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An Act for building a new Court House for the Liberty and Borough of *Saint Alban* in the County of *Hertford*. [14th May 1829.]

WHEREAS the present Town Hall and Court House at *Saint Albans* in the County of *Hertford*, wherein the Courts of the Mayor and Aldermen of the said Borough, and the Quarter Sessions of the Peace, as well for the said Liberty as for the said Borough, are holden, and other public Business of the said Liberty and Borough is transacted, being an ancient Building greatly decayed and out of Repair, and being also too small and otherwise inconvenient for holding of the said Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and for transacting such other public Business, and the Scite whereon the said Town Hall and Court House stands being likewise so confined in Extent as not to allow a proper and sufficient Building for the Purposes aforesaid to be erected thereon, it is necessary that such Town Hall and Court House should be disposed of, and a new Court House for the Purposes aforesaid be erected on some other more convenient Scite: And whereas the Inhabitants of *Saint Albans* and its immediate Neighbourhood, being desirous that the said Building should be erected in or near to *Saint Peter's Street* in the said Borough, such being a central and conspicuous Part of the said Town, have raised by Subscription and voluntary Contribution amongst themselves a Sum sufficient to defray the additional Expence occasioned by the Erection of the said Building there: And

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whereas the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough are the Owners of the present Town Hall and Court House, and of the Ground or Scite whereon the same stand, and they have proposed that such Town Hall and Court House shall be sold, and the net Produce thereof applied in Manner hereinafter mentioned: And whereas it hath been agreed between the Justices of the Peace for the said Liberty and the said Borough in Session assembled, that so much of the Expence attendant upon the Purchase of a Scite for the Erection of such new Court House as the said voluntary Subscription and Contribution shall fall short of defraying, and also the Expence of erecting the said new Court House, and the Expences of this Act, shall be raised, paid, and borne by the said Liberty and the said Borough respectively in the Proportions of Two Third Parts thereof by the said Liberty and the remaining One Third Part thereof by the said Borough: And whereas it has been agreed between the Justices of the Peace for the said Borough, and the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough, that the net Monies to arise from the Sale of the said present Town Hall and Court House and Premises, after deducting the Expences which the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses may incur in relation to the said Sale or this Act, shall be by the Mayor of the said Borough for the Time being paid over to the Treasurer of the said Borough for the Time being, and be by the said Treasurer applied in aid of the One Third Share or Proportion of the Expences of, attendant and consequent on, the Purchase of a Scite for and the Erection of the said new Court House to which the said Borough is proposed to be made subject and liable: And whereas the Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: 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 at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden after the passing of this Act in and for the Liberty of *Saint Alban* in the County of *Hertford*, and at the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the Borough of *Saint Alban*, and afterwards at any subsequent General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the said Liberty and Borough respectively, or at any Adjournment thereof respectively, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace for the said Liberty and Borough respectively then and there assembled, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to make from Time to Time such Order or Orders for the purchasing of a Scite in or near to *Saint Peter's Street* in the said Borough, such being a central and conspicuous Part of the said Town of *Saint Alban*, for the Erection of a new Court House for the said Liberty and Borough, and for the erecting and building the same, as to them the said Justices of the Peace so assembled, or the major Part of them respectively, shall appear expedient or necessary, and for paying, discharging, and defraying all the Expences, Costs, and Charges attending the purchasing and building the same, by and out of the Rates to be raised within the said Liberty and Borough respectively,

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spectively, subject to such Provisions and Restrictions as are hereinafter contained.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Justices so assembled as aforesaid, or the major Part of them respectively, and they are hereby respectively authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, to treat, contract, and agree for the absolute Purchase of any Houses, Buildings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises, within the Town of *Saint Alban* aforesaid, situate, as before described, in or near to *Saint Peter's Street* aforesaid, which they shall judge to be proper and convenient for the Scite of such new Court House as aforesaid, with any Body Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastic, or any Tenant or Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, or with any Trustees or Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Purposes, Trustees, Executors, Administrators *durante Minoritate*, Husbands, Guardians, or Committees of or for Lunatics or Idiots, or other Trustees whomsoever, or with any Femes Covert who are or shall be seised or possessed of or interested in their own Right, or with any other Person or Persons whomsoever who shall be willing to sell the same, or her, his, or their Right or Interest in the same, for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, and by and out of the Rates to be raised within the said Liberty and Borough respectively to pay or cause to be paid, for the Purchase of such Houses, Buildings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises, such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be agreed upon between such Owners or other Persons interested as aforesaid and the said Justices, and also the Costs and Charges attending such Agreement and Purchase as aforesaid; and upon Payment of the Purchase Money for any such Houses, Buildings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises as aforesaid, to the Parties or Persons respectively entitled thereto, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England* in Manner by this Act directed, as the Case may be, it shall be lawful for the said Justices of the Peace, or any Two or more of them respectively, their Surveyors, Workmen, or Agents, at any Time thereafter to enter upon and take Possession of the said Houses, Buildings, Land, Ground, Hereditaments, and Premises, for the Purposes of this Act, and from thenceforth all Parties and Persons whomsoever shall be divested of all Right and Title, Claim and Reversion, to such Houses; Buildings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall empower such Justices respectively, or any of them, to charge the Rates to be raised upon the said Liberty and Borough respectively with the Payment of the Purchase Money or Purchase Monies agreed to be given for the Houses, Buildings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises aforesaid, or any Part of the same, beyond the Sum of Three hundred Pounds, and the Expences of and attendant upon or for any Contract, Agreement, Sale, Conveyance, or Assurance of or concerning any such Houses, Buildings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises.

Power for Justices, &c. to purchase Premises for the Purposes of this Act.

III. And

All Persons enabled to sell; and Indemnification given to Persons conveying.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants for Life or in Tail, or for any other partial or qualified Estate or Interest, Husbands, Guardians, Trustees and Feoffees in Trust for charitable and other Purposes, Committees, Executors, and Administrators, and all Trustees and Persons whomsoever, not only for and on Behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on Behalf of the Person or Persons entitled in Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy after them, (if incapacitated,) and for and on Behalf of their respective Wives, Infants, Issue unborn, Wards, Cestuique Trusts, Lunatics, Idiots, or Persons of unsound Memory and Understanding, and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be respectively seised and interested in their own Right, or entitled to Dower or other Interest therein, and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seised or possessed of or interested in any Houses, Buildings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises, which may be deemed necessary or convenient for the Purposes of this Act as aforesaid, to contract and agree with the said Justices for the Sale thereof or of any Part thereof, and to sell and convey all or any Part thereof, and all Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever of, in, or, to the same, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough, the Justices of the Peace of and for the said Liberty, and the Justices of the Peace of and for the said Borough, for the Time being, for the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances which shall be so made by virtue of this Act shall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, and without Inrolment, be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Person or Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of their several Cestuique Trusts, and all Persons whomsoever claiming or to claim by, from, or under them, and of all Persons entitled in Remainder or Reversion expectant on any such particular Estate; and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar the Dower and Dowers of such Person or Persons, and all Estates Tail and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, and the Issue and Issues of such Person and Persons claiming under them, as effectually as Fines or Common Recoveries would do if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law; any Law, Statute, or Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all such Bodies Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, Ecclesiastic, or Civil, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants for Life or in Tail, or Person or Persons having a qualified or partial Estate or Interest, Guardians, Feoffees, Trustees, Committees, and all other Persons, is and are and shall be hereby indemnified for what he, she, or they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

Application of Purchase

IV. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be contracted or agreed to be paid for the Purchase of any Houses, Buildings,

ings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises, to be purchased by virtue of this Act for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Corporation, Body Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastic, Tenant for Life or in Tail, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity, as hereinbefore is mentioned, such Money shall, (except as hereinafter is directed with respect to the Value of the present Town Hall and of the Scite thereof,) in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer at *Westminster*, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* "The Justices of the Peace for the Liberty and of the Borough of *Saint Alban*," pursuant to the Directions of an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better securing Monies and Effects paid into the Court of Exchequer at Westminster on account of the Suitors of the said Court, and for the Appointment of an Accountant General and Two Masters of the said Court, and for other Purposes*; and the General Orders of the said Court, without Fee or Reward; to the Intent that such Money may be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Houses, Buildings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises, in the Purchase of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Houses, Buildings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises, or affecting other Houses, Buildings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises, standing and being settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under and with the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Houses, Buildings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner, as the Houses, Buildings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises, which shall be so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid, stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making the Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking effect; and in the meantime and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court of Exchequer upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated, or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, or on Government or Real Securities; and in the meantime and until such Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends or Interest and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities, or Government or Real Securities, shall from Time to Time be paid,

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by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Houses, Buildings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises; so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

When less than 200*l.* and exceeding 20*l.*

V. And be it further enacted, That if any Money so contracted or agreed to be paid for any Houses, Buildings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises, to be purchased for the Purposes of this Act, or for any such public Improvement or public Improvements, and belonging to any Body Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastic, Tenant for Life or in Tail, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or to any Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Houses, Buildings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises, so purchased, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy, Idiocy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the said Court of Exchequer, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner hereinbefore directed; or otherwise the same may be paid at the like Option to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by the said Justices so assembled as aforesaid, (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hand of the nominating and approving Parties,) in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends arising thereon, may be applied in the Manner hereinbefore directed, so far as the Case may be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the said Court of Exchequer.

When less than 20*l.*

VI. And be it further enacted, That when such Money so contracted or agreed to be paid as aforesaid shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Houses, Buildings, Land or Ground, Hereditaments and Premises, so to be purchased for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Justices so assembled as aforesaid shall think fit; or in case of Infancy, Idiocy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, then the same shall be paid to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

Application of Purchase Monies in case of not making out

VII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Person or Persons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be agreed to be paid for the Purchase of any Ground, Hereditaments, and Premises, or any Messuages, Cottages, or Tenements, Erections or Buildings, standing
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or being thereon, to be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, or of any Estate or Interest in any such Ground, Messuages, Cottages, Tenements, Erections or Buildings, Hereditaments and Premises, shall refuse to accept the same, or shall not be able to make a good Title to the Premises to the Satisfaction of the said Justices of the Peace of the said Liberty and of the said Borough of *Saint Alban* for the Time being acting under and for the Purposes of this Act, or their Counsel or Solicitor, or in case the Person or Persons to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be agreed to be paid cannot be found, or if the Person or Persons entitled to any such Ground, Hereditaments, and Premises, Messuages, Cottages, or Tenements, Erections or Buildings, be not known or discovered, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful for the said Justices so assembled as aforesaid to order the Sum or Sums of Money so agreed to be paid, to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the said Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account there to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Ground, Hereditaments, and Premises, Messuages, Cottages, or Tenements, Erections or Buildings, (describing them,) subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court of Exchequer; which said Court, on the Application of any Person or Persons making claim to such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, shall be and is hereby empowered, in a summary Way, or otherwise, as to the said Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the Public Funds, and to order Distribution thereof, or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the respective Estates, Titles, or Interests of the Person or Persons making claim thereunto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England* who shall receive such Sum or Sums of Money is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums of Money, mentioning and specifying therein for what and for whose Use the same is or are received, to such Person or Persons as shall pay any Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank of *England* as aforesaid.

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VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the said Court of Exchequer, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Ground, Hereditaments, and Premises, Messuages, Cottages, or Tenements, Erections or Buildings, or of any Estate, Right, Title, or Interest in any Ground, Hereditaments, and Premises, Messuages, Cottages, or Tenements, Erections or Buildings, to be purchased in pursuance of this Act for the Purposes aforesaid, or to any Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends, Interest, or Produce of any such Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of any such Ground, Hereditaments, and Premises, Messuages, Cottages, or Tenements, Erections or Buildings,

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Buildings, at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Ground, Hereditaments, and Premises, Messuages, Cottages, or Tenements, Erections or Buildings, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Exchequer; and the Dividends, Interest, or Produce of the said Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Ground, Hereditaments, and Premises, Messuages, Cottages, or Tenements, Erections or Buildings, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

The Court of Exchequer may order reasonable Expences to be paid by the Justices.

IX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons or Corporation so as aforesaid entitled to any Ground, Hereditaments, and Premises, Messuages, Cottages, or Tenements, Erections or Buildings, to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the Court of Exchequer, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Ground, Hereditaments, and Premises, Messuages, Cottages, or Tenements, Erections or Buildings, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court of Exchequer to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as to the said Court shall seem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said Justices out of the Monies to be raised or received by virtue of this Act, who shall from Time to Time pay or order to be paid such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

The Scite and new Court House to be vested in the Corporation and Justices.

X. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Money which may be contracted or agreed to be paid for the Purchase of any Houses, Lands, Buildings, Tenements, and Hereditaments, for the Purposes of this Act, to the Party or Parties or Person or Persons respectively entitled to such Money, or his, her, or their Agent or Agents, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England* for the Purpose of being disposed of in the Manner hereinbefore directed, as the Case may be, and upon the Conveyance of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough, the Justices of the Peace of and for the said Liberty, and the Justices of the Peace of and for the said Borough, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand, in Law or Equity, of the Person or Persons or Party or Parties respectively to whom or for whose Use the same shall be paid, into or out of such Houses, Lands, Buildings, Tenements, and Hereditaments, shall vest in the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough, the Justices of the Peace of and for the said Liberty,

Liberty, and the Justices of the Peace of and for the said Borough, for the Time being, for ever, and the said Court House proposed to be erected on the Scite thereof, when built, in pursuance of this Act, with its Appurtenances, and every or any future Addition thereto, and every Matter and Thing appertaining to the same, shall in like Manner be vested in the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough, and the Justices of the Peace of and for the said Liberty, and the Justices of the Peace of and for the said Borough, for the Time being, for ever, for the Use of the said Corporation, Liberty, and Borough respectively, in the Manner and for the Purposes in this Act mentioned.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justices and others acting under them, by virtue or in execution of this Act, to take and use, for the Scite or Part of the Scite of the said new Court House, or for any of the Purposes of this Act, any Waste Land or Ground, or any other Land or Ground, not being private Property, or used for or forming Part of any Street, Lane, or Highway, which may adjoin any Part of the Ground, Hereditaments, and Premises to be purchased for the Erection of the said new Court House as aforesaid, and in like Manner to take and use, for all or any of the Purposes last aforesaid, so much and such Part of any Street, Lane, or Highway as may adjoin any Part of the said Ground, Hereditaments, and Premises so to be purchased as last aforesaid, or be wanted for any of the Purposes last aforesaid, as shall remain after allowing a Space of Thirty Feet at the least for a Footpath and Carriage Road; and all and singular the Waste or other Land or Ground, and such Part of any such Street, Lane, or Way as aforesaid, which may be so taken or used for the Scite of the said new Court House, or any of the Purposes thereof, shall from and immediately thereafter be vested in the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Saint Alban*, and the Justices of the Peace of and for the said Liberty, and the Justices of the Peace of and for the said Borough, for the Time being, for ever, for the Purposes in this Act mentioned.

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XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, and they are hereby authorized and required, to cause the said present Town Hall and Court House at *Saint Albans* aforesaid, with the Appurtenances, to be sold and disposed of to such Person or Persons as shall be willing or desirous to contract for the Purchase of the same, and either in one Lot or in several Lots, and either by Public Auction or Private Contract, at the Discretion of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, for such Sum or Sums of Money as can or may in their Opinion be reasonably had or expected for the same: Provided always, that the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses shall not sell, take down, or remove the present Town Hall and Court House, or part with the Possession thereof or of any Part thereof, or of the Appurtenances thereto, until the proposed new Court House shall be completed and fit for the Purposes for which it is intended; but that the Courts of the said Mayor and Aldermen, and the said Quarter Sessions of the Peace of

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or for the said Liberty and Borough respectively, shall be holden, and other the public Business of the said Liberty and Borough respectively be transacted, in the said present Town Hall and Court House, in the meantime as heretofore; provided also, that if the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses shall deem it more advantageous or convenient to sell and dispose of the said present Town Hall and Court House, with the Appurtenances, or any Part thereof, before the said new Court House shall have been completed, it shall and may be lawful for them so to do, on inserting, in the Conditions of or Agreement for Sale of the said present Town Hall or Court House a Stipulation that the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof shall not be let into Possession, or take away or remove the same or any Part thereof, until the said proposed new Court House shall be completed and fit for the Purposes for which it is intended.

When sold, to be conveyed by the Mayor, &c. to the Purchaser; and such Conveyance shall give a good Title.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That when any Sale of the said present Town Hall and Court House, and the Erections, Buildings, Scite, and Premises belonging thereto, or any Part of the same, shall be made pursuant to this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be paid to the Mayor of the said Borough for the Time being, and a Conveyance or Conveyances thereof shall be made by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough unto or to the Use of or in Trust for the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, and their respective Heirs and Assigns, or otherwise, as such Purchaser or Purchasers shall direct or appoint; and such Conveyance or Conveyances (with a Receipt or Receipts (as the Case may be and require) indorsed thereon for the Purchase Money or Purchase Monies) under the Corporate Seal of the said Borough shall be valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, and shall give good and valid Title to such Purchaser or Purchasers; and the said Receipt or Receipts for the Purchase Money or Purchase Monies, and the Receipt or Receipts of the Mayor of the said Borough for the Time being, under his Hand, for the Purchase Money or Purchase Monies for the Materials of the said present Town Hall and Court House (if pulled down previous to any Sale of the Scite), shall in itself or themselves respectively be a good and sufficient Discharge and good and sufficient Discharges to the Purchaser or Purchasers of the same respectively; and such Purchaser or Purchasers shall not be obliged to see to the Application, or be answerable for the Misapplication or Nonapplication thereof.

Purchase Money of the old Town Hall, &c. to be applied in aid of the Proportion of the Expences to be borne by the Borough.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Purchase Money or Purchase Monies, as well for the Scite as for the Materials of the present Town Hall and Court House, when received, shall, after full Payment and Satisfaction thereof of all Costs, Charges, and Expences which the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses may incur in relation to the said Sale or this Act, and which they are hereby authorized and empowered to retain and pay, be by the Mayor of the said Borough for the Time being paid over to the Treasurer of the said Borough for the Time being, and shall by the said Treasurer be applied in aid of and towards the One Third Part Share

or Proportion of the Expences attendant and consequent on the Purchase of a Scite for and the Erection of the said new Court House to which the said Borough is by this Act made subject and liable.

XV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justices of the said Liberty and Borough of *Saint Alban* respectively, or the major Part of them respectively so assembled as aforesaid, and they are hereby authorized and required, with all convenient Speed after a convenient Scite shall have been obtained for the Erection of the new Court House, to make, build, and erect, or cause to be made, built, and erected, on the Ground, Hereditaments, and Premises so to be purchased or provided as aforesaid for the Purposes of this Act, a new and convenient Court House, with proper and necessary Rooms and Apartments, and all such other proper and necessary Erections, Buildings, and Conveniences of every Description, and sufficient Outlets thereto, as the said Justices respectively so assembled, or the major Part of them respectively, shall deem expedient, and also to fit up and furnish, or cause to be fitted up and furnished, in a complete and effectual Manner, with all proper and necessary Furniture, Articles, and Things, the said new Court House, and the said several Rooms, Apartments, Offices, and Buildings, as they shall deem meet and expedient for the holding of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said Liberty and of the said Borough respectively, and for transacting the public Business of the said Liberty and Borough respectively; and for the doing whereof the said Justices respectively so assembled, or the major Part of them as aforesaid, or any Person or Persons by them respectively appointed; are hereby authorized to make and enter into such Contracts and Agreements, and to employ such Surveyors, Artificers, Workmen, Labourers, and others, and to take such Security from every or any such Contractor for the due Performance of his Contract, and to do all such Things as shall in their Discretion appear requisite in the Premises.

Justices to
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XVI. And be it further enacted, That all Timber, Stone, Brick, and other Materials, Furniture, Articles, and Things, to be made use of, or which shall be purchased or collected to be made use of, or be brought, procured, or provided from Time to Time respectively by the Order of the said Justices respectively so assembled, or the major Part of them as aforesaid, or by any Person or Persons by them appointed or authorized, for the erecting, making, and building of the said new Court House or other Buildings or Work carrying on under this Act, or for the fitting up and furnishing of the same, or otherwise, for the Purposes of this Act, and which may not be the immediate Property of their Agents or Contractors, shall from and after the passing of this Act be vested in the Justices of the Peace for the said Liberty and for the said Borough of *Saint Alban* respectively; and they are hereby authorized and empowered to bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions, or prefer or cause to be preferred any Bill or Bills of Indictment, against, or prosecute in the Name of the Clerk of the Peace for the said Liberty or of the said Borough for

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for the Time being, any Person or Persons who shall steal, take away, injure, damage, or destroy any such Timber, Stone, Brick, or other Materials, Articles, and Things as aforesaid; and any Action so to be brought, and every Indictment respectively, wherein any such Timber, Stone, Brick, Materials, Furniture, Articles, or Things shall be laid to be the Property of the Justices of the Peace for the Liberty of *Saint Alban* in the County of *Hertford*, and of the Justices of the Peace for the Borough of *Saint Alban* in the County of *Hertford*, without the Insertion of the Names of the said Justices respectively, or any of them, shall be good and valid in the Law to all Intents and Purposes.

The new Building to be the Court House of the Liberty and Borough of *Saint Alban*, a Room being set apart for the Corporation.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That when the said new Court House shall be finished it shall be the Court House for the said Liberty of *Saint Alban* and the said Borough of *Saint Alban* respectively, and shall and may be used accordingly for the holding therein the Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said Liberty and of the said Borough respectively, and for transacting other the public Business of the said Liberty and Borough respectively; and for facilitating the Arrangement in this Behalf, and for removing all Doubts that may exist on the Subject, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace of or for the said Liberty to act as a Justice or Justices of the Peace of or for such Liberty within the said Borough, and with or without the Clerk by him or them deputed, or other Officers; and all and every such Act and Acts, Matters and Things, which shall be done or may have heretofore been done by such Justice or Justices of or for the said Liberty within the said Borough, shall be as valid and effectual in the Law as if the same had been done within the said Liberty and without the said Borough, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be deemed, construed, or taken to extend, to give the Justices of the Peace of or for the said Liberty, not being Justices of or for the said Borough, or any Clerk, Constable, or other Officer acting under or in obedience to their Direction, Power or Authority to act or intermeddle in any Matters or Things arising within the said Borough in any Manner whatsoever; provided also, that notwithstanding any thing herein contained the said Justices of or for the said Liberty shall, at their first General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for the said Liberty after the said new Court House shall be finished, set apart and appropriate One fit and proper Room in the said new Court House to and for the Use of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough of *Saint Alban*, and their Successors, as and for their Council Chamber; provided also, that at such Times as the said new Court House and Premises shall not be used, by or under the Authority of the Justices for the said Liberty and Borough respectively, for the public Business, or meeting the public Occasions of the said Liberty and Borough and the Neighbourhood of the same respectively, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough, and their Successors, to have and enjoy the Use thereof for the Purpose of holding the Courts of the said Borough, and transacting
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and performing other the public Business and Corporate Duties, or meeting the public Occasions of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expences of and attendant on the making, erecting, and building, fitting up and furnishing, the said new Court House, (including the Costs and Expences of and incident to and attending the preparing, soliciting, and obtaining this Act, and otherwise in relation thereto,) together with the said Sum of Three hundred Pounds to be advanced by the Justices of and for the said Liberty and Borough respectively towards the Purchase of the said Scite on which the said new Court House is to be so erected and built, and the Expence attendant upon or incident to the Purchase of such Scite, and such other Expences as may be ordered or directed to be paid by the Court of Exchequer, and such Expences as the said Justices respectively, or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid, shall consider that the said Liberty and Borough respectively ought to bear and pay, under or in pursuance of this Act, shall be raised, paid, and borne in the Proportions following; (that is to say,) Two Third Parts thereof shall be raised, paid, and borne by the said Liberty of *Saint Alban*, and the remaining One Third Part thereof shall be raised, paid, and borne by the said Borough of *Saint Alban*: Provided always, that in aid of and towards the raising and making up such One Third Part, the net Monies to arise by the Sale of the said present Town Hall and Court House, with the Appurtenances, shall be paid and applied in the Manner hereinbefore mentioned.

Money to be raised in the Proportion of Two Thirds for the Liberty and One Third for the Borough.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That for raising Money for completing the Purchase of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used for the Scite of the said new Court House, and for erecting, building, and completing the said new Court House, and fitting up and furnishing the same, and for paying and reimbursing all other Costs, Charges, and Expences already incurred or hereafter to be incurred respecting the said new Court House, or the Scite thereof, or incident to or attending the obtaining and passing of this Act, or for any other Purpose whatsoever authorized by this Act, or which may be necessary for carrying the same into execution, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justices of the Peace for the said Liberty, and the Justices of the Peace for the said Borough respectively, assembled in Quarter Sessions or any Adjournment thereof, or for the greater Number of such Justices respectively who shall be then and there assembled, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, to raise, borrow, and take up at Interest, of and from any Person or Persons whomsoever who shall be willing to advance and lend the same, any Sum or Sums of Money on the Credit of the Rates to be raised on or within the said Liberty and Borough respectively, in Sums of not less than One hundred Pounds each, and by Writing under their Hands and Seals, or under the Hands and Seals of the Chairman for the Time being, and any Two of such Justices of the said Liberty and the said Borough respectively, to mortgage or assign

Justices empowered to raise Money on the Credit of the Rates of the Liberty and Borough by way of Mortgage.

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over such Rates respectively, or any Part thereof respectively, to the Person or Persons who shall lend, or advance such Money, or to his her, or their Trustees or Trustee, as a Security for the Repayment of the Money so to be borrowed as aforesaid, together with such Interest as the said Justices respectively so assembled as aforesaid, and the Parties lending such Money, shall agree upon, without any Liability on the Part of the Person or Persons lending such Money to enquire whether the same will be wanting for the Purposes of this Act; and the Charges, and Expences of such Security or Securities respectively shall be from Time to Time defrayed out of the Money advanced upon such Security; and every such Mortgage or Security may be in the Words or to the Effect following, with such Variations only as the Circumstances of the Case may require:

Form of
Mortgage.

WE, A. B., One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and
Chairman of the Court of [General or Quarter] Sessions of
the Peace holden at the Day of
[if by Adjournment say so]
for the Liberty [or Borough] of *Saint Alban* in the County of
Hertford, and C. D. and E. F., Two other of His Majesty's
Justices of the Peace acting for the said Liberty [or Borough],
and assembled in the said Court, in pursuance of the Powers and
Authorities to us given by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the
Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act* [here
insert the Title of this Act], do hereby in open Court mortgage and
charge all Rates to be raised within the said Liberty [or Borough],
under the Description of Liberty [or Borough] Rates, by the
Laws now in being, or to be raised by any Law hereafter to be
made, with the Payment of the Sum of which
G. H. of hath proposed and agreed to
lend, and hath now actually advanced and paid into the Hands of
the Treasurer for the said Liberty [or Borough] for the Purposes
of the said Act; and we do hereby confirm the same unto the
said G. H., his [or her] Executors, Administrators, and Assigns,
for securing the Payment of the said Sum of
and Interest for the same after the Rate of per
Centum per Annum, and do order the Treasurer for the said
Liberty [or Borough] to pay the Interest of the said Sum of
or of so much thereof as upon each half-
yearly Day of Payment as after mentioned shall remain due and
owing upon this Security, together with
for and towards Payment and in part Satisfaction of the said
Principal Sum, half-yearly on the Day of
and the Day of
in every Year, until the whole of
such Principal and Interest shall be discharged, pursuant to the
Directions of the said Act. In witness whereof we have hereunto
set our Hands and Seals, the Day of
in the Year of our Lord

And all such Contracts or Agreements shall be inrolled with the
Clerk of the Peace for the said Liberty and the said Borough
respectively, who shall be entitled to demand and take a Fee of
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Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence for every such Inrolment, and for providing necessary and proper Books for the Purpose, and for the Indorsements on such Contracts or Agreements denoting such Inrolment, and his the said Clerk of the Peace's Hand thereto.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the said Justices of the said Liberty and Borough respectively shall and may and they are hereby authorized and required to charge the said Rates respectively, not only with the Interest of the Monies so borrowed, but also with the Payment of such further Sum as shall insure the Payment of the whole Sum borrowed within any Number of Years not being less than Fifteen Years and not exceeding Forty Years from the Time of borrowing the same; and such Sum and Sums shall be assessed on the said Liberty and Borough of *Saint Alban* respectively in such Manner as the said Liberty and Borough Rates respectively are or may be directed to be assessed by the Laws now in being or hereafter to be made, and paid and applied, under the Directions of the said Justices respectively so assembled, or the major Part of them respectively as aforesaid, in discharge of the Interest and of so much or so many of the Principal Sums on the said Securities as such Monies will extend to discharge in each Year, until the whole of the Money for which such Securities shall be made, and the Interest thereof, shall be fully paid and discharged; and the said Justices of the said Liberty and Borough respectively so assembled, or the major Part of them respectively as aforesaid, are hereby required to fix One or more Day or Days in each and every Year on which such Payment shall be made; and the Treasurer of the said Liberty and Borough respectively shall keep an exact and regular Account of all Receipts and Payments under the Authority of this Act in a Book or Books separate and apart from other Accounts, and the same shall adjust and settle in such Manner that it may readily be seen what Interest is growing due, and what Principal Money has been discharged, and what remains due from Time to Time, and the Books or Book so adjusted and settled shall deliver into Court at every Quarter Sessions to be held for the said Liberty and Borough respectively; and the Justices of the said Liberty and Borough respectively shall and they are hereby required to inspect all such Accounts, and to make Orders for carrying the several Purposes last aforesaid into execution, in such Manner as to them shall seem meet.

Money borrowed to be paid within the Period of not less than 15 and not exceeding 40 Years with Interest.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Justices of the said Liberty and Borough respectively so assembled, or the major Part of them respectively as aforesaid, shall think it advantageous to raise all or any Part of the Monies to be borrowed or raised on the Credit of the said Rates respectively under this Act, by granting Annuities for Life or Lives, it shall and may be lawful for the said Justices of the said Liberty and Borough respectively, at any of their Quarter Sessions, or any Adjournment thereof, or for the greater Number of such Justices respectively who shall be then assembled, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, or under the Hands and

Money may be raised by Annuities on Lives to be secured on the Rates.

and Seals of the Chairman for the Time being and any Two of the said Justices respectively, to grant One or more Annuity or Annuities to any Person or Persons who shall advance and pay unto the Treasurer of the said Liberty and Borough respectively for the Time being any Sum or Sums of Money for the absolute Purchase of an Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable during the Life or Lives of such Purchaser or Purchasers, or of such other Person or Persons as shall or may be nominated and appointed by or on the Behalf of such Purchaser or Purchasers at the Time of paying his, her, or their Purchase Money or Purchase Monies; and the Grant of every such Annuity may be in the Form or to the Effect following:

Form of
Grant of
Annuity.

BY virtue of an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act* [here set forth the Title of this Act], We, *A. B.*, One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace and Chairman of the Court of [General or Quarter] Sessions of the Peace holden at the Day of [if by Adjournment say so], for the Liberty [or Borough] of *Saint Alban* in the County of *Hertford*, and *C. D.* and *E. F.*, Two other of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the said Liberty [or Borough], and assembled in the said Court, in consideration of the Sum of in hand by *G. H.* of to the Treasurer of the said Liberty [or Borough] of *Saint Alban*, for the Purposes of the said Act, do hereby grant unto the said his [or her] Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, One Annuity or yearly Sum of out of the Rates to be raised within the said Liberty [or Borough], under the Description of Liberty [or Borough] Rates by the Laws now in being, or to be raised by any Law hereafter to be made on the Credit thereof; which Annuity or yearly Sum of we do order the Treasurer for the said Liberty [or Borough] to pay to the said or his [or her] Assigns, during the Term of Life [or to the said his [or her] Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, during the Life of [as the Case may be], by Half-yearly Payments, on the Day of, and the Day of in every Year, the first half-yearly Payment thereof to be made on the Day of next ensuing the Date of these Presents; and to pay to the Executors, Administrators, or Assigns of the said [or, to the said his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, as the Case may be,] a proportionate Part of the said yearly Sum of which may accrue or become due and payable from the last half-yearly Day of Payment of the said yearly Sum of next preceding the Day of the Decease of the said up to such the Day of the Decease of the said, in case he [or she] happen to depart this Life on any other Day than one of the half-yearly Days

‘ Days of Payment above mentioned. In witness whereof we have
 ‘ hereunto set our Hands and Seals, the Day of
 ‘ in the Year of our Lord

And every such Grant shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law for the Payment of such Annuity; and all Annuities to be granted as aforesaid shall be and are hereby charged on and shall be paid and payable free from all Charges and Deductions out of the said Rates for the said Liberty and Borough respectively; and every such Grant of Annuity shall be inrolled with the Clerk of the Peace for the said Liberty and Borough respectively, who shall be entitled to demand and take a Fee of Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence for every such Inrolment, and for providing necessary and proper Books for the Purpose, and for the Indorsements on such Grants denoting such Inrolment, and his the said Clerk of the Peace’s Hand thereto.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the several Persons entitled for the Time being to any of the Securities for the Money which shall be so advanced, or to the Annuities which may be granted as aforesaid, and their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, (as the Case may be,) at any Time or Times, by Writing under their respective Hands and Seals, to assign and transfer the same to any Person or Persons whomsoever, in the Form or to the Effect following :

Mortgages and Annuities to be transferable.

‘ I *A. B.* of _____ being entitled to
 ‘ the Sum of _____ [or an Annuity of _____
 ‘] by virtue of a Mortgage [or Grant of an Annuity]
 ‘ bearing Date the _____ Day of _____ in the Year of
 ‘ our Lord _____ under the Hands and Seals of
 ‘ _____ on the Credit of
 ‘ the Rates to be raised within the Liberty [or Borough] of *Saint*
 ‘ *Alban*, do hereby, in consideration of the Sum of _____
 ‘ to me paid by _____ of _____
 ‘ assign and transfer unto the said _____ his [or
 ‘ her] Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, all my Right and
 ‘ Interest in and to the said Principal Sum of _____
 ‘ thereby secured, and all Interest now due and hereafter to grow
 ‘ due thereon [or, the said Annuity or yearly Sum of _____
 ‘ thereby secured, and all Arrears thereof, *as the Case may be*].
 ‘ In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, the
 ‘ Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord _____

Form of Transfer of Mortgage or Grant of Annuity.

And every such Assignment or Transfer shall within Fourteen Days from the Date thereof be inrolled with the Clerk of the Peace for the said Liberty and Borough respectively for the Time being, who shall be entitled to demand and take a Fee of Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence for every such Inrolment, and for providing necessary and proper Books for the Purpose, and for the Indorsements on such Assignments or Transfers denoting such Inrolments, and his the said Clerk of the Peace’s Hand thereto; and after such Inrolment made, but not before, every such Assignment or Transfer shall entitle the Assignee or Assignees, Transferee or Transferees, and his, her,

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or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit of the Principal Monies and Interest or Annuity thereby assigned or transferred respectively, without any further Registry or Memorial thereof; and the Person or Persons to whom any such Principal Money and Interest or Annuity shall be secured, granted, assigned, or transferred, and their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be Creditors on the said Rates of the said Liberty and Borough respectively in equal Degree One with another, and shall not have any Preference by reason of any Priority in Date of any such Mortgage or Grant of Annuity, or on any other Account whatsoever.

Restrictions
as to Annuities.

XXIII. And to prevent the improvident Grant of Annuities, be it further enacted, That the Amount of every Annuity to be granted by virtue of this Act shall be regulated according to the Price of the Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities at the Time of granting the same, in Manner and according to the Rate prescribed by any Act in force for enabling the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to grant Life Annuities.

No Contract,
&c. to bind
Justices, &c.
in their private
Capacities.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be deemed or construed to extend to charge or subject the said Justices or any of them, or their respective Estates or Property, to any Payment or personal Liability by reason of their signing and sealing any Grants, Assignments, or other Securities to be made by virtue of this Act; nor shall any Contract, Agreement, Order or other Proceeding, Conveyance, Act, Deed, Matter or Thing, entered into, made, or done by the said Justices of the Peace for the said Liberty or for the said Borough respectively, or any of them, or by the Clerk of the Peace or the Treasurer of the said Liberty or Borough respectively, or by the Clerk or Clerks of the said Liberty or Borough respectively, or by the Mayor or Corporation of the said Borough, or by their Clerk or other Officers, or by any Person or Persons appointed by or for and on the Behalf of the said Liberty or Borough respectively, or by or for or on the Behalf of the said Mayor and Corporation, any or either of them respectively, under or by virtue or in pursuance and execution of this Act, or any of the Purposes thereof, operate or extend, or be construed, deemed, or taken to operate or extend, to bind, affect, or prejudice them, any or either of them, their, any or either of their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, personally, or in their, or any or either of their private or individual Capacities or Capacity.

Application
of the Monies
raised
by this Act.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That the Monies to be raised or received by virtue of this Act shall from Time to Time be paid to the Treasurer of the said Liberty and Borough respectively, and be applied by Order of the said Justices of the said Liberty and Borough respectively so assembled, or the major Part of them as aforesaid, in manner following, (that is to say,) a sufficient Part thereof shall, in the first place, be applied in paying and satisfying all Charges of and incident or otherwise in relation to the preparing, soliciting, and obtaining

obtaining this Act, and of making and obtaining Surveys, and preparing, making, and obtaining Plans, Estimates, Valuations, Contracts, Agreements, Conveyances, Assurances, References, Awards, Mortgages, Grants, Assignments, and Transfers, and incident to the same, and then in Payment and Satisfaction of the said Sum of Three hundred Pounds, so agreed to be advanced and paid by the Justices for the said Liberty and Borough respectively, towards the Purchase of a Scite whereon the said new Court House may be erected and built; and, in the next place, in Payment and Discharge of all other Costs, Charges, and Expences of and attending, or incident or in relation to, the erecting and building, fitting up and furnishing the said new Court House, and all other Erections, Buildings, and Conveniences of every Description thereto, and in paying and satisfying all Salaries, Commissions, and Allowances; and all and every other Sum and Sums of Money, Costs, Charges, and Expences, in anywise relating to any Act, Matter, or Thing whatsoever which by the said Justices respectively so assembled, or the major Part of them as aforesaid, shall be deemed necessary, proper, or expedient, in or about the carrying into effect all or any of the Purposes of this present Act, or in any Matter or Thing incident thereto, and not hereby otherwise provided for.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That when the said new Court House shall be completed, fitted up, and furnished, such new Court House, with the Appurtenances thereto, shall for ever thereafter be kept and preserved, supported, amended, and repaired, in such Manner, and by such Person and Persons, as the said Justices of the said Liberty and Borough respectively so assembled as aforesaid, or the major Part of them, shall from Time to Time appoint, order, and direct, by and at the Expence, Costs, and Charges of the said Liberty and Borough respectively, to be paid in the Proportions aforesaid, (that is to say,) Two Third Parts of such Costs, Charges, and Expences to be from Time to Time paid and borne by the said Liberty, and the remaining One Third Part thereof by the said Borough; and such last-mentioned Costs, Charges, and Expences shall from Time to Time be raised in the same Manner as the Expences for the Repairs of the Gaol and House of Correction now used for the said Liberty and Borough respectively are to be raised by virtue of or under any Acts or Act now made or hereafter to be made, or otherwise are or may be accustomed to be raised for such Purposes.

Reparation
of the Court
House when
built.

XXVII. And whereas the Prison of the said Borough which is situate under the said present Town Hall and Court House has been for some Years in bad Condition, and very inconvenient and insecure, and the Justices of the Peace of the said Liberty and Borough respectively some Time since came to an Arrangement in consequence of the State of such Prison, by which it was agreed that the Justices of the Peace for the said Borough should have Power to commit Persons from their Jurisdiction to the Gaol and House of Correction, as the Case might be, of the said Liberty, paying the whole of the Expences of the Clothing, Maintenance, and Support, and all other the Expences

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pences of and attending the Persons so committed, and paying also One Third Part of the Expences from Time to Time to be incurred for the necessary Repairs of the said Gaol and House of Correction of the said Liberty; which Arrangement has been acted on up to the present Time; and it is desirable that a similar Arrangement should be continued and enforced; be it therefore further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justices of the Peace for the said Borough of *Saint Alban*, and they are hereby authorized and required, to commit and send to the said Gaol and House of Correction, as the Case may be, of the said Liberty, all such Prisoners or Persons within their Jurisdiction whom it may be necessary and proper so to commit or send, or whom they might or would have committed or sent to the said Prison for the said Borough had it remained in a secure and proper State, or the said Arrangement had not been come to, or this Act had not been passed, they the said Justices for the said Borough at all Times finding and providing for the Persons so committed from the said Borough all proper and necessary Clothing, Maintenance, and Support, as well in Sickness as in Health, and indemnifying the Justices for the said Liberty and their Officers from all Costs, Charges, and Expences of and attending or in anywise relating to such Prisoners or Persons so by them the Justices for the said Borough to be committed or sent as aforesaid, and also bearing and paying from Time to Time One Third Part of the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the necessary repairing of the said Gaol and House of Correction for the said Liberty; and the Monies required for these Purposes shall from Time to Time be raised in the same or the like Manner, or under the same or the like Powers or Authorities, as though the said Gaol of the said Borough had remained in a fit and proper State, and the Justices of the Peace for the said Borough had committed thereto, or no such Arrangement as aforesaid had been come to with the said Justices for the said Liberty, or under or by virtue of any Act or Acts now made or hereafter to be made applicable thereto, or as the same are accustomed to be levied and raised for such Purposes.

Books, Papers, &c. to be kept among the Records of the Liberty, nevertheless to be open to Inspection by the Corporation and Justices of the Borough.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Deeds, Plans, Surveys, Estimates, Valuations, Contracts, Agreements, Books, Papers, Accounts, Vouchers, Evidences, and Writings whatsoever of or in anywise relating to the said new Court House, or to or arising out of this Act, shall from Time to Time be deposited with the Clerk of the Peace of the said Liberty, and kept among the Records of the said Liberty: Provided always nevertheless, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses to depute any Person or Persons, and for the Justices of the said Liberty and Borough respectively, or any Person or Persons by them respectively deputed, from Time to Time, when Occasion shall require, to inspect all or any of such Deeds, Plans, Surveys, Estimates, Valuations, Contracts, Agreements, Books, Papers, Accounts, Vouchers, Evidences, and Writings so deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for the said Liberty, and to require from the said Clerk of the

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the Peace, who is hereby required to furnish the same, Copies of or Extracts from the said several Deeds and Documents, or any of them, on Payment to the said Clerk of the Peace of his reasonable Charges on all such Occasions.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing, save what is expressly contained in this Act and authorized thereby, shall extend, or be deemed, taken, or construed to extend, to take away, lessen, diminish, or prejudice the Rights, Liberties, Immunities, Franchises, and Privileges of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough of *Saint Alban* for the Time being. Reservation of the Rights of the Corporation.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That any Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, who may think themselves, himself, or herself aggrieved by any Order, Judgment, or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, relating to any Matter or Thing in this Act mentioned, contained, or referred to, or by any thing done under or in pursuance of this Act, may, within Four Calendar Months next after any such Order, Judgment, or Determination shall have been made or given, appeal to the Justices of the Peace of the said Liberty or the said Borough respectively (as the Case may be), at any General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said Liberty or Borough respectively, first giving Fourteen Days Notice in Writing of such Intention to appeal, and of the Nature of such Appeal, and the Causes thereof, intended to be relied upon and proved at the Hearing, to the Person or Persons against whom such Complaint is intended to be made, or to the Clerk of the Peace for the said Liberty or Borough respectively (as the Case may be), previously to or at the Time of such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the said Liberty or Borough respectively (as the Case may be), with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal, and abide the Order and Award of the said Court thereon; and the said Justices at such Session respectively, or the major Part of them as aforesaid, shall and may hear and finally determine the Cause and Matter of such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to be paid to the Party aggrieved by the Party aggrieving as they in their Judgment shall think just and reasonable. Appeal.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced or prosecuted against any Person or Persons for any Matter or Thing done in pursuance of this Act, such Action or Suit shall be brought and commenced within Six Calendar Months after the Cause of the said Action or Suit shall have arisen, and not at any later Period; and such Actions and Suits shall be laid and brought in the County or Place where the Cause of Action shall have arisen, 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 on any Trial or Hearing to be had thereon. Limitations of Actions.

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XXXII. And General Issue.

Public Act. XXXII. 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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