the Hour of Nine in the Evening, or before the Hour of Eight in the Morning, nor at any Time or Times whatsoever between the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* and the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* in every Year after the Hour of Nine of the Clock in the Evening, or before the Hour of

To prevent
Accidents by
Fire.

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Six of the Clock in the Morning, under Pain of forfeiting for every Offence a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

To prevent
Fire.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That no Pitch, Tar, Rosin, Turpentine, Oil, or other combustible or inflammable Matter shall at any Time hereafter be boiled or heated on board any Ship or other Vessel, Lighter, Craft, or Boat lying in the said Dock or Docks, Bason or Basons, or Cuts, or other Works, or any of them, nor in any Place or Places within the said Docks, Premises, or Cuts, except in such Place or Places, and in such Manner as shall be appointed by the said Directors or any Three or more of them, or by their known Agents for that Purpose; nor shall any Gunpowder or loaded Gun whatever be brought into the said Docks, Basons, or Cuts, or be suffered to remain on board any Ship or any other Vessel, upon Pain that every such Master, Commander, or Owner of any Ship or Vessel, or other Persons so offending in Manner as aforesaid, shall forfeit for every such Offence a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Masters and
Commanders
of Ships an-
swerable for
Damage.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Master or Owner of every Ship, Boat, Barge, Lighter, or other Vessel shall be, and is hereby made answerable for any Damage, Spoil, or Mischief that shall be done by any Ship, Boat, Barge, Lighter or other Vessel, or any of the Boatmen, Watermen or others belonging to or employed in or about the same, unto the Docks, Basons, Cuts, or any of the Bridges, Locks, Dams, Engines or other Works, in, upon or belonging to the said Docks, Cuts and Basons or any of them, or any of the Trenches, Sluices, and Passages to be made as aforesaid, or by loading or unloading any Ship, Boat, Barge, Lighter, or other Vessel, or for any Trespass or Damage that shall or may be done to the Owners or Occupiers of any Buildings, Erections, Mills, Dams, Gauges, Weirs, Lands, or Tenements adjoining or lying near the same or any of them, by leaving open the Gates or otherwise, or for any other Trespass whatsoever; and the said Master or Owner of any such Ship, Boat, Barge, Lighter or other Vessel may be sued and prosecuted for the same in any Court of Record; and if a Verdict or Judgment shall be given against him, either on Proof made, or by Default or upon Demurrer, the Plaintiff in any such Case shall recover his Damages thereby sustained with full Costs of Suit; and in case the Master or Owner of any such Ship, Boat, Lighter or other Vessel as aforesaid, shall be compelled to pay any Penalty, or to make Satisfaction for any Damage or Trespass, by reason of any wilful Act or Default done or committed by his Servant or Servants, every such Servant or Servants shall be liable to pay such Penalty, or the Money paid for any such Damage or Trespass, to such Master or Owner, and in case of Nonpayment thereof, on Demand, the same shall be recovered by such Master or Owner in like Manner as any Penalty is herein-after directed to be recovered.

Vessels laden
with Timber
may unload
in the Docks.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That notwithstanding any Thing contained in an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Nineteenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to explain so much of an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, intituled 'An Act for the encouraging and increasing of Shipping and Navigation,' as relates to the Importation into this Kingdom,*
and

and other His Majesty's Dominions, of Goods and Commodities of the Growth or Production of Africa, Asia, or America, which are manufactured in foreign Parts; for preventing Masters of Ships removing their Vessels out of the Stream, except to the lawful Quays in the Port of London, before the Goods are discharged or their Vessels are cleared by the proper Officers inwards or outwards; and for allowing the Officers of the Customs and Excise to make use of Lights on board of Ships in the Haven, Dock, or Basin at the Port of Kingston upon Hull; it shall and may be lawful for any Ship or Vessel laden with Timber or Wood only, or Timber or Wood as the principal Part of the Cargo, and not bound by Law to enter any particular Dock, to enter and go into the said Wet Docks or Basins: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend to authorize the loading or unloading, or to alter or vary the Right or Practice, if any, of loading or unloading Goods from the said Ship or Vessel in the said Dock or Basin; but the same Right or Practice, if any, shall remain, continue, and be subject to all such Constraint, Restriction, and Limitation, as it would have been if this Act had not passed.

XXXIX. And whereas it is expedient that the Trade and Business of the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Rotherhithe* should be interrupted as little as may be; be it therefore enacted, That the said Dock Company shall construct, make, and keep Two Platform Bridges, with proper and safe Rails or Chains over the Cut or Sluice made or to be made for connecting the said Docks with the River *Thames*, and that One of such Platform Bridges shall be shut for the Use of Passengers, unless in Cases where it shall be necessary to keep open both the said Bridges.

Inhabitants of the Parish of Rotherhithe Platform Bridge.

XL. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall and may likewise cause to be made and provided, altered or varied, such Sluices, Bridges, Footways, Paths, Ways, or Roads, on, in, or leading to the said Dock or Docks, or other Works, as they shall from Time to Time judge necessary, for the more convenient Use thereof, and of the Wharfs and other Works appertaining thereto.

To make Bridges, &c.

XLI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Company of Proprietors to make any Bridge over or upon, or to turn, divert, or alter any of the Turnpike Roads under the Care and Conservation of the Trustees appointed or to be appointed for putting into Execution an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for enlarging and altering the Term and Powers of several Acts of Parliament, for making a Road from New Street Southwark, to the Places therein mentioned, and from Frieschool Street Southwark, to Dockhead and Lilliput Hall Bridge in Bermondsey, and from the Stone's End in Kent Street Southwark, to Dartford, so far as respects the Road leading from the Stone's End in Bermondsey Street towards Saint Thomas-a-Waterings, and also for repairing and maintaining a certain Lane called Long Lane, in the Parish of Bermondsey in the County of Surrey,* or any of the Acts therein mentioned or recited, without the

The Turnpike Roads not to be intermeddled with, without Consent of the Trustees.

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Consent

Consent and Approbation of the said Trustees assembled at two successive General Meetings made and given.

No Sluice or Sewer to be made without the Consent of the Commissioners of Sewers.

XLII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to infringe upon the Rights, Powers and Authorities of the Commissioners of Sewers for the Limits extending from *East Mouldsey*, in the County of *Surrey*, to *Ravenborne* in the County of *Kent*.

Penalty on destroying Works.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall knowingly, wilfully or maliciously demolish, break down, cut down, or destroy any of the Works to be made by virtue of this Act, or any Ship or Vessel, Barge, Lighter or Craft, or Goods and Merchandize therein, lying in the said Dock, Cuts, Basin or Basins, then every such Offender or Offenders, being convicted thereof, shall suffer Punishment by Fine, Imprisonment, or Transportation for a Term not exceeding Seven Years, at the Discretion of the Judge or Judges before whom such Offender or Offenders shall be tried and convicted.

No Director or his Partner to supply any Materials.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That no Director nor any Person in any Manner connected in Business as Partner with such Director, shall hold any Contract or enjoy any Place of Profit created by this Act, or be beneficially employed, or in any Manner interested or concerned, directly or indirectly, in supplying any Article or Materials for the Use of the said Company; and in case any Director shall hold any Contract, or enjoy any Place of Profit created by this Act, or shall be in any Manner beneficially employed or concerned, directly or indirectly, in supplying any Articles or Materials for the Use of the said Company, every such Director shall forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, together with full Costs of Suit, to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection or Wager of Law, or more than One Impar lance, shall be allowed; and One Moiety of such Penalty, when recovered, shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, and the other Moiety shall be paid to the said Company, to be applied to the Purposes of this Act; and the Person or Persons so convicted, shall be absolutely disqualified from acting any longer as a Director or Directors of the said Company; and no Director interested in any such Contract, Matter, or Thing as aforesaid, shall vote in any Question touching or concerning the same.

Rates to be paid.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That in Consideration of the great Charges and Expences which the making, building, erecting and providing such Dock or Docks, Quays and Wharfs, Sluices, Bridges, Roads and other Works, and the supporting and maintaining, and keeping the same in Repair, for the future there shall be payable and paid to the said Company, or to their Collectors or Deputies for their Use, for every Ship or Vessel in entering into the said Docks or Cuts, or any or either of them, by the Master or Commander,
Owner

Owner or Owners of every such Ship or other Vessel, the several Rates or Duties, according to the Tonnage of the said Ship or Vessel, herein-after particularly rated and described in the Schedule to this Act annexed; marked (A); and the Master or other Person having the Command of each and every such Ship or Vessel is hereby required to produce such Certificate of Registry at the Time of Payment of the said Rates to the Dock Master or other Officer appointed to receive the same.

XLVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That Lighters and Craft entering into the Docks or Basons to discharge or receive Ballast or Goods to or from on board any Ships, shall be exempted from any Rates or Duties, such Goods paying Dues as in other Cases.

Lighters with Ballast not chargeable.

XLVII. And to the Intent that the Rates or Duties imposed by this Act may be more effectually collected and levied, be it further enacted, That in case any Owner or Owners, or Master or other Persons having the Charge or Concern of any Ship or other Vessel charged or chargeable with any of the Rates or Duties granted by this Act, shall refuse or neglect to pay the same, then, and in every such Case, it shall from Time to Time be lawful for the Collector or Collectors to be duly appointed in pursuance of this Act, to go on board such Ship or other Vessel, to demand, collect and receive the said Rates or Duties, and on Non-payment thereof to take and distrain such Ship or other Vessel, and all her Tackle, Apparel and Furniture belonging thereto, or any Part thereof, and the same to detain until the respective Rates or Duties shall be satisfied and paid; and in case of any Neglect or Default in Payment of the said Rates and Duties for the Space of Five Days after any Distress or Distresses so made or taken, that then it shall be lawful for the said Collector or Collectors to cause the same to be appraised by One or more Sworn Appraisers, or other sufficient Persons not interested therein, and afterwards to sell the said Distress or Distresses, and therewith to satisfy himself or themselves, as well for and in respect of Rates or Duties so neglected or refused to be paid, and for which such Distress or Distresses shall have been made or taken as aforesaid, as for and in respect of his or their reasonable Charges in taking, keeping, appraising and selling the same, rendering the Overplus (if any there be) to the Master, Commander, Owner or Owners of such Ship or Vessel upon Demand.

Power to compel Payment of the Rates.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Master, Owner or Owners, or other Person or Persons having the Charge or Command of any Ship or other Vessel, shall by any Means whatsoever at any Time or Times elude or evade the Payment of the Rates and Duties hereby made payable or any Part thereof, each and every Person eluding or evading Payment as aforesaid shall stand charged with and be liable to the Payment of the same; and such Rates and Duties shall and may be recovered from such Master or Owner or Owners respectively, by the same Ways and Means, and in such Manner as are herein-after described for levying and recovering the Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act inflicted or authorized to be imposed.

Persons eluding the Payment of the Rates to continue chargeable.

XLIX. And

Dock Master
to order out
useless Ships.

Penalty for
Disobedience.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Superintendant Dock Master or Dock Masters shall, and they are hereby authorized and directed, upon giving Twenty-four Hours previous Notice in Writing to the Owners or Masters thereof, or other Person having the Care of such Ship or Vessel respectively, to order out light Ships, and such as are unfit for Service, whenever the same shall incumber the said Basin or Dock, Basins or Docks, or any of them, or impede the Business thereof; and that all and every such Master or Masters, or Owner or Owners of any Ship or Vessel, who shall refuse or neglect to comply with such Order, shall forfeit for every such Offence a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every such Refusal or Neglect; and in case of Neglect or Refusal, the Dock Master or Dock Masters, his or their Assistant or Assistants, may remove or cause to be removed all such Vessels out of the said Docks and Basins, or Cuts, or any of them, and lay or moor the same in any Part of the River *Thames* within High Water Mark, as conveniently as may be; and that after Demand of Payment shall have been made by such Dock Master or Dock Masters, Assistant or Assistants, to the Owner or Owners, Masters, Commanders or Agents of such Ship or Ships, or other Vessel or Vessels, of the Charges of removing and mooring the said Ships or other Vessels, (such Charges and Expences being first allowed by the said Directors or any Three or more of them) and upon Neglect or Refusal to pay such Charges so allowed as aforesaid for the Space of Two Days, it shall be lawful for the said Dock Master or Assistants to distrain and sell such Ship or Vessel, or any of her Tackle, Apparel or Furniture, or any Part thereof, for Payment of such Charges and Expences of removing and mooring as aforesaid, rendering the Overplus (if any) after deducting the Charges of taking, keeping, and selling of such Distress, to the Owner or Owners, Master or Masters, Factor and Agents of or for such Ship or Vessel, upon the same being demanded.

Not to affect
the Rights
of the Com-
mercial Dock
Company.

L. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall authorize the said Company to make any Alteration in any Sluice, Bridge, Footway, Road, Way or Passage that runs into or across, leads to, or communicates with the Hereditaments and Premises of or belonging to the *Commercial Dock Company*, unless with the Consent of the Directors of such Company, or the Majority of them for the Time being, except such Part of any such Sluice, Bridge, Footpath, Street, Road, Path or Way as runs through and along the Premises belonging to the *East-Country Dock Company*.

Saving Power
to the Com-
mercial Dock
Company.

LI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be construed in any way to extend to restrict, limit, or interfere with the Authorities or Powers given and granted to the *Commercial Dock Company* in and by an Act of the Fiftieth Year of King George the Third, intituled *An Act for maintaining and improving the Docks and Warehouses called The Commercial Docks, and for making and maintaining other Docks and Warehouses to communicate therewith, all in the Parish of Saint Mary Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey*; with respect to the keeping clear the Entrance of the said Docks from Obstructions, and to the Controul of the Dock Master to place and transport Ships and Vessels coming in and going out of the

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Commercial Docks, it being hereby declared that nothing in this Act contained is intended to prevent the said Commercial Dock Company from exercising all the Rights and Powers given and created by the said Act, according to the full Effect and Meaning of this Act; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

LII. Provided also, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prejudice or affect the Rights of the *West India Dock Company*, established by an Act made in the Thirty-ninth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for rendering more commodious and better regulating the Port of London*; or of the *London Dock Company*, established by an Act made in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Year of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for making Wet Docks, Basons, Cuts, and other Works for the greater Accommodation and Security of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue within the Port of London*; or of the *East India Dock Company*, established by an Act made in the Forty-third Year of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the further Improvement of the Port of London, by making Docks and other Works at Blackwall, for the Accommodation of East India Shipping in the said Port*.

Saving Rights
of other Dock
Companies.

LIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent or hinder the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or their Deputies, Meters, or Fellowship Porters (otherwise *Billinggate* Porters) from exercising and enjoying within the said Wet Docks, and other Works already made, or to be made by virtue of this Act, the right of Measurage and Porterage of all Coal, Corn, Grain, and Seed of what Kind soever, and of all Salt and Fruit, and of all other Merchandizes measurable or to be measured at the Rates and Prices as regulated and settled or to be regulated and settled by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London* in Common Council assembled, in such and the same Manner in every respect as they now and heretofore have enjoyed such Right of Measurage and Porterage in any Part of the Port of *London*.

Saving Rights
of Fellowship
Porters and
Meters.

LIV. Provided also, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend or derogate from the Estates, Rights, Interests, Privileges, Franchises, or Authority of the King's Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, or of the Mayor and Commonalty of the Citizens of the City of *London*; or their Successors, or the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or to prohibit, defeat, alter, or diminish any Power or Authority or Jurisdiction, which at the Time of making this Act, His Majesty, or the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, as Conservator of the River *Thames* and Waters of *Medway*, did or might lawfully claim, use, or exercise; and further, that it shall be lawful for the said Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, like Manner as he hath used legally to do in other Cases, to inquire of, hear and determine by Presentment or Indictment taken before him as Conservator of the said River and Waters, all Offences contrary to this Act, or such Bye-laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations as shall be made as aforesaid; and upon Conviction of the Offender or Offenders, to impose a

Saving Rights
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City of *London*,
as Conservator
of the *Thames*
and *Medway*.

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Penalty or Penalties on him, her, or them, not exceeding the Penalty or Penalties hereby inflicted in and by the said Bye-laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations for such Offence or Offences; but no Person shall be punished Twice for One and the same Offence.

Saving to the Mayor and Commonalty the Right of gauging.

LV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prohibit, defeat, alter, or diminish any Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction, which, at the Time of making this Act, the Mayor or Commonalty or Citizens of the City of *London*, or the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or his Deputy, to the Exercise of gauging all Wines, Oil, Honey, and other gaugeable Merchandize imported or brought into the said Wet Docks already made or to be made by virtue of this Act, by the River of *Thames*, or to be exported therefrom, nor to prejudice or derogate from any other the Rights, Privileges, Liberties, Tolls, Customs, Dues, Duties, and Commodities of the said Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*; but that the said Mayor for the Time being or his Deputy shall exercise and enjoy the Rights of gauging within the said Wet Docks already made or to be made as aforesaid upon the Banks, Wharfs, Quays, and in the Warehouses thereto belonging, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if this Act had not been made.

Saving Rights of the Trinity House.

LVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prejudice or derogate from any of the Rights or Privileges of the Master, Warden, and Assistants of the *Trinity House, Deptford Strond*.

Penalties may be recovered after the Offence.

Justices may grant Warrant.

Penalties may be distrained for.

Application of Penalties.

Offenders may be committed.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That all Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures inflicted by this Act, or by any Rule or Bye-law which shall hereafter be made in pursuance of this Act, may be levied and recovered within Twelve Months after the Offence or Offences committed before any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the Counties of *Kent* and *Surrey*; and such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered and required, upon Complaint to him or them made, to grant a Warrant to bring before him or them such Offender or Offenders, at the Time and Place in such Warrant specified; and in case of Nonpayment thereof, on Conviction of the Offenders respectively on his, her, or their Confession, or on the Evidence of any One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, examined on Oath (which Oath the said Justice or Justices is or are hereby required and empowered to administer), shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, by Warrant under the Hand or Seal, or Hands or Seals of such Justice or Justices; and all Fines and Forfeitures when recovered, shall go and be applied, One Half to him who will sue or inform, and the other Half to the Use of the said Company, to be paid into the Hands of their Treasurer; and for want of sufficient Distress, or in case the Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to commit any such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Fine, Penalty

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 ‘ my Hand and Seal, the Day and Year first mentioned.’

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 appeal.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself or themselves aggrieved by any Order or Judgment made or given in pursuance of any Rule, Bye-law or Order of the said Company of Proprietors, or by any Order, Judgment or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, relating to any Matter or Thing in this Act mentioned or contained, then, and in such Case, he, she or they may, within Twelve Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the General Quarter Sessions to be holden in and for the County in which the Cause of Appeal shall arise (first giving Three Months Notice of such Appeal to the Person or Persons appealed against, and of the Nature thereof, and within Seven Days after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for such County or Place, with Two sufficient Sureties conditioned to try such Appeal, and abide the Order and Award of the said Court thereon); and the said Justices shall, upon due Proof of such Notice and Recognizance having been given and entered into, either hear and determine the said Appeal at such General Quarter Sessions, or if they think proper, may adjourn the hearing thereof until the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for such County; and the said Justices may, if they see cause, mitigate any Forfeiture or Fine, and may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of such Rule, Bye-law, Order or Determination, and may also order and award such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured as they shall judge reasonable; but no Proceedings to be had and taken in pursuance of this Act shall be quashed or vacated for want of Form, or be removed by *Certiorari* or by any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or elsewhere; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Limitation of
 Actions.

Special Mat-
 ters to be
 given in Evi-
 dence under
 General Issue.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced against any Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, every such Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced within Three Months next after the Fact committed, or in case there shall be a Continuation of Damages, then within Three Months next after the doing or committing such Damages shall have ceased, and not afterwards, and shall be laid and brought in the County where the Matter, or Dispute, or Cause shall arise and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence in any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if it shall appear to have been so done, or if any such Action or Suit shall be brought after the Time so limited for bringing the same, or in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then, and in every such Case, the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of his, her or their Action or Suit after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or if upon Demurrer or other-
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wise Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Coſts, and ſhall have ſuch Remedy for the ſame, as any Defendant hath for Coſts of Suit in other Cafes of Law.

Parties failing in Actions to pay Treble Coſts.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch by all Judges, Juſtices and others, without being ſpecially pleaded.

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The SCHEDULE

Schedule

	Per Register Ton.	
	s.	d.
Dockage on Laden Ships, with permission of laying Six Weeks	2	—
After that Time, if remaining with a Cargo on board	—	2
Or, if remaining without a Cargo on board	—	1
Ships coming in light	—	6
And if exceeding that Time	—	1
All rigged Vessels coming to load Goods in the Dock	—	9
All Ships to pay for Dockings	10	6
And for Un-docking	10	6
Lighters, Barges, and small Craft to pass without Charge.		
Wharfage of Oak and other heavy Timber	3	—
Wharfage of Oak and other heavy Planks	3	—
Dock Plank	4	6
Wharfage on large Timber and Mafts	—	—
Wharfage on small Timber	—	—
Wharfage on Deals from the Baltic	5	—
Wharfage on Deals from America	5	—
Wharfage on Oak Pipe and Hoghead Staves, from the Baltic, per Thousand	15	—
Wharfage on Oak Barrel and Heading Staves, from the Baltic, per Thousand	13	—
Wharfage on Hemp and Flax	2	6
Wharfage on Tallow	1	6
Wharfage on Pitch, Tar, and Turpentine	—	3
Wharfage on Oil	2	6
Wharfage on Whalebone	3	6
Use of the Coppers for boiling of Blubber, 252 Gallons	30	—

which this Act refers.

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	s.	d.
- Rent while stored on the Premises of the Company, per Load per Quarter	4	6
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- Rent while stored on the Premises of the Company, per Load per Quarter	2	—
- Rent while stored on the Premises of the Company, per Load per Quarter	3	—
- { Rent while stored on the Pre- } per Quarter per reduced Standard of 120	5	—
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- Rent while stored on the Premises of the Company, per Quarter per Thousand	20	—
- Rent while stored on the Premises of the Company, per Quarter per Thousand	15	—
- { Rent while stored or warehoused on the Premises of } per Week per Ton	1	—
- { the Company, - } per Week per Ton	—	6
- { Rent while stored or warehoused on the Premises of } per Week per Ton	—	6
- { the Company, - } per Week per Ton	—	6
- { Rent while stored or warehoused on the Premises of } per Week per Barrel	—	2
- { the Company, - } per Week per Barrel	—	2
- { Rent while stored or warehoused on the Premises of } per Week per Ton	1	—
- { the Company, - } per Week per Ton	1	—
- { Rent while stored or warehoused on the Premises of } per Week per Ton	1	—
- { the Company, - } per Week per Ton	1	—

The following is a list of the names of the persons who were present at the meeting held on the 15th day of October, 1913, at the residence of Mr. J. H. [unclear] in the city of [unclear], State of [unclear].

1	Mr. J. H. [unclear]
2	Mr. [unclear]
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6	Mr. [unclear]
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8	Mr. [unclear]
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12	Mr. [unclear]
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14	Mr. [unclear]
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