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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 108.

An Act for altering and amending an Act, made in the Thirty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for making and maintaining a Navigable Canal from the Town and County of the Town of Southampton to the City of New Sarum in the County of Wilts, with a Collateral Branch to Northam within the Liberties of the Town of Southampton."

[9th July 1800.]

WHEREAS by an Act, made in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act for making and maintaining a Navigable Canal from the Town and County of the Town of Southampton to the City of New Sarum in the County of Wilts; with a Collateral Branch to Northam within the Liberties of the Town of Southampton," certain Powers were vested in the Company of Proprietors thereby incorporated for enabling them to carry so beneficial an Undertaking into Execution; and for that Purpose they were thereby authorized to raise and contribute among themselves the Sum of Fifty-six Thousand Pounds: And whereas the said Company of Proprietors have proceeded in the Execution of the said Act, and have laid out the whole of the Line of the said Canal and Collateral Branch, and have cut a considerable Part thereof: And whereas the said Company of Proprietors have expended the said Sum of Fifty-six Thousand Pounds, without being able to complete the said Canal; and have endeavoured to procure the further

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Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds (Part of the additional Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds authorized to be raised by the said Act) by additional Shares, in the Manner thereby directed, but without Effect: And whereas it would tend to the more speedy and effectual Completion of the said Canal, if the said Company were empowered to raise the whole of the said Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds; and also an additional Sum of Money by Mortgage of the Tolls, Rates, and Duties of the said Canal: And whereas it is expedient that the said recited Act should be altered and amended: May it therefore please your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of Proprietors to raise any further Sum or Sums of Money for completing and maintaining the said Navigation (over and above the said Sum of Fifty-six Thousand Pounds) not exceeding the Sum of Forty Thousand Pounds or such Part or Parts thereof as the said Company of Proprietors shall think proper, by borrowing or taking up the same at an Interest not exceeding legal Interest, on the Credit of the said Canal and Collateral Branch, in the like Manner and Form, and by the same Ways, Means, and Methods as are prescribed by the said recited Act with respect to raising the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds, Part of the said Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds, on Mortgage of the said Canal and Collateral Branch, and the Tolls, Rates, and Duties thereof, any Thing in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Money may
be subscribed
for particular
Parts of the
Canal.

II. Provided always, That all and every Person and Persons willing and desirous to lend and advance any Sum or Sums of Money on Mortgage of the said Canal and Collateral Branch, and the Tolls, Rates, and Duties of the same, shall and may subscribe such Sum and Sums of Money, to be expended on such End and Part of the said Canal as he, she, or they shall respectively signify in Writing, under his, her, or their Hands; and the Money subscribed by such Person or Persons shall, if declared for the Purpose of finishing the Canal from Kimbridge Mill to Sarum, be paid into the Hands of the present Treasurers, or such other Person or Persons as shall be appointed Treasurer or Treasurers of the City of New Sarum; and if subscribed for finishing the Canal from Redbridge to Southampton and Northam, shall be paid into the Hands of the present Treasurer, or such other Person or Persons as shall be appointed Treasurer or Treasurers for the Town of Southampton; and the said Treasurers respectively shall have no Power or Authority to issue any Sum or Sums of Money, but for the express Purpose of finishing and completing the respective Parts or Ends for which the said Money shall have been subscribed (except for the Payment of Debts as is hereinafter directed).

No Money to
be drawn but
by Order of
the Committee.

III. And that such Monies may be faithfully and truly expended, it is hereby enacted, That no Money shall be drawn from the said Treasurers but by an Order of the Committee legally convened, and for the Purposes aforesaid; and that before a second Sum be drawn out of the Treasurer's Hands, it shall be made appear, by clear and proper Vouchers at such Meeting of the Committee, that the former Sum

drawn for has been properly and faithfully expended, and that due Entries of such Expenditures shall be made in the Account Books of the Company, and be so continued from Time to Time until the Canal is completed.

IV. And whereas there is at this Time a considerable Debt owing to various Creditors by the said Company of Proprietors, be it therefore enacted, That without Prejudice to the said Creditors and their Claim on all and every the Funds of the said Company, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee, at any Meeting legally convened, to draw a Sum not exceeding One Half Part of the present Debt, from the Treasurer's Hands with whom the Subscriptions shall be lodged for completing the Canal from *Kimbridge Mill* to the City of *New Sarum*; and also to draw a Sum not exceeding One Half Part thereof out of the Treasurer's Hands with whom the Subscriptions shall be lodged for completing the Canal from *Redbridge* to *Southampton* and *Northam*; the said Committee from Time to Time producing the proper Vouchers at the next General Meeting, and having the same regularly entered in the Account Books of the Company, which Account shall be constantly made up, so as to be laid before every future General Meeting: Provided always, That the said Committee, in paying off and discharging such Debts, shall have due Regard to the Priority of the Claims of such respective Creditors.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors to sell or to let in such Manner as they shall see most advantageous for the Purposes of the said Canal, all or any Part of such Pieces of Land as shall have been purchased by them by virtue of the said recited Act, and shall not have been made Use of for completing, maintaining, and supporting the said Canal and Collateral Branch: Provided always, That the Preference of Purchase shall always be given to the former Owners or Proprietors of such Land at the Price or Prices which the said Company of Proprietors paid for the same.

VI. And be it further enacted, That all Costs and Charges incident to the obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid out of the Monies in the Hands of the Treasurers to the said Company of Proprietors, or out of the first Monies which shall arise by virtue of the said recited Act or this present Act.

Company
may sell small
Pieces of
Land.

For paying
Expences of
the Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be taken and Public Act, allowed in all Courts of Judicature as a Public Act; and all Judges, Justices, and others are hereby required to take Notice thereof as such, without the same being specially pleaded.

