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An Act to provide for the Repair and Maintenance of the County Hall in the County of Monmouth. [13th April 1829.]

HEREAS the Building in which the Assizes for the County of Monmouth, and also the Sessions of the Peace for the Town of Monmouth, have been usually held is an ancient Building, much out of repair, and inconvenient for the public Purposes of the said County, and it is necessary that the same should be repaired, enlarged, and improved: And whereas Doubts have arisen as to the Parties in whom the Property of the said Building is vested, and whether the same can be or ought by Law to be repaired, enlarged, and improved by and at the Expence of the County of Monmouth, or by and at the Expence of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the Town and Borough of Monmouth: And whereas, by reason of the said Doubts, and of the Building not being clearly vested in His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the said County, it is apprehended that the Powers and Provisions of an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled An 7G. 4. c. 63.

Act to provide for repairing, improving, and rebuilding Shire Halls, County Halls, and other Buildings for holding the Assizes and Grand Sessions, and also Judges Lodgings, throughout England and Wales, do not extend to the said Building, and it is therefore expedient to provide for the Repair, Enlargement, and Improvement thereof, by vesting the same in His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, and by making further Provisions for accomplishing such Purpose: And whereas, in consideration of the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Com-[Local.] monalty Ss

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monalty giving up all other Claim to the said Building, it is expedient to authorize the said Justices to build or provide and fit up within the said Building a Court Room and other necessary Offices for the Use of the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty: May it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said Building wherein the Assizes for the said County of Monmouth have been usually held, together with the Rooms and Offices thereto belonging, and all future Alterations or Improvements thereof, and Additions thereto, (save and except such Rooms and Offices therein as shall be provided for the Use of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the Town and Borough of Monmouth as after-mentioned,) shall be and the same is hereby vested in His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Monmouth for the Time being, and the same shall be deemed, reputed, and taken to be the County Hall of the said County, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever.

The Build ing wherein the Assizes for the County have been usually held vested in the Justices, and deemed to be the County Hall.

Justices empowered to hold as a Body Corporate, and to sue in the Name of the Clerk of the Peace.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Justices of the Peace for the said County of Monmouth, and all succeeding Justices of the Peace for the said County for the Time being, shall and may and they are hereby empowered to take and hold in the Nature of a Body Corporate, for and on Behalf of the Inhabitants of the said County, the said Premises so hereby directed to be deemed, reputed, and taken to be the County Hall of the said County, and vested in the said Justices as aforesaid, and shall and may, in the Name of the Clerk of the Peace for the said County for the Time being, bring Actions or prefer Bills of Indictment, or institute any other Proceedings allowed by Law against any Person or Persons who shall damage or injure the said Premises or any Part thereof, or damage, injure, purloin, steal, or take away any Matter or Thing appertaining thereto; and in any such Actions, Indictments, or other Proceedings it shall be sufficient to name the said Clerk of the Peace for the Time being by his proper Name, and to describe him as the Clerk of the Peace for the said County; and no such Action. Indictment, or other Proceeding shall cease, abate, or be discontinued, quashed, defeated, or impeded by the Death of the said Clerk of the Peace so named and described in the same, or by his Removal from his Office of Clerk of the Peace for the said County.

Provisions of 7 G. 4. c. 63. to extend to the said Building.

III. And be it further enacted, That the said Building, including the Rooms and Offices to be provided for the Use of the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, as hereinafter is mentioned, shall be and shall be deemed and taken to be a County Hall within the true Intent and Meaning of the said recited Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty; and all and every the Powers, Provisions, Clauses, Penalties, Matters, and Things therein contained expressly and by way of reference shall be extended to and shall be deemed and taken to be as good, valid, and effectual for carrying this Act into execution, and for the repairing, enlarging, improving, and maintaining the said Building, as if the same had been repeated and re-enacted in this Act, and made Part thereof.

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IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in the County Hall said recited Act or in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize the Removal of the said County Hall from its prefrom its present Site to any other and different Site within the said sent Site. County, or the Removal of the present Market House under the same, or to authorize the building of any new County Hall in any other and different Site within the said County.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Justices shall and they A Court are hereby required, in repairing, enlarging, and improving the said Room to be Building, to build or provide, and to fit up, of such Dimensions and the Town. in such Manner as has been or may be agreed upon, a good and sufficient Court Room, and other necessary Offices (the same to form a Part of the said Building), for the Use of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the said Town and Borough of Monmouth, and their Successors; and immediately upon the said Court Room and other necessary Offices being so provided and fitted up, the same, together with the present Jury Room (except the external Walls thereof), shall thenceforth be vested in and shall for ever thereafter be repaired and maintained by the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, and shall be exclusively held and enjoyed by them, and be for their sole and separate Use and Benefit, except as hereinafter is mentioned; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, and their Successors, to hold all Sessions of the Peace, Town Courts, and Corporate and other Meetings within the said new Court Room, and to do, hold, and transact all Elections and all other Business of what Nature or Kind soever therein, in such and the like Manner, and as lawfully, liberally, freely, and surely as they are now accustomed and lawfully can do within the said present Building; and all Matters and Things done, performed, or executed by the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty in such new Court Room shall be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if they had been done, performed, and executed within the said present Building: Provided always, that the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, and their Successors, shall be and they are hereby freed and discharged of and from the future Repair, Care, and Maintenance of the said County Hall and Offices so vested in His Majesty's Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, and of the external Walls of the Rooms and Offices to be provided for them as aforesaid.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful Elections of for the Burgesses of the Boroughs of Monmouth, Newport, and incorporated Usk, in the said County, to hold their Meetings, and hold and transact their Elections and all other Matters and Things, within the Newport, said new Court Room, in such and the like Manner and as fully and and Usk, to lawfully as they are now accustomed and lawfully can do within the said present Building; and all Elections, Matters, and Things held, the new Court Room done, performed, and executed by the said Burgesses of the said Boroughs in such new Court Room shall be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if they had been held, done, performed, and executed within the said present Building.

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Saving of Rights.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to take away, lessen, diminish, or affect the Right of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the said Town and Borough of Monmouth to hold Markets and Fairs in the present Market House under the said Building, which Market House shall be at all Times left open during the Day, and shut every Night; or the Right of the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, or any of their Officers or Servants, or of any other Person or Persons whomsoever, to make, erect, set up, or place Booths, Stalls, Benches, Forms, and other Things in the said Market House, on Market and Fair Days, and during the usual Times of holding any Market or Fair within the said Town; or the Right of the said/Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, or any other Person or Persons, to any Rents, Tolls, Duties, or Profits whatsoever, heretofore paid to them, for or in respect of any Markets or Fairs, or of any Booths, Stalls, Benches, Forms, or other Things to be there or then erected, set, or placed as aforesaid: Provided also, that the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, and their Successors, shall and may at all Times hereafter have, hold, and enjoy the Right of free Ingress and Egress into the said Building, in order to suspend and to use, repair, and renew a Bell on the said Building so vested in His Majesty's Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, and also to ring the same, for the Purposes of the said Markets or Fairs, and for such other Purposes for which the said Bell has been usually rung by or on the Behalf of the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty.

Expences of Act and of Repairs and Improvements.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Expences incident to and attending the obtaining and passing this Act, and the Expences of repairing, enlarging, and improving the said Building, as hereinbefore mentioned, and the Expences of building, providing, and fitting up the said Court Room and other necessary Offices for the Use of the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, as hereinbefore mentioned, and also the Expences of any future enlarging, repairing, improving, and maintaining the said Building hereby directed to be deemed, reputed, and taken to be the County Hall of the said County of Monmouth, and hereby vested in the said Justices of the said County, including the external Walls of the Rooms and Offices to be provided for the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty as aforesaid, shall be paid and discharged by and out of the County Rate of the said County.

IX. 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 other Persons whomsoever, without being specially pleaded.

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