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Cap. 21.

An Act for dividing, allotting, inclosing, draining, and preserving the Open Fields, Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, within the Parish of *Ludham*, in the County of *Norfolk*.

[1st May 1800.]

WHEREAS there are within the Parish of *Ludham*, in the County of *Norfolk*, certain Open Fields, Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds: And whereas the Right Reverend *Charles* Lord Bishop of *Norwich*, in Right of his Bishoprick is Lord of the several Manors of *Ludham*, *Ludham Bacons*, and *Walton Hall*, in the said County, and is entitled to certain Lands and Tenements lying within the said Parish of *Ludham*, and also to the Great or Rectorial Tythes arising within the said Parish, and also to a Right of Warren and Feedage for Rabbits and Conies, in, over, and upon a certain Parcel of the said Commons and Waste Grounds in the said Parish of *Ludham*, commonly called *Ludham Warren*; and the said Lord Bishop is Patron of the Vicarage of *Ludham* aforesaid, of which *John Oldershaw* Clerk, is Vicar, who as such Vicar is entitled to the Scite of the Parsonage House, and to certain Glebe Lands within the said Parish: And whereas the said Lord Bishop of *Norwich*, the said *John Oldershaw*, in Right of his Vicarage, *Isaac Horsley* Clerk,

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George Cubitt Esquire, *James Garrett*, and divers other Persons respectively, are Owners and Proprietors of all the Messuages, Cottages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, situate within the said Parish of *Ludham*: And whereas it would be advantageous to the several Persons interested, if the Rights of Common and other Rights at present existing over the said Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds were extinguished, and if the said Open Fields, Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds were divided, and specific Parts or Shares thereof allotted to the several Persons interested therein, according to their respective Estates, Rights, and Interests, and if such Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds were drained: But as such Extinguishment, Allotment, and Drainage, 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 *Thomas Glover Ewen* of the City of *Norwich*, *John Dugmore* of *Swaffham* in the County of *Norfolk*, and *John Futter* of *Ketteringham*, in the said County, Gentlemen, shall be, and they are hereby appointed General Commissioners for dividing and allotting the said Open Fields, Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, and for the several other Purposes herein mentioned; and if any of the General Commissioners herein named, or to be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall, before the Execution of all the Powers and Authorities hereby vested in him or them, die, or refuse or become incapable to act in the Execution of this Act, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the surviving or remaining General Commissioner or Commissioners, and he and they is and are hereby required, at any Time within Thirty Days next after such Death, Refusal, or Incapacity shall be known to him or them, by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands, to appoint another Person (not being interested in the Premises) to be a General Commissioner in the Place of each General Commissioner so dying, or refusing or becoming incapable to act; and every General Commissioner so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall, after taking and subscribing the Oath herein-after mentioned, have the like Powers and Authorities for carrying this Act into Execution, in all respects, as if he had been named and appointed a General Commissioner in and by this Act.

General Commissioners.

Notice of General Commissioners Meetings.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said General Commissioners shall, and they are hereby required to cause Notice in Writing of the Time and Place of their First and every other Meeting for the Execution of this Act, to be inserted in the *Norfolk Chronicle* or *Norwich Mercury*, or in some other Newspaper printed and circulated within the said County of *Norfolk*, Eight Days at least before every such Meeting (Meetings by Adjournment only excepted); and all Acts, Matters, and Things authorized or necessary to be done and executed by the said General Commissioners, may be done and executed by any Two of them, and the same shall be as valid and effectual, and shall have the same Force and Effect, as if such Acts, Matters, and Things, had been done and executed by all the said General Commissioners:

One General Commissioner may adjourn.

III. Provided always, That if at any Meeting appointed to be holden by the said General Commissioners, it shall happen that no more than One General Commissioner shall attend, such General Commissioner may adjourn

adjourn such Meeting to such Time and Place within the said Parish of *Ludham*, or within Fourteen Miles thereof, as he shall think most convenient.

IV. Provided also, That no Person shall be capable of acting as a General Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, unless it be in the Power hereby given of appointing the First Meeting, and administering the following Oath to the other General Commissioners, until he shall have taken and subscribed the following Oath; (that is to say),

‘ I *A. B.* do swear, That I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly examine into, hear, and determine all such Matters and Things as shall be brought before me as a General Commissioner, by virtue of an Act of Parliament, for dividing, allotting, inclosing, draining, and preserving the Open Fields, Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds within the Parish of *Ludham*, in the County of *Norfolk*, and otherwise execute the Powers thereby in me reposed, according to the best of my Skill and Judgement, and without Favour or Affection to any Person or Persons whomsoever.

Qualification
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Oath.

‘ So help me GOD.’

Which Oath it shall and may be lawful to and for any One of the said General Commissioners to administer, and he is hereby required to administer the same to any other of the said General Commissioners.

V. And be it further enacted, That with all convenient Speed, after the passing of this Act, a true and perfect Admeasurement of all the Lands and Grounds lying within the said Parish of *Ludham*, shall be made and laid down as a Survey or Plan; and that a true and perfect Valuation of all the Messuages, Cottages, Lands, and Tenements situate, lying, and being within the said Parish of *Ludham*, shall be made and reduced into Writing by the said General Commissioners, or by such Person or Persons (not interested in the Premises) as the said General Commissioners shall appoint; which said Plan or Survey, and Valuation, shall contain and set forth the Number of Messuages, Cottages, Acres, Roods, and Perches, in Statute Measure, belonging to each Proprietor, with the annual Value thereof respectively; and also the Number of Acres, Roods, and Perches contained in the said Open Fields, Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, together with the annual Value thereof, and shall be used by the said General Commissioners as often as Occasion shall require; and the said Plan or Survey, and Valuation, together with all other Acts, Matters, and Things to be done by the Person or Persons so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall be verified by his or their Oath, which Oath any One of the said General Commissioners is hereby empowered to administer; and the said General Commissioners, and Surveyor or Surveyors, their Assistants and Servants, and all and every other Person or Persons employed by the said General Commissioners, shall, and they hereby have full and free Liberty and Power, at any Time before the Execution of their Award, to enter into, view, examine, survey, admeasure, plan, and value, the Lands and Grounds lying within the said Parish of *Ludham*, and to fix Stakes or Landmarks thereon, and to do all Matters and Things which shall, in the Judgement of the said General Commissioners, be requisite for carrying this Act into Execution.

Valuation and
Survey to be
made.

VI. And

For ascertain-
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VI. And whereas Disputes may happen to arise touching the Boundaries of the said Parish of *Ludbam*; in order to settle such Disputes, be it therefore enacted, That the said General Commissioners shall, and they are hereby required to cause Notice of their Intention to perambulate the Boundaries of the said Parish of *Ludbam*, to be inserted in the said *Norfolk Chronicle* or *Norwich Mercury*, or in some other Newspaper printed and circulated within the said County of *Norfolk*, Eight Days at least before the Time of such Perambulation; and after the Expiration of the Time to be specified in such Notice, they the said General Commissioners are hereby authorized and required to enquire into, set out, ascertain, fix, and finally determine the Boundaries of the said Parish of *Ludbam*, and a Description of the said Boundaries shall, within Fourteen Days afterwards, be inserted in the said *Norfolk Chronicle* or *Norwich Mercury*, or in some other Newspaper printed and circulated within the said County of *Norfolk*.

Appeal to Ses-
sions against
Boundaries.

VII. Provided always, That if any Person or Persons interested in the Determination of the said General Commissioners respecting the said Boundaries, shall be dissatisfied with such Determination, such Person or Persons may appeal to the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said County of *Norfolk*, at any General Quarter Session of the Peace to be holden within Four Calendar Months next after the Publication of the said Boundaries; the Party or Parties making such Appeal giving Ten Days Notice of such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the said General Commissioners, or any Two of them; and the Decision of the said Justices therein shall be final and conclusive.

For shortening
the Boundary
Fences against
adjoining Pa-
rishes.

VIII. And whereas it may shorten the Boundary Fences between the Lands lying in the said Parish of *Ludbam*, and the Lands lying in the Parish or Parishes adjoining thereto, if the said General Commissioners were empowered to cause such Fences to be raised in such Direction as they shall think most proper and convenient for shortening and making the same regular; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said General Commissioners, with the Consent in Writing under the Hand or Hands of the major Part in Value of the Land Owners in any Parish or Parishes adjoining to the said Parish of *Ludbam*, and also under the Hand or Hands of the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the Manor or Manors in any such adjoining Parish or Parishes, and of the Owner or Owners of the Land upon which such Fence or Fences shall or may be intended to be made, to set out, ascertain, and determine the Boundary Fences to be made between the Lands and Grounds lying in the said Parish of *Ludbam*, and the Lands lying in such adjoining Parish or Parishes, as they shall judge proper for the Purposes aforesaid; and after such Boundaries shall be so set out, ascertained, and determined as aforesaid, the same shall be fenced in such Manner, and at such Time or Times as the said General Commissioners shall direct, and shall for ever thereafter be deemed and taken to be the Boundaries between the said Parish of *Ludbam*, and such adjoining Parish or Parishes; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Encroach-
ments made
within 20
Years to be

IX. And be it further enacted, That all Encroachments which at any Time, within Twenty Years now last past, have been made upon the said Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, shall be deemed Part of the Lands
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and Grounds to be divided and allotted by virtue of this Act, and shall be divided and allotted accordingly by the said General Commissioners, save and except any Encroachment that may have been made by *Elizabeth Robertson*, or her Tenant or Tenants, Lessee or Lessees, on such Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, on or before the First Day of *January* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; and in case any Dispute shall arise touching any such Encroachment, or the Extent thereof, such Dispute shall be finally determined by the said General Commissioners.

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of the Lands
to be inclosed.

X. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons, Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, having or claiming to have any Estate or Property, or any Right of Common, or other Right or Interest whatsoever, in, to, over, or upon the Open Fields, Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted, or any Part thereof, shall, by himself, herself, or themselves, or by his, her, or their Guardians, Trustees, Agents, or Tenants, and he, she, and they is and are hereby respectively required, at the First or Second Meeting of the said General Commissioners, to be holden in pursuance of this Act, to deliver in Writing to the said General Commissioners a true and just Account of the Messuages, Cottages, Lands, and Tenements, belonging to him, her, or them respectively, for or in respect of which such Estate, Property, Right of Common, or other Right or Interest shall be claimed, describing the Quantity of the Freehold, Copyhold, and Leasehold Parts thereof respectively, and the Manor or Manors of which such Copyhold Parts are holden, and also a true and just Account of his, her, and their respective Claims, Rights, and Interests in, to, over, or upon the said Open Fields, Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted, or any Part thereof; and that no such Accounts or Claims shall be received by the said General Commissioners after such their Second Meeting, except for some special Cause to be allowed by them; and all and every Person and Persons, Body and Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, neglecting or refusing to deliver such Accounts as aforesaid, shall be, and is and are hereby excluded and debarred from all Rights of Common, and other Right or Interest whatsoever, in, to, over, or upon the Open Fields, Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds herein directed to be divided and allotted, or in, to, over, or upon any Part or Parts of the same, to be assigned or allotted to any other Person or Persons, by virtue of or under this Act; and if any One or more of the said Owners and Proprietors, or other Persons interested in the said intended Division and Allotments, shall have any Objection or Objections to the said Accounts or Claims, or any of them, such Objection or Objections shall be reduced into Writing, and delivered to the said General Commissioners, and to such other Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, whose Account or Accounts, Claim or Claims, shall be objected to, in such Manner, and at such Time or Times, as the said General Commissioners shall appoint.

Claims to be
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the First or
Second Meet-
ing of the
General Com-
missioners.

XI. And be it further enacted, That if any Dispute or Difference shall arise between any of the Parties interested or claiming to be interested in the said intended Division and Allotments; touching or concerning the respective Rights, Interests, Shares, and Proportions which they or any of them shall claim to have of and in the Lands and Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted, or concerning any Allowance claimed or to be made for ploughing, sowing Turnips or Corn, laying down with

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Grafs Seeds, manuring or improving the said Lands and Grounds, or any Part thereof, or touching or concerning any other Matter or Thing relating to the said Division and Allotments, it shall be lawful for the said General Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and required, as well by Examination of Witnesses upon Oath, (which Oath any One of the said General Commissioners is hereby empowered to administer), as upon any other proper and sufficient Inquiry, Evidence, and Satisfaction, to examine into, hear, and finally determine the same.

General Commissioners may summon Witnesses.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said General Commissioners, and they are hereby required, from Time to Time as they shall see Occasion, by any Writing under their Hands, to summon and require any Person or Persons to appear before them, at any Time and Place in such Writing mentioned, and to testify the Truth upon Oath, (which Oath any One of the said General Commissioners is hereby empowered to administer) touching any Matter in Difference or Dispute between any of the said Proprietors or Persons interested, or concerning any Matter or Thing wherein any Doubt or Difficulty shall occur to the said General Commissioners, and to cause a Duplicate, or Copy of such Writing, to be delivered to every such Person required to testify, or left at his or her last or usual Place of Abode; and if any Person or Persons, having been so summoned as aforesaid, and having been paid or tendered a sufficient Sum of Money, to be ascertained by the said General Commissioners, to defray the Charges of his, her, or their Attendance or Attendances, shall, without any just and reasonable Excuse, neglect or refuse to appear before the said General Commissioners, pursuant to such Summons or Writing, or shall refuse to be sworn, or to be examined and give Evidence touching the Premises, the said General Commissioners, upon due Proof thereof made before them upon Oath (which Oath any One of the said General Commissioners is hereby empowered to administer), shall cause, and they are hereby required to cause, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, directed unto any Person or Persons whomsoever, any Sum of Money, not exceeding Ten Pounds, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of every Person so neglecting or refusing to appear, or to be sworn, or to give Evidence, rendering the Overplus (if any) upon Demand, to the Person whose Goods and Chattels shall have been so distrained and sold, after deducting the Costs and Charges attending such Distress and Sale; and the Money so to be levied as aforesaid shall be applied towards defraying the Costs and Charges of obtaining and executing this Act.

General Commissioners to assess Costs.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the said General Commissioners shall, upon the Hearing and Determination of any Claim or Claims, Objection or Objections, to be delivered to them in pursuance of this Act, see Cause to award any Costs, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said General Commissioners, and they are hereby empowered, upon Application made to them for that Purpose, to settle, assess, and award such Costs and Charges as they shall think reasonable, to be paid to the Party or Parties in whose Favour any Determination of the said General Commissioners shall be made, by the Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, whose Claim or Claims, Objection or Objections, shall be thereby disallowed or over-ruled; and in case the
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Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, who shall be liable to pay such Costs and Charges, shall neglect or refuse to pay the same on Demand, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said General Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, directed to any Person whomsoever, to cause such Costs and Charges to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, so neglecting or refusing to pay the same, rendering the Overplus (if any) upon Demand, to the Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, whose Goods and Chattels shall have been so distrained and sold, after deducting the Costs and Charges attending such Distress and Sale.

XIV. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall authorize the said General Commissioners to determine the Title to any Messuages, Cottages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments whatsoever.

Commissioners not to determine Titles.

XV. And be it further enacted, That if any Suit or Suits shall be commenced or prosecuted, touching or concerning the Title of any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, in or to any Messuages, Lands, or Tenements, in the said Parish of *Ludbam*, such Suit or Suits shall not impede, delay, or hinder the said General Commissioners from proceeding in the Execution of the Powers vested in them by this Act; but the said Division and Allotments shall be proceeded in notwithstanding such Dispute or Suit, and may be had and taken by the Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, who, upon the Determination of such Difference or Suit, shall become entitled to the same.

Disputes about Titles not to impede the Proceedings or the Execution of this Act.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall, after the passing of this Act, cut, dig, pare, grave, flay, or carry away, any Turf or Flags, in, upon, or from the said Commons and Waste Grounds, or any Part thereof, without the Consent of the said General Commissioners first had and obtained in Writing for that Purpose, (which Licence the said General Commissioners are hereby empowered to grant under such Rules, Orders, Regulations, and Restrictions, as to them shall seem meet to insert therein) it shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Norfolk*, upon due Proof thereof made before him, on the Oath of any credible Witness or Witnesses (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer), to commit every such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month.

No Flags to be cut.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said General Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized, at any Time before the Execution of the Award herein directed to be made by the said General Commissioners, by Writing under their Hands, to be affixed upon One of the Doors of the Parish Church of *Ludbam* aforesaid, to order or direct all or any Part of the Rights of Common in, over, and upon the said Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, or any Part thereof, to be extinguished, or the Exercise thereof to be suspended, for

For extinguishing or suspending Rights of Common before the Award.

and during such Time as shall be expressed in such Writing; and that all such Rights as the said General Commissioners shall by such Writing order and direct to be extinguished, or the Exercise thereof to be suspended as aforesaid, shall, from the Time of affixing such Writing on the said Church Door, cease, determine, and be extinguished, or the Exercise thereof shall be suspended accordingly; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Drainage
Clause.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said General Commissioners shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, by such Agents, Workmen, and Labourers as they shall think fit to employ, to make and erect all such Drains, Dams, Banks, Mills, Sluices, Engines, Bridges, and other Works, in, through, upon, and over the Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted, or any Part thereof, as they the said General Commissioners shall judge proper and expedient for effectually draining such Parts of the said Lands and Grounds as in their Opinion shall require to be drained, and to erect such Houses or Buildings for the Habitation of the Person or Persons who shall have the Care or Superintendance of the said Works of Drainage, or any of them, or for depositing Stores or Materials necessary for the making or maintaining of such Works as they the said General Commissioners shall think proper, and also to make a Dike through any Part of the said Lands and Grounds to the common River adjoining thereto, to be used as a common or publick Boat Dike by the Owners and Occupiers of Estates within the said Parish of *Ludham* for the Time being, for the Conveyance of Corn, Manure, and other Things to and from the said River; and that the said General Commissioners shall set out and allot unto the Commissioners for Drainage herein-after appointed, the Drains, Dams, Banks, Mills, Sluices, Engines, Bridges, and other Works, Houses, Buildings, and Boat Dike, so to be made and erected by them, and such Part of the Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds as they shall think proper for the maintaining, repairing, or preserving of the same, and also a Piece or Pieces of Land adjoining to the said Boat Dike, to be used as a publick Staithe or publick Staithes, by the Owners and Occupiers of Estates within the said Parish of *Ludham* for the Time being, for the laying and depositing thereon of the Corn, Manure, and other Things which shall be conveyed, or shall be intended to be conveyed to or from the said common River by Means of the said Boat Dike.

Compensation
to be made for
Lands taken.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the said General Commissioners shall make or cause to be made such Compensation in Money as they shall think proper, for the Part or Parts of the said Lands, which shall be taken or used for the making or erecting of the said Drains, Dams, Banks, Mills, Sluices, Engines, Bridges, and other Works, Houses, and Buildings, or any of them, or set out and allotted for repairing or preserving the same, to the Proprietor or Proprietors of the Part or Parts of the said Lands and Grounds to be taken, used, set out, or allotted for the Purposes above-mentioned, or any of them, and shall also cause such Compensation in Money to be made, as they shall think proper, to the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, of any Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments which shall be injured, damaged, or affected by the making, erecting, or preserving any of the Works aforesaid, by the other Proprietors interested in such Drainage, and all such Money shall and may be levied and recovered

vered as the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and executing this Act may be levied and recovered; and such Money shall, when received by the said General Commissioners, be applied in the Discharge of such Proportion of the Charges and Expences of obtaining and executing this Act, as the Proprietor or Proprietors, whose Lands, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments shall have been so taken, used, set out, allotted, injured, damaged, or affected, shall be subject or liable to pay, and the Overplus (if any) shall be paid by the said General Commissioners to the Person or Persons entitled to the same: Provided always, That if any Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Feoffee in Trust, Executor, Administrator, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee, or any Person acting as Guardian, Committee, or Trustee for or on Behalf of any Infant, Lunatick, Idiot, Feme Covert, or other Cestuique Trust, or any Person or Persons whose Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are limited in strict or other Settlement, shall be entitled to any Sum of Money as a Compensation as aforesaid, the same shall be by the said General Commissioners applied and disposed of in Manner directed by this Act.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the said General Commissioners Roads. shall set out and appoint such publick and private Roads and Ways, through and over the Lands and Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted, as they shall think necessary and proper, so that all new publick Carriage Roads, so to be set out and appointed as aforesaid, shall contain Thirty Feet in Breadth between and exclusive of the Ditches, and shall be well and sufficiently fenced out on both Sides, in such Manner and within such Time as the said General Commissioners shall direct and appoint; and that it shall not be lawful for any Person to erect any Gate across any of the said publick Roads, or to plant any Trees in or near the Hedges on the Sides thereof, at a less Distance from each other than Fifty Yards; and after such publick Carriage Roads shall have been set out as aforesaid, the said General Commissioners shall, and they are hereby required, by Writing under their Hands, to appoint some proper Person to be a Surveyor thereof, and such Surveyor shall cause the said new Roads to be formed and put in good and sufficient Repair, and shall be allowed such Salary or Reward for his Trouble therein as the said General Commissioners shall, by Writing under their Hands, direct and appoint; which Salary or Reward, and also the Expences (over and besides the Statute Duty) of forming the said new Roads, and putting the same into good and sufficient Repair, shall be borne and paid by the several Persons, and Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, who is and are hereby charged with or made liable to the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and executing this Act, or any Part thereof, and shall be raised by a Rate to be laid on such Persons or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate respectively, according to the annual Value of their respective Estates within the said Parish of *Ludham*, such Rate to be made and assessed by the said General Commissioners either before or after the Execution of the said Award; or by any Justice of the Peace for the County of *Norfolk*, upon Application made for that Purpose by the said Surveyor, and to be collected and received by such Person or Persons as the said General Commissioners or Justice, by whom such Rate shall be made and assessed, shall by Writing appoint; and in case any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their Share or Shares of the said Rate,

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within Ten Days next after Demand thereof made, the same shall and may be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the said General Commissioners, or the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the said County (as the Case may be) which Warrant the said General Commissioners, or any Justice, are and is hereby empowered and required to grant, upon Proof on Oath of such Neglect or Refusal, and of such Demand as aforesaid, which Oath the said General Commissioners or such Justice, are and is hereby empowered to administer, and the Overplus (if any) after such Share or Shares of the Rate, and the Charges of levying the same shall have been deducted, shall be returned on Demand, to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels; and that none of the Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Ludham*, other than the several Persons, and Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, who is and are hereby charged with or made liable to the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and executing this Act, or any Part thereof, shall be charged or chargeable (over and above the Statute Duty) towards the forming or repairing such new publick Roads, until the same shall be made fit for the Passage of Travellers and Carriages, and shall have been certified so to be by such Surveyor, by Writing under his Hand, to be delivered to the Justices at some General Quarter Session of the Peace to be holden for the said County, and such Certificate shall have been allowed and confirmed by them; which said Certificate shall be delivered to the said Justices at their General Quarter Session to be holden next after the said new Roads shall be formed and put in Repair as aforesaid, and within the Space of Two Years next after the Execution of the said Award, unless sufficient Reason be given, to the Satisfaction of the said Justices, that a further Time is necessary for that Purpose, in which Case the said Justices may, and they are hereby empowered to allow such further Time for the Delivery of the said Certificate as they shall think proper, not exceeding One Year; and in case the said Surveyor shall neglect or refuse to deliver the said Certificate within the Time before limited, such Surveyor shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be recovered by Distress and Sale of his Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace of the said County, rendering the Overplus (if any) to the said Surveyor, after deducting the Charges and Expences of such Warrant, Distress, and Sale; and such Penalty, when recovered, shall be applied in Aid of the Rate to be made as aforesaid; and that when such Certificate shall have been delivered to the said Justices by the said Surveyor as aforesaid, and shall have been by them allowed and confirmed, the said Roads shall be for ever thereafter repaired and kept in Repair in such Manner as other publick Highways are by Law to be repaired; and that when the said publick Roads and Ways shall be so set out, appointed, and made as aforesaid, it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons to use any other Roads or Ways, either publick or private, over or upon the Lands and Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted, on Foot, or with Horses, Cattle, or Carriages; and all Roads and Ways, which shall not be so set out and appointed as the Roads and Ways through or over the said Lands and Grounds, shall be deemed to be Part of the Lands and Grounds to be divided and allotted by virtue of this Act, and shall be divided and allotted accordingly; and all the publick Bridle or Footways, and all private Ways, and also the Fences next the said publick Highways or Roads, shall be made and raised, and at all Times hereafter

maintained

maintained and kept in Repair in such Manner and Form, at such Charges and Expences; and by such Person and Persons, as the said General Commissioners shall, by their said Award, order, direct, and appoint; and all and every Owner and Owners of Lands so charged with such Repairs, shall respectively be liable and deemed chargeable therewith, by reason of the Tenure of his, her, or their respective Lands; and the Grass and Herbage growing and renewing on all the said publick Roads or Ways, shall be taken and enjoyed by such Person or Persons as the said General Commissioners shall appoint, and by no other Person or Persons whomsoever.

XXI. Provided always, That none of the present Roads shall be shut up and discontinued, until the said General Commissioners shall have caused the said publick Roads to be set out as aforesaid, and until the same shall be properly formed, and made safe and convenient for Horses, Cattle, and Carriages.

No Roads to be shut up, until others are set out.

XXII. Provided also, That the said General Commissioners shall, before the setting out of any publick Roads or Highways in pursuance of this Act, cause a Notice of their Intention in that Behalf, and a Description of all the publick Highways and Roads intended to be set out by them, to be inserted in the said *Norfolk Chronicle* or *Norwich Mercury*, or in some other Newspaper printed and circulated in the said County of *Norfolk*; and if any Person shall have any Objection to the said publick Roads or Highways, or any of them, or shall propose any other publick Roads or Highways, such Person shall deliver his or her Objections or Proposals in Writing to the said General Commissioners, or One of them, within Fourteen Days, or at the First Meeting of the said General Commissioners after the Publication of the said Notice; and the said General Commissioners shall thereupon hear the Allegations and Evidence offered and produced to them in support of the said Objections or Proposals, and after due Consideration thereof, shall set out and appoint all or any Part of the publick Roads or Highways described in the said Notice, or such other publick Highways or Roads in lieu thereof, as they shall think fit.

Notice to be given of setting out Roads.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said General Commissioners shall assign, set out, and allot unto the Surveyor of the Highways within the said Parish of *Ludham*, such Parts of the Lands and Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted, not exceeding Three Acres in the Whole, as the said General Commissioners shall think necessary, as and for publick Watering Places for Cattle, and as and for publick Sand, Gravel, and Chalk Pits, and the same Allotment or Allotments, when set out, shall for ever thereafter be used by the respective Surveyors of the Highways, and by the Proprietors and Occupiers of Lands and Tenements within the said Parish of *Ludham*, in such Manner, and under such Rules and Regulations, as the Commissioners for Drainage herein appointed shall from Time to Time direct or appoint.

Allotment for Gravel Pits.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said General Commissioners shall in the next place assign, set out, and allot unto the Lord of the said Manors, the Vicar, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Ludham* for the Time being, such Part of the said Com-

Allotment for the Poor for Firing.

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mons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, as the said General Commissioners shall think proper, not exceeding Two Acres thereof, for or in respect of each and every Cottage, being of or under the Value of Five Pounds *per Annum*, and the said Allotment or Allotments shall be, and is and are hereby vested in the Lord of the said Manors, the Vicar, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, for ever, as Trustees for the Poor of the same Parish; and the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, are hereby empowered and required, from Time to Time, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to lease or demise to any Person or Persons whomsoever, any Part or Parts of the said Allotment or Allotments, not exceeding One Moiety thereof, for any Term of Years not exceeding Fourteen Years; so as in every such Lease there be reserved and made payable to the said Trustees for the Time being, or the major Part of them, by Two equal Half-yearly Payments in every Year, the best and most improved yearly Rent or Rents that can be obtained for the said Allotment or Allotments, or such Part thereof as shall be thereby demised, without taking any Income, Fine, Premium, or Foregift, in Consideration of granting such Lease or Leases; and that in all such Leases there be contained the usual Covenants and Stipulations between Lessors and Lessees, and such other Covenants and Stipulations, and such Security for the Performance of the same, as the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, shall think proper to be inserted therein; and the Rents and Profits arising from the said Allotment or Allotments, shall from Time to Time be laid out in purchasing Fuel, and such Fuel shall be distributed amongst the Poor Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Ludham*, who shall be legally settled and resident therein, and shall not occupy Lands and Tenements of more than the yearly Value of Five Pounds, in such Shares and Proportions, at such Times in every Year, and according to such Rules and Directions as shall from Time to Time be made and prescribed by the said Trustees for the Time being, or the major Part of them, for that Purpose, and not otherwise; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees to retain and keep the Remainder of the Moiety of such Allotment or Allotments not so let or demised as aforesaid, in case they shall think proper, for the Purpose of cutting Fuel, and such Fuel shall be distributed in Manner aforesaid; and the Remainder of the said Allotment or Allotments, not so leased or demised, or retained as aforesaid, shall be used and enjoyed solely and exclusively by such poor Inhabitants of the said Parish as aforesaid, who shall be legally settled and resident therein, and shall not occupy Lands and Tenements of more than the yearly Value of Five Pounds, as a Common of Pasture for all Geese, Stock, and Cattle, which shall really and *bonâ fide* be the Property of such poor Inhabitants, in such Manner, at such Time or Times, and according to such Rules and Directions, as the said Trustees for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall appoint and prescribe for that Purpose, and not otherwise.

Lord of the
Manors, and
Vicar, to act
by Proxy.

XXV. Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord of the said Manors, and the Vicar of the said Vicarage for the Time being, to act in the Execution of the Trusts hereby reposed in them by their respective Agents or Proxies, such respective Agents or Proxies being appointed by Writing under the respective Hands of such Lord, and Vicar for the Time being, and producing their respective Appointments at the Time of their acting by virtue thereof.

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XXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said General Commissioners shall, in the next place, assign, set out, and allot unto and for the Lord of the Soil of the said Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, such Part of the same, as in the Judgement of the said General Commissioners shall be equal in Value to One-seventeenth Part thereof, as shall remain after the Allotment or Allotments so made to the Trustees for the Poor as aforesaid, and such Allotment shall be a Recompence and Compensation for his Right or Rights in and to the Soil of the said Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, and for his Right of Warren in, over, or upon the same, or any Part or Parts thereof.

Allotment for
Right of Soil.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said General Commissioners shall then assign, set out, and allot the Residue and Remainder of the said Lands and Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted, unto and amongst all and every Person or Persons, Body and Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, having any Right or Rights of Common, or other Rights or Interests, in, over, or upon the same, or any Part or Parts thereof, in such Parts and Shares as the said General Commissioners shall adjudge and determine to be proportionate to the Value of, and a full Satisfaction and Compensation to him, her, or them respectively, for his, her, or their respective Rights of Common, or other Rights or Interests in, over, or upon the Lands and Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted, or any Part or Parts thereof.

Allotment of
the Residue.

XXVIII. And whereas the Lord of the said respective Manors is willing to enfranchise the several Copyhold or Customary Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments held of the said respective Manors, and any Allotment or Allotments to be made in respect of such Copyhold, or Customary Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and also to extinguish all Fines, Heriots, Chief Rents, Reliefs, Customs, and Services due and payable to the Lord of the said respective Manors, out of or from such Copyhold or Customary Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, on being allowed an adequate Satisfaction and Compensation for the same; and the several Owners and Proprietors of such Copyhold or Customary Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, may be desirous that the same should be so effected and carried into Execution; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said General Commissioners, by and with the Consent of the respective Copyholders desirous of such Enfranchisement, expressed in Writing under their respective Hands, and delivered to the said General Commissioners, to assign, set out, and allot unto the Lord of the said respective Manors, such Proportions, Shares, or Parts of the Allotments of the said Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, which the said Copyholders respectively shall be entitled unto, as in the Judgement of the said General Commissioners shall be a full and equivalent Satisfaction and Compensation to the Lord of the said respective Manors, for all his Rights, Claims, Fines, Heriots, Chief Rents, Reliefs, Services, and Customs, as Lord of the said respective Manors, in and to any such Copyhold or Customary Estates so to be enfranchised as aforesaid; and every such Enfranchisement shall be mentioned and described in the Award herein directed to be made by the said General Commissioners.

Power of en-
franchising
Copyholders.

Power to allot Part of old Inclosures for Enfranchisement.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in case the Owners of any such Copyhold or Customary Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall not be entitled to any Allotment of Land in the said Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, or being entitled, the same shall not be sufficient to make such Satisfaction and Compensation to the Lord of the said respective Manors, for the Enfranchisement of the Copyhold Estates of such Owners, and for extinguishing, releasing, exonerating, and discharging the same from Fines, Chief Rents, Heriots, Reliefs, Customs, and Services as aforesaid, then and in such Case the said General Commissioners shall, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required to set out and allot to the Lord of the said respective Manors, so much and such Plots or Parcels of the Lands of such Owners respectively, within the said respective Manors, as shall, in the Judgement of the said General Commissioners, be sufficient to make up, or as shall be an Equivalent or full Satisfaction or Compensation for the Enfranchisement of the Copyhold Estates of such Owners, and for extinguishing, releasing, exonerating, and discharging such Copyhold or Customary Estates of and from all Fines, Chief Rents, Heriots, Reliefs, Customs, and Services as aforesaid, as to the said General Commissioners shall seem just and reasonable.

Copyhold, after Award executed and Compensation given, to be held as Freehold.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That all and every such Copyhold or Customary Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and the Allotments made in respect thereof, so enfranchised as aforesaid, shall at all Times from and after the making and executing the said Award by the said General Commissioners, for ever thereafter be held and enjoyed by the several and respective Person and Persons entitled to the same, enfranchised, and as Freehold Estates of Inheritance, free and discharged of all Fines, Heriots, Chief Rents, Reliefs, Customs, and Services whatsoever, and the same shall, from and after such Enfranchisement, be granted, bargained, sold, released, conveyed, or assured by Deed, or devised by Will, in the same Manner, as other Freehold Estates of Inheritance are conveyed and devised; and on the Death of any Person who shall be the absolute Owner of such Estates without a Will, the same shall descend to his or her Heir or Heirs at Law, in such Manner as other Freehold Estates descend.

Lands to be given for Enfranchisement and Exoneration, to be limited to the same Uses as the Manors stood limited.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That the Lands to be assigned, allotted, and appointed for the Enfranchisement of the said Copyhold or Customary Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and of the Allotments made in respect thereof, and in lieu of Fines within the said respective Manors, Heriots, Reliefs, Chief Rents, Customs, and Services as aforesaid, shall stand limited and settled to, for, and upon such and the same Estates, Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, as the said respective Manors shall stand limited, and be subject and liable to.

For laying the Allotments conveniently together.

XXXII. Provided always, That in making the said Allotments the said General Commissioners shall, in case they shall think proper, allot such Part of the Upland as shall bear a due Proportion to the Marsh or Fen Land, and shall have a due Regard as well to the Quality and Quantity of the Lands and Grounds so to be divided and allotted as aforesaid, as also to the Situation and Contiguity of the same to the respective Habitations,

Habitations, Messuages, Barns, and other Property of the several Parties to or for whom such Lands and Grounds shall respectively be assigned and allotted.

XXXIII. Provided also, That if any Person or Persons (being Tenant or Tenants in Fee Simple), hath sold, or contracted or agreed to sell, or shall, at any Time before the Execution of the said Award, sell, or contract or agree to sell, his, her, or their Right, Interest, and Property in the Lands and Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted, or any Part thereof, to any other Person or Persons, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said General Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and required, to make an Allotment of Land unto the Vendee or Purchaser in every such Sale, Contract, or Agreement, or to his or her Heirs or Assigns, for and in respect of such Right, Interest, and Property so sold, or contracted or agreed to be sold as aforesaid; and every such Vendee or Purchaser, or his or her Heirs or Assigns, shall and may, from and after the Execution of the said Award, hold and enjoy the Land so to be allotted to him, her, or them as aforesaid, in the same Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as the Vendor in every such Sale, Contract, or Agreement might, could, or ought to have held and enjoyed the same, in case such Sale, Contract, or Agreement had not been made, or such Rights, Interest, or Property had been vested in such Vendor at the Time of making such Allotment as aforesaid.

In case any Person shall sell his Common Right, the Allotment is to be made to the Purchaser.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful to or for the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees for the Time being, of the Great or Rectorial Tythes arising or renewing within the said Parish of *Ludham*, to demand or take any such Tythe, or any Composition, Satisfaction, or Compensation in lieu thereof, from the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers of any Part or Parts of the said Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, for the Term of Three Years next after such Allotments shall have been made and assigned by the said General Commissioners.

Agreement for Great Tythes.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful to or for the Vicar of the said Vicarage of *Ludham* to demand or take any Tythe, or any Composition, Satisfaction, or Compensation in lieu thereof, from the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, of any Upland Part or Parts of the said Commons and Waste Grounds, and which shall not be drained by virtue of this Act, for the Term of Three Years next after such Allotments shall have been made and assigned by the said General Commissioners; nor to demand or take any Tythe, or any Composition, Satisfaction, or Compensation in lieu thereof, from the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers of any Part or Parts of the Lands and Grounds hereby directed to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, which are Marsh or Fen Land, and which shall be drained by virtue of this Act, for the Term of Seven Years after such Allotments shall have been made and assigned by the said General Commissioners.

Agreement for Vicar's Tythes.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the passing of this Act, until the Execution of the said Award, no Part of the Pasture or Fen Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted, shall be ploughed up or converted into Tillage, without the Consent of the said General

General Commissioners to direct the Course of Husbandry.

heral Commissioners first had and obtained in Writing for that Purpose; and that all the Arable Lands hereby directed to be divided and allotted, shall, during that Time, be subject and liable to such Directions and Regulations as the said General Commissioners shall, from Time to Time, by Writing under their Hands, appoint, as well with regard to the stocking as to the ploughing, folding, tilling, sowing, and laying down the same; and it shall be lawful for the said General Commissioners to order and direct such Sum or Sums of Money, in respect thereof, to be paid by any Person or Persons interested in the said Arable Lands, or any Part thereof, or his, her, or their Tenant or Tenants, to any other Person or Persons in like Manner interested therein, or his, her, or their Tenant or Tenants, as they the said General Commissioners shall think reasonable; and in case any Person or Persons, who shall be directed to pay any Sum or Sums of Money on any of the Accounts aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to pay the same on Demand, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the said General Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and required to raise and levy the same, for the Use and Benefit of the Person or Persons entitled thereto, by such Ways and Means as the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and executing this Act, or any Part thereof, can or may be raised and levied.

General Commissioners may make Partition of undivided Estates.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said General Commissioners to make Partition of any Messuages, Tenements, Lands, or other Hereditaments, within the said Parish of *Ludham*, belonging to any Persons as Coparceners, or as Joint Tenants, or as Tenants in Common, so as every such Partition be made upon Application from, and by and with the Consent and Approbation of the several Proprietors thereof and Persons interested therein, to be signified in Writing under their Hands, or under the Hands of the Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Committees, or Attornies duly authorized, of such of the said Proprietors as are under Coverture, Minors, Lunaticks, or beyond the Seas, or under any other Disability or Incapacity of acting for themselves, and be specified and declared in the Award of the said General Commissioners, or by any Instrument signed by them, to be inrolled with the said Award; and every such Partition shall be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

For exchanging Lands.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Vicar of the said Vicarage of *Ludham*, with the Consent of the Lord Bishop of *Norwich*, given in Writing under his Hand, and for the Trustee or Trustees, Feoffee or Feoffees, and also for any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, who is, are, or shall be Owner or Owners of any Messuages, Buildings, and Grounds, within the said Parish of *Ludham*, and also for the Husbands, Guardians, Committees, and Trustees of any of the said Owners being under Coverture, Minors, Idiots, Lunaticks, or beyond the Seas, or otherwise incapable to act for themselves, and also for all Persons acting as Guardians, Trustees, or Committees of such Owners respectively, being under any Disability whatsoever, whether such Owner or Owners be Tenant or Tenants in Fee Simple, or for Life, or in Fee Tail General or Special, or by the Curtesy of *England*, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, to exchange all or any of his, her, or their Messuages, Cottages, Buildings, Lands, and Grounds, or any Lands or Grounds to be

be allotted to him, her, or them respectively, by virtue of this Act, for any other Messuages, Cottages, Buildings, Lands, or Grounds, within the said Parish of *Ludham*, or any adjoining Parish or Parishes; or for any other Lands or Grounds to be allotted by virtue of this Act, so that all and every such Exchange and Exchanges be made with the Consent and Approbation of the said General Commissioners, and be described and ascertained in their said Award; and all and every such Exchange and Exchanges shall be valid in the Law, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *John Oldershaw* and his Successors, Vicars of *Ludham* afore said, by and with the Consent of the Lord Bishop of *Norwich*, given in Writing under his Hand and Seal, to lease or demise all or any Part of the Lands and Grounds to be allotted to the said Vicar and his Successors, as Vicars as afore said, to any Person or Persons, for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years, to commence within Twelve Calendar Months next after the Execution of the Award herein directed to be made by the said General Commissioners; so as in every such Lease there be reserved and made payable to the said Vicar and his Successors, the best and most improved Rent or Rents that can be reasonably had or gotten for the same, without taking any Income, Fine, Premium, or Foregift, in Consideration of granting any such Lease or Leases, but nevertheless with such Abatement of Rent, or with such Allowance as may be reasonable, for or on Account of the Expence which the said Vicar, or his Tenant or Tenants, may be at or be put unto in subdividing the said Allotments, and improving the same; and so as the Lessees in any such Leases be not thereby made dispunishable of Waste; and so as in every such Lease there be contained a Power of Re-entry for Non-payment of such Rents to be thereby reserved, within a reasonable Time to be therein limited after the same shall become due; and so as a Counterpart of every such Lease be made and executed by the Lessee or Lessees; and so as the Rents thereby to be reserved be made payable to the Vicar of the said Parish Half-yearly, and other necessary and usual Clauses and Covenants be contained in every such Lease; and every such Lease so to be made shall be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

XL. And be it further enacted, That the several Allotments to be made unto and for the several Persons, and Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, who by virtue of this Act shall be entitled to the same, shall be in full Satisfaction and Compensation for his, her, and their several Rights and Interests out of, in, over, or upon the Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted; and that, from and immediately after the Execution of the said Award, all Rights of Common and other Interests whatsoever, belonging to or claimed by any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, out of, in, over, or upon the Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted, shall cease, determine, and be for ever extinguished.

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XLI. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons, and Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, to whom any Lands or Grounds shall be allotted by virtue of this Act, shall accept of their respective Allotments, by taking Possession thereof within the Space of Six Calendar Months next after the Execution of the said Award, and Notice thereof in Writing to them respectively given by the said General Commissioners, or left at their respective usual or last Places of Abode, or given to or left at the usual Place of Abode of the known Agent or Clerk of any Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate; and in case any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, shall neglect or refuse to accept his, her, or their Allotment or Allotments within the Time herein for that Purpose mentioned, such Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, shall be totally excluded from, and debarred of any Estate, Interest, Right of Common, or any other Property whatsoever, in, to, over, or upon any Lands or Grounds which shall be assigned or allotted to any other Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, in pursuance of this Act.

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XLII. Provided always, That the Guardians, Husbands, Committees, Trustees, or Attornies of any Person or Persons being Minors, under Coverture, Lunaticks, or beyond the Seas, or otherwise incapable by Law to accept such Shares and Allotments as aforesaid, shall, and they are hereby enabled and required to accept thereof for the Use of such Person or Persons so incapacitated as aforesaid; and such Acceptance shall be and is hereby declared to be as valid and effectual as if the Person or Persons for or to whom such Allotments shall be made respectively were capable of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and had accepted such Shares and Allotments as aforesaid; any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

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certain Time
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XLIII. Provided also, That the Non-claim or Non-acceptance of any Guardian, Husband, Executor, Committee, or Trustee, shall not exclude or prejudice the Right or Claim of any Infant, Feme Covert, or Person under any Disability as aforesaid, who shall claim or accept his or her Share or Allotment within the Space of Twelve Calendar Months next after such Disability or Incapacity shall be removed; nor shall any such Non-claim or Non-acceptance exclude or prejudice the Claim or Right of any Person entitled as Heir or in Remainder after the Death of any Person dying under such Disability or Incapacity, the Person or Persons so entitled claiming or accepting his, her, or their Share or Allotment within the Space of Six Calendar Months next after his, her, or their Right, Title, or Interest, shall have descended or accrued.

For fencing
Allotments.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That the Open Fields, Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted, shall be enclosed, hedged, ditched, and fenced by such Person or Persons, and Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, (save and except the Vicar of the said Vicarage for the Time being, in respect of any Allotments to be made to him in Right of the said Vicarage, and save and except the said Surveyor of the Highways, Trustees for the Poor, and Commissioners for Drainage, for and in respect of the Allotments hereby directed to be made by them respectively as aforesaid), within such Time and

and in such Manner as the said General Commissioners shall, in and by their said Award, order, direct, and appoint; and the Hedges, Ditches, Drains, and Fences, which shall be made pursuant to the said Award, shall at all Times thereafter be maintained, and kept in Repair, and cleansed by such Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, as the said General Commissioners shall, by their said Award, order and direct; and if any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, shall neglect or refuse to make and raise such Hedges, Ditches, Drains, or Fences, according to the Award of the said General Commissioners, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said General Commissioners, and they are hereby empowered and required to cause such Hedges, Ditches, Drains, or Fences, to be raised and made by such Person or Persons, in such Manner, and at such Time or Times, as they the said General Commissioners shall think proper; and if the Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, who ought to have raised and made such Hedges, Ditches, or Fences, shall neglect or refuse to pay the Costs and Expences of raising and making the same, (such Costs and Expences being settled by the said General Commissioners), within Ten Days after Demand made thereof, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said General Commissioners, and they are hereby required to raise and levy the same by such Ways and Means as the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and executing this Act, or any Part thereof, can or may be raised and levied; and for better preserving the Hedges, Ditches, Banks, Plants, Quicksets, and Fences, of the said intended Inclosures, it shall and may be lawful to and for the respective Persons, and Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, to whom any Allotment or Allotments shall be made by virtue of this Act, from Time to Time, and at all Times during the Term of Seven Years next after the Execution of the said Award, to set or fix Posts or Rails, or any other Guards, on the Outside of the Hedges, Ditches, Banks, and Fences, bounding their respective Allotments, not exceeding Three Feet from such Hedges, Ditches, Banks, and Fences; and at all seasonable Times, before the End of the said Term, to remove, take, and carry away such Posts, Rails, and other Guards, and to convert the same to their respective Uses.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That when the said General Commissioners shall have staked out the several Allotments intended to be made by them by virtue of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, to whom any Allotment or Allotments is or are intended to be made, to inclose or fence such Allotment or Allotments in such Manner as the said General Commissioners shall, by Writing under their Hands, appoint, although the said Award shall not then have been executed.

Fences may be made before the Execution of the Award.

XLVI. Provided always, That convenient Gaps and Openings shall be left in the Fences and Inclosures to be made in pursuance of this Act, for the Space of Six Calendar Months next after the Execution of the said Award, for the Passage of Cattle, Carts, and Carriages into and through the same, unless the several Parties interested shall agree that the same shall be sooner fenced in, made up, and inclosed.

For leaving Gaps.

XLVII. And

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XLVII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Lease and Leases of any Messuages, Lands, or Tenements within the said Parish of *Ludham*, shall, as far as such Lease or Leases affect or concern any Allotment or Allotments to be made in respect of any such Messuages, Lands, or Tenements, comprised in such Lease or Leases, be, and the same is and are hereby declared to be null and void as to such Allotment and Allotments; and such Allotment and Allotments shall be made and assigned unto the Landlord or Landlords, and not to the Tenant or Tenants, Lessee or Lessees; and such Allotment and Allotments shall be freed and discharged from all the Right and Interest which may or otherwise might be claimed, in or to the same by virtue of such Lease or Leases; and the Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, to whom the Messuages, Lands, or Tenements, comprised in such Lease or Leases, shall belong as Landlord or Landlords, shall make such Compensation to the Person or Persons entitled to the same under such Lease or Leases, as the said General Commissioners shall, by Writing under their Hands, direct, for the Right of Common, or any other Rights or Interests in, over, or upon the said Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, or any Part thereof, appendant or appurtenant to such Messuages, Lands, or Tenements, and which shall be extinguished by this Act; and if any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, shall refuse or neglect to make such Compensation to the Person or Persons entitled thereto, on Demand, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the said General Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and required to raise and levy the same for the Use and Benefit of the Person or Persons entitled thereto, by such Ways and Means as the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and executing this Act, or any Part thereof, can or may be raised and levied: Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, so as to render null and void any Lease or Leases granted by the Lord Bishop of *Norwich*, or any of his Predecessors being Bishops of *Norwich*, of any Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments within the said Parish of *Ludham*, or any Part or Parts of such Lease or Leases.

Allotments
shall be of the
same Tenure
as the Lands
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are allotted.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Messuages, Cottages, Lands, and Grounds, which shall be allotted or exchanged by virtue of this Act, to or with any Person or Persons, for or in lieu or in respect of any Messuages, Cottages, Lands, and Grounds, holden of any Manor or Manors by Copy of Court Roll, or for or in respect of any Leasehold Messuages, Lands, or Tenements, or for or in respect of any Right of Common, or any other Right or Interest appurtenant or appendant to any such Copyhold or Leasehold Premises, shall, from and after the Execution of the said Award, be deemed and taken to be Copyhold or Leasehold, and shall be held as such, by and under the same Tenure, Rents, Payments, Fines, Customs, and Services, as the Copyhold or Leasehold Messuages, Cottages, Lands, or Tenements respectively, for or in lieu or in respect whereof such Allotments or Exchanges shall be made, are now held; and that all and every Person or Persons to or with whom such Copyhold Lands and Premises shall be allotted or exchanged as aforesaid, shall, within Twelve Calendar Months next after the Execution of the said Award, be admitted Tenant or Tenants to the same, without paying any Fine or other Charge to the Lord, or to the Steward of the said respective Manors (save and except for the Stamp Duties and Parchment

ment requisite to be used for the Copies of such Admissions respectively, and such reasonable Fees to the Steward of the said respective Manors, as the said General Commissioners shall by their said Award order and direct); but in case any Person or Persons, to whom such Lands and Premises shall be allotted, shall die without Admission within the said Twelve Calendar Months, then the customary Fines and other Payments shall be due and payable on the Admission of the Person or Persons entitled to such Lands and Premises; and after every such First Admission, the Copyhold Premises so to be allotted as aforesaid, shall at all Times be held under and subject to the same Tenure, Fines, and other Payments, as the present Copyhold Messuages, Cottages, Lands, or Tenements, in lieu or in respect whereof such Lands and Premises shall be allotted, are now held under and subject to; and the said General Commissioners shall, by their said Award, determine, describe, and abut the Messuages, Buildings, Lands, and Grounds respectively, which are to be and remain Copyhold or Leasehold; and all other Messuages, Buildings, Lands, and Grounds to be allotted or exchanged by virtue of this Act, (except what shall be so ascertained by the said General Commissioners to be Copyhold or Leasehold), shall be from thenceforth deemed, taken, and enjoyed as Freehold Messuages, Buildings, Lands, and Grounds, subject nevertheless to such Free Rents and Services as are now payable out of the respective Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for or in respect whereof the same shall or may be allotted or exchanged.

XLIX. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to revoke, make void, alter, or annul any Will or Settlement, or to prejudice any Person or Persons having any Right or Claim of Dower, Jointure, Portion, Debt, or Incumbrance, out of, upon, or affecting any of the Messuages, Buildings, Lands, and Grounds to be divided, allotted, or exchanged by virtue of this Act, or any Part thereof; but that each and every Proprietor shall stand and be seised of the several Messuages, Buildings, Lands, and Grounds, to be allotted to or exchanged with him or her as aforesaid, to such and the same Uses, and for such and the same Estates, and subject to such and the same Wills, Jointures, Rents, and Charges, and no other, as the Messuages, Buildings, Lands, and Grounds, whereof such Proprietor was seised or possessed at or immediately before the Execution of the said Award, or for which, or in respect whereof such Allotments or Exchanges shall be made, would have been subject to, charged with, or affected by, in case this Act had not been made.

Wills and Settlements not to be affected.

L. And be it further enacted, That all Sums of Money to be paid to any Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees, or Persons acting as Guardians, Committees, or Trustees for or on Behalf of any Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Females Covert, or other Cestuique Trusts, or to any Person or Persons whose Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments, are limited in strict or other Settlement, as a Compensation for, or for the Purchase of Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments, by virtue of the Powers herein contained, shall, in case the same shall be less than the Sum of Twenty Pounds, be paid to the Party or Parties entitled thereto, or shall be otherwise applied and disposed of for the Benefit of such Party or Parties, in such Manner as the said

Money belonging to Corporations, etc. to be laid out to the same Uses.

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Commissioners shall think proper; but in case such Money shall be equal to, or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, and be less than One hundred Pounds, the same shall be laid out, as soon as conveniently may be, by such Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees, Person or Persons aforesaid, in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, so to be purchased, shall be conveyed to or to the Use of such Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, or to or for such other Person or Persons, and for such Estates, and to, for, upon, and subject to such Uses, Trusts, Limitations, Remainders, and Contingencies, as the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for or in respect whereof such Money shall be paid as aforesaid, were limited, settled, and assured, at the Time when such Money was so ascertained, fixed, or determined respectively as aforesaid, or for such and so many of such Uses as shall be then existing and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time and until such Purchase or Purchases shall be made, the said Money shall be placed out by such Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees, Person or Persons as aforesaid, in some of the Publick Funds, or on Government or Real Securities, producing an annual Interest, in the Names of Two or more Persons to be nominated by the Parties interested therein, and to be approved of by the said General Commissioners; and the Interest arising or to be produced from any such Funds and Securities, shall be paid to such Person or Persons respectively as would have been entitled, for the Time being, to the Rents and Profits of such Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments.

For re-invest-
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LI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in case any Money or Recompence to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatick, or Person under any other Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, or to any Person or Persons whose Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are limited in strict or other Settlement, shall be equal to or exceed the Sum of One hundred Pounds, such Money or Recompence shall, with all convenient Speed, be invested in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments; which shall be conveyed and settled upon and subject to the like Uses, Trusts, and Limitations as the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, belonging to such Corporation or other Person as aforesaid, so to be purchased, were settled, limited, or assured; and in the mean Time, and until such Purchase can be made, such Money shall be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the said General Commissioners, pursuant to the Method prescribed by the Act of the Twelfth Year of King *George* the First, Chapter the Thirty-second, and the General Orders of the said Court, and without Fee or Reward, according to the Act of the Twenty-fourth of King *George* the Second, Chapter the Twenty-fourth, and shall, when so paid in, be laid out in the Purchase of Navy or Victualling Bills, or Exchequer Bills; and the Money received for the same, as they shall be respectively paid off by Government, shall be laid out, in the Name of the said Accountant General, in the Purchase of other Navy or Victualling Bills, or Exchequer Bills; and the Interest arising from all such Bills shall be paid to the Person or Persons

sons respectively, as would have been entitled for the Time being to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so to be purchased as aforesaid, in case the same had been purchased and settled in Manner herein directed; all which said Navy and Victualling Bills, and Exchequer Bills, shall be deposited in the Bank, in the Name of the said Accountant General, and shall there remain until a proper Purchase or Purchases shall be found, and approved of by the Person or Persons who would be entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased therewith if the same were purchased and settled, and until the same shall, upon a Petition setting forth such Approbation (to be preferred to the Court of Chancery in a summary Way, by the said Person or Persons who would be entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased therewith, if the same were purchased and settled) be ordered to be sold by the said Accountant General, for the completing such Purchase, in such Manner as the said Court shall think just, and direct; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Court to make such Order or Orders, in a summary Way, touching the Payment or Application of the Monies so to be paid into the Bank, and touching such Navy, Victualling, or Exchequer Bills, and the Interest thereof, in pursuance of the Directions of this Act, as the said Court shall think fit: Provided nevertheless, That if the said General Commissioners shall find any Difficulty in obtaining a Purchase in Land which may be equal in Value to any Sum arising as aforesaid, not exceeding the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, or such Purchase may in other Respects be disadvantageous, the said General Commissioners shall be at Liberty to apply such Sum of Money towards the Expences of this Act, so far as the Proportion of the Party entitled to such Sum shall amount to; and if there shall be any Surplus of such Money, the said General Commissioners may apply such Surplus in Diminution of the Sum allowed to be charged upon the Estate by virtue of this Act, as herein provided.

LII. And be it further enacted, That all Costs, Charges, and Expences of inclosing the Lands which shall, by virtue of this Act, be allotted to the said Vicar in respect of the said Vicarage, and of inclosing the Allotment or Allotments hereby directed to be made to the Surveyors of the Highways, and to the Trustees for the Poor of the said Parish of *Ludbam*, and to the Commissioners for Drainage herein-after appointed, and all the Costs and Charges incident to and attending the obtaining and passing of this Act, and of surveying, admeasuring, planning, valuing, dividing, allotting, draining, and exchanging the Lands and Premises hereby directed to be surveyed, measured, planned, valued, divided, allotted, drained, and exchanged, and of preparing and depositing the said Award, and all the Charges and Expences of the said General Commissioners, their Assistants and Servants, and all other necessary Expences of the several Persons to be employed by the said General Commissioners in and about the Premises, and all other Expences of carrying this Act into Execution (save and except such Charges and Expences as shall be incurred, by virtue of this Act, after making the said Award) shall be borne, defrayed, and paid by the several Persons, and Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, interested in the Premises (save and except the Vicar of the said Vicarage for the Time being, for or in respect of any Allotment or Allotments which shall be made to him respectively in Right

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of the said Vicarage, and also save and except the Surveyor of the Highways, and the Trustees for the Poor of the said Parish of *Ludham*, and the said Commissioners for Drainage for the Time being, for or in respect of the Allotment or Allotments hereby directed to be made to them respectively as aforesaid, and also save and except such Person or Persons, whose Property within the said Parish shall not in the Judgement of the said General Commissioners, exceed the yearly Value of Four Pounds at the Time of making the said Allotments) in such Shares and Proportions, at such Time or Times, and to such Person or Persons, as the said General Commissioners shall appoint; and if any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, shall refuse or neglect to pay his, her, or their Share or Shares of the said Costs, Charges, and Expences, to the Person or Persons authorized to receive the same, at the Time or Times which shall be appointed by the said General Commissioners for Payment thereof, then and in such Case the said General Commissioners shall and may, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, directed unto any Person or Persons whomsoever, cause the same to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid, rendering the Overplus (if any) after deducting the Charges and Expences attending such Warrant, Distress, and Sale, to the Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, whose Goods and Chattels shall have been so distrained and sold; or otherwise it shall and may be lawful to and for the said General Commissioners; by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to authorize and empower One or more Person or Persons to enter into and upon the Lands and Grounds to be allotted; or belonging to the Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid, and to take and receive the Rents, Issues, and Profits of the same Premises, until thereby and therewith the Share or Shares of the said Costs, Charges, and Expences so appointed to be paid by such Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid, with lawful Interest thereupon from the Time the same shall have become due, and also all the Costs and Expences occasioned by or attending such Entry on and Perception of the Rents and Profits of the said Premises, shall respectively be fully paid and satisfied.

Expences become payable for Lands, Leasehold of the Bishop of *Norwich*, to be paid by his Lessees.

LIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That so much of the Charges and Expences as shall become payable in respect of the Lands to be allotted unto and for the Lord Bishop of *Norwich*, for or on Account of any Messuages, Cottages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments now holden under a Lease or Leases from him, shall be borne, defrayed, and paid by his respective Lessees, and their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns.

Proprietors and their Agents to pay their own Expences.

LIV. Provided also, That the said Proprietors, their Attornies and Agents, shall pay their own Expences when they, or any of them, shall attend the said General Commissioners at any of their Meetings to be held in pursuance of this Act.

Money advanced to be repaid with Interest.

LV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall advance and pay any Money in Discharge of the Fees or other Expences of obtaining and executing this Act, the Money so paid and advanced shall

shall be repaid and satisfied by the Direction of the said General Commissioners, together with lawful Interest for the same.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That as soon as conveniently may be after the said General Commissioners shall have completed the Division and Allotments of the Lands and Grounds hereby directed to be divided, allotted, and enclosed, and the Works which they shall deem necessary for draining the same, pursuant to the Directions of this Act, they shall form and draw up an Award or Instrument in Writing, which shall ascertain and describe the Boundaries of the said Parish of *Ludham*, and shall express and denote the Quantity, in Statute Measure, of Acres, Roods, and Perches, of the said Open Fields, Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, and the Quantity of each and every Part and Parcel thereof, which shall be assigned and allotted to each of the Parties entitled to or interested in the same, and of the Parts thereof which shall be allotted for the Surveyor of the Highways, Trustees for the Poor, and Commissioners for Drainage respectively, in pursuance of the Directions herein contained; and shall contain a Description of the Situation, Abuttals, and Boundaries of the same Parcels and Allotments respectively, and of the Messuages, Cottages, Buildings, Lands, and Grounds, and of the Quantity of such Lands and Grounds which shall be given or received in Exchange by any Person, or Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, by virtue of this Act; and shall ascertain and describe such Parts of the Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, hereby directed to be divided, allotted, and enclosed, as shall, in the Judgement of the said General Commissioners, be drained by virtue of this Act; which Parts of the said Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, so ascertained and described, shall be for ever thereafter deemed to be the Lands and Grounds to be drained by virtue of this Act; and the said Award shall also contain such Orders and Directions for raising and maintaining Fences on the Open Fields, Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, hereby directed to be divided and allotted, and for laying out, making, and maintaining proper Roads, Ways, Passages, Bridges, Ditches, Gates, Stiles, and Drains, over and upon the said Open Fields, Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, and also such other Orders and Regulations as the said General Commissioners shall think proper and necessary to be inserted in such Award, conformable to the Purport and Tenor of this Act; and Two Parts of the said Award, with a reduced Map or Plan of the said Parish of *Ludham* thereto respectively annexed, shall be fairly engrossed or written on Parchment, and signed, sealed, and delivered by the said General Commissioners; and One Part of the said Award shall, within Six Calendar Months after the Execution thereof, be delivered to the Clerk of the Peace for the said County of *Norfolk*, who is hereby required, upon Payment of the Sum of One Guinea, to receive and preserve the same with the Records of the said County, so that Recourse may be had thereto by any Person or Persons interested in the Premises, (for the Inspection and Perusal whereof the Sum of One Shilling, and no more, shall be paid) and the other Part of the said Award shall be deposited in the Parish Church of *Ludham* aforesaid, or in such other Place as the said General Commissioners shall direct; and both Parts of the said Award, or a true Copy thereof, or of any Part thereof, attested by the said General Commissioners, or by the said Clerk of the Peace, or his Deputy, (for which Copy no more shall be paid than Two-pence *per* Sheet, each Sheet containing

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taining Seventy-two Words), shall, from Time to Time, and at all Times thereafter, be admitted and allowed as legal Evidence of the Matters and Things therein contained, in all Courts whatsoever; and the said Award, and the several Allotments, Partitions, Exchanges, Orders, Directions, Matters, and Things therein contained, shall be, and are hereby declared to be binding and conclusive unto and upon all and every Person and Persons, Body and Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, interested in and entitled unto the said Premises so to be divided, allotted, drained, and exchanged, as aforesaid.

Award to be read in the Presence of the Proprietors.

LVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the said Award shall be read and executed by the said General Commissioners, in the Presence of the Proprietors of the said Open Fields, Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, who may attend at a Special General Meeting to be called for that Purpose, of which Special General Meeting Ten Days Notice at the least shall be given in the *Norwich Mercury* or *Norfolk Chronicle*, if then printed, and if not, then in some other Newspaper printed and circulated in the said County of *Norfolk*; which Execution of such Award shall, on the following *Sunday*, be proclaimed in the Parish Church of *Ludbam* aforesaid; and from and after such Proclamation only, and not before, the said Award shall be and be considered as complete.

Book of Accounts to be left with the Clerk for the Proprietors Inspection.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said General Commissioners shall, and they are hereby required to enter in a Book or Books to be provided for that Purpose, an Account of all Monies whatever received from the Proprietors or others during the said Division and Inclosure, and also of all the Charges and Expences in the Execution of this Act, which Book or Books of Accounts shall be kept at the Office of the Clerk to the said General Commissioners, and shall be open at all reasonable Times during the Progress of the said Division and Inclosure, and till all the Accounts are finally settled, for the Inspection of any of the Proprietors, without Fee or Reward; and in case the said General Commissioners, or their said Clerk, shall neglect to procure and keep such Book or Books of Accounts, or shall refuse the Inspection thereof to any of the Proprietors at all reasonable Times, the Party or Parties so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds nor less than Forty Shillings, and in case of Nonpayment thereof, on Conviction of the Offenders respectively on the Oath of any credible Witness or Witnesses, or by the Confession of the Party or Parties offending, before any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Norfolk*, the same shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justices; and all such Fines and Forfeitures shall be applied towards discharging the Costs and Charges of executing this Act; and the Overplus of the Money raised by such Distress and Sale, after deducting the Fines, Penalties, or Forfeitures, and the Expences of such Distress and Sale, shall be rendered to the Owner of the Goods and Chattels so distrained; and for Want of sufficient Distress, and in case the Fine or Forfeiture shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit 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 or Forfeiture, and all reasonable

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Charges attending the Recovery thereof, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Monies to be raised and received under and by virtue of the Powers of this Act; until the signing of the said Award, shall, as often as the same shall amount to the Sum of Fifty Pounds, be paid to and deposited in the Hands of some Banker, or such other Person or Persons as shall be approved of by a Majority in Value of the Proprietors, who shall be present at the First Meeting of the General Commissioners, and in the Notice of such Meeting shall be expressed the Intention of then appointing such Banker, or such other Person or Persons as aforesaid; and no such Monies deposited or paid into the Hands of such Banker, or other Person or Persons to be appointed as aforesaid, shall be issued or paid by him or them without an Order in Writing, signed by the said General Commissioners, specifying the Person or Persons to whom the same are respectively payable, and the Service or Consideration for which the same are to be paid; and the Balance (if any), upon the final Settlements of all Accounts by the said Commissioners, shall be immediately repaid to the several Land Owners, Proprietors, or Persons interested, in Proportion to the several Sums paid and advanced by them respectively.

Monies received when amounting to Fifty Pounds, to be put in a Banker's Hands, or such other Person as shall be approved by the Majority of the Proprietors.

LX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons whomsoever, Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, being Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors of any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the said Parish of *Ludham*, (save and except the Vicar of the said Vicarage for the Time being, the Surveyors of the Highways, and Trustees for the Poor of the said Parish, and Commissioners for Drainage, in respect of any Allotment or Allotments made to him or them as Vicar, Surveyor, Trustees, or Commissioners for Drainage), and also to and for the Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, and Committees of any of the said Owners or Proprietors being under Coverture, Minors, Idiots, Lunatics, or beyond the Seas, or labouring under any Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, whether such Owners and Proprietors respectively be Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail General or Special, or by the Curtesy of *England*, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, and also for any Tenant or Tenants, Lessee or Lessees of the Lord Bishop of *Norwich*, by any Deed or Deeds, Writing or Writings, under their respective Hands and Seals, to be duly executed in the Presence of, and attested by Two or more credible Witnesses, to charge the Lands and Grounds exchanged with or allotted to them respectively by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, with any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding Three Pounds for every Acre thereof, for defraying their respective Proportions of the Costs, Charges, and Expences incident to and attending the obtaining and executing of this Act, and of inclosing and fencing their respective Allotments; but it shall and may be lawful to and for any such Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, to whom any Lands or Grounds to be drained by virtue of this Act shall be allotted, to charge such Lands and Grounds, in Manner aforesaid, with any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding Forty Shillings for every Acre thereof, in Addition to the said Sum of Three Pounds; and for securing the Re-payment of such

For borrowing Money,

such Sum or Sums of Money, with Interest for the same, to grant, mortgage, lease, and demise, or otherwise subject the said Premises, or any Part thereof, unto any Person or Persons who shall advance and lend such Sum or Sums of Money respectively, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, for any Term, or Number of Years; so as every such Grant or Demise be made with a Proviso or Condition to cease and be void, or with an express Trust to be surrendered, when such Sum or Sums of Money thereby to be secured, with the Interest thereof, shall be fully satisfied and paid; and so as in every such Grant, Mortgage, Demise, or Surrender, which shall be made by such Trustee or Trustees, Fecfsee or Feoffees, Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, or by any Person or Persons interested in or entitled unto the Premises for the Term of their natural Lives only, or by his, her, or their Husband or Husbands, Guardian or Guardians, Trustee or Trustees, Committee or Committees, there be contained a Proviso or Covenant that the Proprietor or Proprietors of the Premises shall duly pay and keep down the Interest of any Sum or Sums of Money to be thereby secured, during their respective Lives or the Lives of the Tenants in Possession of such Premises; and no Person afterwards becoming possessed of the Premises shall be liable to pay any further or larger Arrear of Interest than for One Year preceding the Time that the Title to such Possession shall commence; and every such Grant, Mortgage, Demise, or Surrender of the said Premises, or any Part thereof, shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law for the Purposes thereby intended.

Commissioners for Drainage appointed.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That the Lord Bishop of *Norwich*, and the Vicar of the said Vicarage of *Ludbain* for the Time being, and each and every Owner or Proprietor of Twenty Acres of Land, to be drained by virtue of this Act, shall, from and after the Execution of the Award herein directed to be made by the said General Commissioners, be and are hereby appointed Commissioners for the Purpose of draining the Lands and Grounds directed to be drained by virtue of this Act.

Appointment of Deputy Commissioners for Drainage.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for each and every such Commissioner for Drainage, by Writing under his or her Hand, from Time to Time and for such Time as he or she shall think fit, to nominate and appoint an Agent or Deputy to act in his or her Absence as a Commissioner for Drainage; and every such Agent or Deputy shall and may, in the Absence of the Person by whom he shall be so nominated and appointed, act as a Commissioner for Drainage, and shall have the like Power and Authority as if the Person by whom such Agent or Deputy shall be appointed were present; but no such Agent or Deputy shall be capable of acting as Agent or Deputy, for the Purposes of this Act, for any more than One Commissioner for Drainage at any One Time.

Commissioners to take an Oath or Affirmation.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall be capable of acting as Commissioner for Drainage, (except it be in administering the Oath or Affirmation herein-after mentioned to any of the other Commissioners), until he shall have taken the Oath following, or being of the People called *Quakers*, made Affirmation; (*videlicet*),

‘ I A. B.

‘ I A. B. do swear [*or*, being of the People called *Quakers*, do solemnly affirm], That I will, without Favour or Affection, Hatred or Malice, truly and impartially, according to the best of my Skill and Knowledge, execute and perform all and every the Powers and Authorities, in the Execution whereof I shall at any Time act as a Commissioner appointed in and by an Act, made in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act for dividing, allotting, inclosing, draining, and preserving the Open Fields, Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, within the Parish of Ludham, in the County of Norfolk.* So help me GOD.’

Which Oath it shall and may be lawful to and for any One of the said Commissioners for Drainage to administer, and he is hereby required to administer the same to the other Commissioners.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person shall presume to act as a Commissioner for Drainage before he or she shall have taken the said Oath or made Affirmation, or if any Person, not being duly qualified as required by this Act, shall have acted; or shall have appointed an Agent or Deputy, who shall have acted as such Agent or Deputy in the Execution of this Act, every such Person shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, Bill, Complaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or any more than One Imparlanche, shall be allowed; and the Person so prosecuted shall prove that he or she has taken such Oath, or made such Affirmation, and is qualified as aforesaid, or otherwise shall pay the said Sum of Twenty Pounds, without any other Proof or Evidence on the Part of the Prosecutor than that such Person has acted as a Commissioner for Drainage in the Execution of this Act, or has appointed an Agent or Deputy, One Moiety of which Penalty shall be paid to the Prosecutor, and the other Moiety shall be applied towards the Purposes of this Act.

Persons acting not being qualified, to forfeit 20 l.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for Drainage shall, and they are hereby required to hold their First Meeting for carrying this Act into Execution, in the said Parish of *Ludham*, on the First *Monday* in the Month which shall next happen after the Execution of the said Award by the said General Commissioners, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon; and the said Commissioners for Drainage shall meet on the First *Monday* in the Month of *May* in each and every Year, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, in the said Parish of *Ludham*, which last mentioned Meeting shall be called the General annual Meeting of the said Commissioners for Drainage, and the said Commissioners for Drainage shall and may from Time to Time adjourn themselves, to meet at any convenient Place within the said Parish, or within Seven Miles thereof, which they the said Commissioners for Drainage, or the major Part of them present at any such Meeting, shall appoint; and if it shall so happen that there shall not be a sufficient Number of the said Commissioners for Drainage at any such Meeting to act or to adjourn to another Day, (Two Commissioners for Drainage to be deemed sufficient for the Purpose of Adjournment), or if they shall refuse or neglect to adjourn, then and in every such Case the Clerk

Times and Places of holding Meetings.

to the said Commissioners for Drainage, or any Two or more of the said Commissioners for Drainage, shall and may call a Meeting to be holden within the said Parish of *Ludham*, by Writing under his Hand or their Hands, affixed to the Door of the Parish Church of *Ludham*, and by publishing the same in the *Norfolk Chronicle* or *Norwich Mercury*, or in some other Newspaper printed and circulated in the said County of *Norfolk*, Ten Days at the least previous to the Time of such Meeting; and no Act of the said Commissioners for Drainage shall be good or valid, unless done at some publick Meeting to be holden by virtue of this Act, (save as may be herein excepted); and that all Powers and Authorities granted to or vested in the said Commissioners for Drainage shall and may, from Time to Time, be exercised by the major Part of them present at any Meeting, the whole Number present at such Meeting not being less than Five; and the said Commissioners for Drainage shall, at all their Meetings in pursuance of this Act, be allowed Five Shilling each *per Day*, out of the Monies to arise by virtue of this Act, and no more, towards their Expences, so that such Allowance do not in the Whole exceed the Sum of Two Guineas *per Day* at every such Meeting of the said Commissioners for Drainage.

Entries of
Proceedings
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dence.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That fair and regular Entries shall be made in a Book or Books to be provided for that Purpose, of all the Acts, Orders, Rules, Regulations, Directions, and Proceedings of the said Commissioners for Drainage, relative to the Execution of this Act, and of the Names of the Commissioners for Drainage who shall be present at the respective Meetings, and the same shall be signed with the Name of the Clerk to the said Commissioners for Drainage; and all such Entries, being so signed, shall be deemed Originals, and shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts whatsoever, in all Cases, Suits, and Actions, touching any Thing done in pursuance of this Act.

Actions to be
in the Name
of the Clerk.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for Drainage shall and may sue and be sued in the Name of their Clerk; and that no Action that may be brought or commenced by or against the said Commissioners for Drainage, or any of them, by virtue or on account of this Act, in the Name of their Clerk, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of such Clerk, or by the Act of such Clerk, without the Consent of the said Commissioners for Drainage, but the Clerk for the Time being to the said Commissioners for Drainage shall always be deemed Plaintiff or Defendant in such Action, as the Case may be, except in such Action or Actions as shall be prosecuted between the said Commissioners for Drainage and their Clerk for the Time being, in which any One of the said Commissioners for Drainage shall or may be made Plaintiff or Defendant, as the Case shall be: Provided always, That every such Clerk or Commissioner for Drainage, in whose Name any Action or Suit shall be commenced, prosecuted, or defended, in pursuance of this Act, shall always be reimbursed and paid, out of the Monies to arise by virtue of this Act, all such Costs and Charges as by the Event of any such Proceedings he shall be put to, or become chargeable with, by reason of his being so made Plaintiff or Defendant therein.

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LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for Drainage shall and may, at their First or any subsequent Meeting, appoint a Clerk or Clerks, Treasurer, Surveyor, and such other Officer or Officers, for the Execution of this Act; as the said Commissioners for Drainage shall think proper, and from Time to Time remove them or any of them, and appoint others, as they shall find necessary or convenient; and by and out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, may and are hereby empowered to appoint and pay such Salaries and Allowances to such Officers, and to all other Persons by them the said Commissioners for Drainage employed in the Execution of this Act, as they shall think reasonable; and the said Commissioners for Drainage shall and may take such Security for the due Execution of the respective Offices by such Person and Persons as aforesaid, as the said Commissioners for Drainage shall think proper; and all such Officers and Persons so to be appointed as aforesaid shall, under their Hands, at such Time and Times, and in such Manner as the said Commissioners for Drainage shall direct, deliver to such Commissioners for Drainage, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, true and perfect Accounts in Writing of all Matters and Things committed to their Charge by virtue of this Act, and also of all Monies which shall have been by such Officer or Officers, and Person or Persons respectively, received by virtue and for the Purposes of this Act, and how much thereof hath been paid and disbursed, and for what Purposes, together with the proper and legal Receipts or Vouchers for such Payments, and shall pay all such Monies as shall remain in their respective Hands to the said Commissioners for Drainage, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint; and all the said Officers or Persons so accounting as aforesaid shall, upon Oath, verify their said Accounts (which Oath any One of the said Commissioners for Drainage is hereby enabled to administer); and if any such Officer or Person shall not make and render, or shall refuse to verify upon Oath any such Account, or shall refuse to produce or deliver up the Receipts or Vouchers relating to the same, or shall not deliver to the said Commissioners for Drainage, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, within Fourteen Days after being thereunto required by such Commissioners for Drainage, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his or their Custody or Power, relating to the Execution of this Act, or shall refuse or neglect to pay such Monies as upon the Balance of any Account or Accounts shall appear to be in their respective Hands, to the said Commissioners for Drainage, or as they shall direct or appoint, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid, such Commissioners for Drainage may and are hereby authorized and empowered to bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions against the Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid; or if Complaint shall be made by the said Commissioners for Drainage, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint for that Purpose, of any such Refusal or Neglect as aforesaid, to any Two or more of the Justices of the Peace for the County or Place wherein such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, so neglecting or refusing, shall be and reside, such Justices may and are hereby authorized and required, by a Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to cause the Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, so refusing or neglecting, to be brought before them, and upon his or their appearing, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way, and if upon the Confession of the Party or Parties, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which

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Oath such Justices are hereby empowered to administer) it shall appear to such Justices that any of the Money that shall have been collected or raised by virtue of this Act, shall be in the Hands of such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, such Justices may and are hereby authorized and required, upon Non-payment thereof, by a Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons respectively, and if no Goods or Chattels of such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, can be found, sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money, and the Charges of distraining and selling the same, or if it shall appear to such Justices, upon the Confession of the Party or Parties, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath the said Justices are hereby empowered to administer) that any such Officer or Person shall not have made and rendered, or shall refuse to verify upon Oath any such Account, or shall refuse to produce or deliver up the Receipts or Vouchers relating to the same, or shall not have delivered to the said Commissioners for Drainage, or to such Person or Persons as shall have been appointed by them to receive the same, within Fourteen Days after being thereunto required by such Commissioners for Drainage, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his or their Custody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, then and in any or either of the Cases aforesaid, such Justices shall commit every such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County of *Norfolk*, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, until he shall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or until he shall compound with the said Commissioners for Drainage, and shall have paid such Composition in such Manner as they shall appoint, which Composition the said Commissioners for Drainage are hereby empowered to make, and until he shall deliver up such Books, Papers, Vouchers, and Writings as aforesaid, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Commissioners for Drainage.

Works of
Drainage to
be kept in
Repair.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for Drainage shall be, and they are hereby fully empowered, from Time to Time, by such Agents or Persons as they shall think proper to employ, to support, maintain, repair, and improve all such Drains, Dams, Banks, Mills, Sluices, Engines, Bridges, and other Works as shall be made or erected by the said General Commissioners, in, through, over, and upon the Lands and Grounds to be drained by virtue of this Act, for the Purpose of draining the same, and from Time to Time to renew such of them as shall fall into Decay and become incapable of being repaired; and also to make and erect all such other Drains, Dams, Banks, Mills, Sluices, Engines, Bridges, and other Works, as shall appear to the said Commissioners for Drainage to be necessary for effectually draining the said Lands and Grounds; all which Drains, Dams, Banks, Mills, Sluices, Engines, Bridges, and other Works to be made or erected by the said General Commissioners, or by the said Commissioners for Drainage, for the Purpose of draining the Lands and Grounds to be drained by virtue of this Act, the Piece or Pieces of Land to be set out and allotted by the said General Commissioners to the said Commissioners for Drainage, for maintaining, repairing, and preserving the same, and the Right and Property to and in the same, and the Materials of which the same shall consist, shall be, and the same are hereby vested in the said Commissioners for Drainage for the Time being,

and they are hereby authorized and required, from Time to Time, to insure from Fire all and every such Mills or Engines, Edifices and Buildings, as shall at any Time or Times be erected or repaired by virtue of this Act.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for Drainage shall and may, from Time to Time, and at all Times after the said Award of the said General Commissioners shall be made and executed, at any of their Meetings to be holden in pursuance of this Act, assess, rate, tax, and charge all and every the Owners and Occupiers of the said Lands and Grounds to be drained by virtue of this Act, with such equal and proportionate Rates and Assessments, upon their respective Parts and Shares thereof, as they the said Commissioners for Drainage shall judge necessary for the making, maintaining, repairing, and supporting of the several Works for the Drainage of the said Lands and Grounds, or any Part thereof, and for making any necessary Alterations or Enlargements therein or thereto, as Occasion shall require; all which said Rates, Taxes, and Assessments shall be collected by, and paid to such Collector or Collectors, or other Person or Persons, and at such Times as they the said Commissioners for Drainage shall appoint, and shall be applied by them in Discharge of all such Expences as they shall incur in the Execution of this Act.

To raise Money for maintaining Works.

LXXI. And whereas the Lord Bishop of *Norwich* is subject and liable to pay the Costs and Expences of maintaining, supporting, and repairing a certain Bridge called *Ludham Bridge*: And whereas it would be of great Benefit to all Persons interested in such Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, if such Bridge were maintained, supported, and repaired by the Commissioners for Drainage appointed by this Act: Be it therefore enacted, That the Lord Bishop of *Norwich* for the Time being shall pay or cause to be paid to the said Commissioners for Drainage, or to such Person or Persons as shall be by them authorized to receive the same, in each and every Year, the Sum of Seven Pounds by Two equal Half-yearly Payments, such Year to be computed from the Day of Execution of the Award herein directed to be made by the said General Commissioners, and such Money, when received by the said Commissioners for Drainage, shall be by them applied in such Manner as the Rates, Taxes, or Assessments for the Purpose of Drainage are herein directed to be applied; and in case of Non-payment thereof, within Fourteen Days after such Payments respectively shall become due, such Money shall and may be levied and recovered by such Ways and Means as the Rates, Taxes, or Assessments, for the Purpose of Drainage, may be levied and recovered by virtue of this Act, and from and after the Execution of the said Award, such Bridge shall be and be deemed to be Part of the Works to be maintained, supported, and repaired by the said Commissioners for Drainage by virtue of this Act.

Commissioners to repair Ludham Bridge.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That all Tenants and Occupiers of all and singular the Lands and Grounds to be drained by virtue of this Act, shall pay, and are hereby authorized and required to pay such Sums of Money as shall be so assessed on the Lands in their respective Occupations, by the said Commissioners for Drainage, to the Collector or Collectors, or other Person or Persons appointed by the said Commissioners

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for Drainage, for the Purpose of receiving the same; and it shall and may be lawful to and for every such Tenant and Occupier to deduct and retain the same out of his, her, or their Rent or Rents; and the several Owners are hereby required, to allow such Deduction; and every such Tenant, paying such Rate or Assessment, shall be discharged of so much Money as the same shall amount to, as fully as if the same had been paid to his or her Landlord.

For Recovery
of Taxes.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Owner or Owners, Tenant or Tenants, or Occupier or Occupiers of any Lands or Grounds to be drained by virtue of this Act, shall make Default in Payment of the Whole or any Part of the Sum or Sums of Money to be assessed, rated, taxed, or charged upon him, her, or them, for or in respect of such Lands or Grounds, or any Part thereof, and shall continue in such Default by the Space of Ten Days next after the Time appointed by the said Commissioners for Drainage for such Payment, and after Demand of such Rates or Assessments made by the Collector or Collectors, or other Person or Persons authorized to collect such Rates and Assessments, by Writing left at the usual Place of Abode of such Owner or Owners, Tenant or Tenants, or Occupier or Occupiers, who is, are, or ought to pay the same, or if such Owner or Owners, Tenant or Tenants, or Occupier or Occupiers, shall not have any Place of Abode within the said Parish of *Ludbam*, or within Two Miles of the same, then after Demand made by the said Collector or Collectors, or other Person or Persons authorized to collect such Rates and Assessments, by Notice in Writing affixed on some conspicuous Part of the Premises chargeable with such Rates and Assessments, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Collector or Collectors, or other Person or Persons authorized as aforesaid, by virtue of any Warrant or Precept under the Hands and Seals of any Three or more of the said Commissioners for Drainage, (which Warrant or Precept such Three or more Commissioners for Drainage are hereby empowered and required to make and give as there shall be Occasion, though not assembled at any Meeting in pursuance of this Act), to enter into and upon all or any Part of the Lands or Grounds so rated and assessed as aforesaid, and into and upon all or any Messuages or Tenements thereupon standing, and there, or in any Part or Parts of the Lands, Grounds, Messuages, or Tenements, upon which such Entry shall be made, to distrain all or any such Goods, Chattels, or Cattle, as shall be there found; and it shall and may be lawful for such Collector or Collectors, or other Person or Persons authorized as aforesaid, to impound the Goods, Chattels, or Cattle, so distrained on any Part of the Messuages or Lands whereon the same shall be found, or otherwise to take, lead, drive, or carry away, and keep the same for the Space of Five Days, leaving Notice in Writing of the Cause of such Distress or Distresses, at the Messuage or Tenement, Messuages or Tenements, or on some conspicuous Part of the Lands or Grounds upon which such Distress shall be taken, or otherwise at the usual Place or Places of Abode of the Owner or Owners of such Goods, Chattels, or Cattle; and if the Owner or Owners of such Goods, Chattels, or Cattle so distrained, shall not pay the Sum or Sums of Money so assessed, rated, and distrained for as aforesaid, together with the Costs and Charges of such Warrant, and taking such Distress, and of keeping and maintaining the same, or replevy the Goods, Chattels, and Cattle so distrained, according to the Laws now in force for Nonpayment of Rent within the
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said Five Days, that then the said Goods, Chattels, or Cattle so distrained shall be appraised by Two or more indifferent Persons, to be sworn by the Constable or Headborough of the Parish or Place where such Distress shall be made, (who is hereby authorized and required to administer an Oath for that Purpose), to appraise the same according to the best of their Judgement; and that after such Appraisement as aforesaid, the said Goods, Chattels, or Cattle, shall be sold by the said Collector or Collectors, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, for Payment of the said Sum or Sums of Money so assessed, rated, and distrained for, and of the said Costs and Charges, and also of the Costs and Charges of appraising and selling such Distress; and that the Overplus arising from such Sale (if any) after Payment of the said Sum or Sums of Money, shall be returned, on Demand, to the Owner or Owners of such Goods, Chattels, or Cattle.

LXXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in case any of the said Lands or Grounds to be drained as aforesaid, shall at any Time hereafter be untenanted or unoccupied, so that no sufficient Distress can be made for levying the said Rates and Assessments, then the Lands and Grounds chargeable therewith shall remain a Security for Payment of such Rates and Assessments, and all Goods, Chattels, and Cattle, which shall at any Time thereafter be found thereon, shall and may be distrained, impounded, kept, and sold in Manner aforesaid, until such Rates and Assessments, and all Arrears thereof, and the Charges incident to such Distress, shall be fully paid and satisfied.

Lands untenanted to remain a Security for the Rates.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully and maliciously cut, damage, break down, demolish, or destroy, any Bank, Mill, Engine, Dam, Floodgate, Bridge, Sluice, or Tunnel already made, or which shall at any Time hereafter be made or erected, supported, maintained, or used, for answering the Purposes of this Act, every Person so offending, and being convicted, shall be guilty of Felony, and the Court before whom such Person shall be tried and convicted shall have Power and Authority to cause such Person or Persons to be transported for Seven Years, or in Mitigation of such Punishment, may award such Sentence as the Law directs in Cases of Petty Larceny.

Punishment for destroying Works.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or maliciously stop, dam up, or damage any Drain, Watercourse, Dam, Bank, Bridge, Stile, or other Work or Works, which shall at any Time hereafter be making or erecting, or made or erected, supported, maintained, or used for the Purposes of this Act, every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted before any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Norfolk*, on the Oath of One or more credible Witnesses or Witnessess, which Oath such Justices are hereby authorized to administer, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of every such Offender, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of such Justices; and such Money, when so levied, shall be paid to any One or more of the said Commissioners for Drainage, or to their Clerk, and shall be applied towards the Discharge of the Expences attending the Execution of this Act; and for Want of sufficient Distress, such Offender or Offenders

Persons damaging Works to forfeit a Sum not exceeding 50*l*.

ders shall, by the said Justices, be committed to the Common Gaol of the said County of *Norfolk*, for any Time not exceeding Twelve Calendar Months, at the Discretion of the said Justices.

Penalty on Neglect to cleanse Dikes.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, of any Part or Parts of the Lands and Grounds to be drained by virtue of this Act, to which any Ditch or Ditches, Drain or Drains, shall belong, shall neglect or refuse sufficiently to scour, cleanse, open, or repair any such Ditch or Drain, or to make the same of a sufficient Depth and Width, after Ten Days Notice in Writing given to him, her, or them, or left at his, her, or their usual Place or Places of Abode, from Time to Time for that Purpose, by the Collector or other Officer appointed under and by virtue of this Act, (such Collector or other Officer having an Order in Writing for that Purpose under the Hands of Two or more of the said Commissioners for Drainage), every such Owner or Occupier shall, for every such Neglect or Refusal, forfeit and pay the Sum of Two Shillings for every Rod of the Ditch or Drain so neglected to be scoured, cleansed, opened, repaired, deepened, and widened; and it shall be lawful, from Time to Time, for such Collector or other Officer to cause such Ditches and Drains, at the Charge and Expence of such Owners or Occupiers, to be scoured, cleansed, opened, repaired, and deepened in a sufficient Manner, and where a Way shall have been made over any Ditch or Drain, without a sufficient Tunnel, to cause such Way to be taken up, and such Ditch or Drain to be made of a proper Width and Depth, and by Warrant or Precept under the Hands of Three or more of the Commissioners for Drainage, to levy such Penalty, and also such Charges and Expences, upon such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, by Distress and Sale of his, her, or their Goods and Chattels; and such Penalties shall be applied for the Purposes of this Act.

No Trees to be planted, or Buildings erected, within 200 Yards of any Engines to be erected by this Act, except by Order of the Commissioners.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Tree or Trees shall at any Time or Times hereafter be planted, or any Building, Stack, or Rick, erected or built, except by the Order or Permission of the said Commissioners for Drainage, nearer to any Mill or Engine, which shall be made, erected, or employed as aforesaid, than Two hundred Yards; and if any Tree or Trees shall be planted, or any Building, Stack, or Rick shall be hereafter made, erected, or built, within the Distance aforesaid, then it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners for Drainage to cause such Tree or Trees to be taken down and carried away, and such Building, Stack, or Rick to be pulled down and removed, upon Notice given to the Owners thereof, and their Neglect to remove the same for the Space of Fourteen Days after such Notice.

Herbage of Drovers, &c. to be let annually.

LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Grass and Herbage growing, arising, and renewing upon such Parts of the Lands and Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted, as shall be vested in the said Commissioners for Drainage, shall in future be let by the said Commissioners for Drainage at their General Annual Meetings to be held as aforesaid, for the best Rent or Rents that can or may be gotten for the same; and such Rents shall be applied by the said Commissioners for Drainage, for the general Purposes of Drainage under this Act, in such Manner as they shall at such Annual Meetings direct.

LXXX. And

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Thing done in pursuance of this Act (other than and except such Orders and Determinations of the said General Commissioners as are herein declared to be final or conclusive, and except in such Cases wherein an Issue at Law shall be tried, as herein mentioned) then and in every such Case he, she, or they may appeal to the Justices at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, which shall be holden for the said County of *Norfolk*, within Four Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, on giving to the said General Commissioners, or any Two of them, and to the Party or Parties concerned, in case the Appeal shall be made against any Act or Determination of the said General Commissioners, or to the Clerk of the said Commissioners for Drainage, in case the Appeal shall be made against any Act or Determination of the said Commissioners for Drainage, Ten Days Notice in Writing of such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof; and the Justices (not interested in the Premises) at their said General Quarter Sessions, are hereby required to hear and determine the Matter of every such Appeal, and to make such Order, and award such Costs and Damages, as to them in their Discretion shall seem reasonable, and by their Order or Warrant to levy the Costs and Damages which shall be so awarded, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties liable to pay the same, rendering the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels, after deducting the reasonable Charges of such Warrant, Distress, and Sale; and the Determination of the said Justices shall be final and conclusive to all Parties concerned; but in case any such Appeal shall appear to the said Justices to be frivolous, vexatious, or without Foundation, then the said Justices shall award such Costs to be paid by the Appellant or Appellants as to them in their Discretion shall seem reasonable, and to be levied in Manner aforesaid.

Appeal to the Sessions.

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed and incurred (for the Recovery and Application whereof no particular Method is herein before directed) shall be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Norfolk*, which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered to grant, upon the Conviction of the Party or Parties, on his, her, or their Confession, or upon the Evidence of One or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer) and the Overplus (if any) after deducting the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale, shall be rendered to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels; and such Penalties and Forfeitures, when recovered, shall be paid to the Treasurer or Clerk of the said Commissioners for Drainage, and be applied for such of the Purposes of this Act as the said Commissioners for Drainage shall think fit; but nevertheless it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners for Drainage, at any of their Meetings, to pay or cause to be paid such Part of the said Penalties or Forfeitures, not exceeding One Moiety thereof, to the Informer or Informers, as the said Commissioners for Drainage shall think reasonable; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, or such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be paid forthwith, it shall be lawful for such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant

Recovery of Penalties by Distress and Sale.

Informers

or Offenders may be committed.

under his Hand and Seal, to cause the Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the said County of *Norfolk*, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, nor less than One Calendar Month, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures, and all reasonable Charges attending the same, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

LXXXII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Conviction shall be had for any Offence or Offences committed against this Act, or any Matter in pursuance thereof, the Form of Conviction shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Form of Conviction.

BE it remembered, That on this Day of
 in the Year of the Reign of
A. B. is convicted before of His
 Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the
 [or County, as the Case shall happen] of having [as the Offence shall be]
 contrary to an Act of Parliament made in the Fortieth Year of the
 Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled, [here set forth the Title of the
 Act] and I [or, we] the said do adjudge him [her,
 or them] to forfeit and pay for the same the Sum of
 Given under my Hand and Seal [or, our Hands and Seals]
 the Day and Year aforesaid.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form, nor removeable by *Certiorari*.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Order, Determination, Judgement, Conviction, Warrant, or other Proceeding to be had, touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, or any Order, Rate, or Assessment to be made, or any other Matter or Thing to be done or transacted, in or relating to the Execution of this Act, shall be quashed or vacated for Want of Form only, or be removed or removeable by *Certiorari*, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; any Statute, Law, or Usage, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Distress not unlawful for Want of Form.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That where any Distress shall be made for any Tax, Rate, or Sum of Money, to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on Account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Rate or Assessment to be made, or in the Information, Summons, Conviction, Warrant, Distress, or other Proceedings relating thereto, nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, *ab initio*, on Account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties so distraining; but the Person or Persons so aggrieved by such Irregularity, shall and may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage in an Action upon the Case.

Limitation of Actions.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced or prosecuted against any Person or Persons for any Thing done or to be done by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, until after Thirty Days Notice thereof in Writing, signed by the Party or Parties aggrieved, shall have been given to the Party or Parties complained of, or left at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, there-

by setting forth the Cause of such Action or Suit; nor after sufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved; nor after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, or the Cause of such Action shall have arisen; and every Action commenced and prosecuted against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, shall be brought and laid in the said County of *Norfolk*, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in every such Action or Suit shall and may plead, at his, her, or their Election, specially; or the General Issue, and if in Replevin may justify and avow by virtue of this Act, as Persons acting by Authority of Commissioners of Sewers are enabled to do, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance or by the Authority of this Act; and if upon the Trial of such Action or Suit it shall appear to have been so done, or that such Action or Suit shall be brought before the Expiration of Thirty Days next after such Notice shall have been given as aforesaid, or after sufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforesaid, or after the Time limited for bringing the same as aforesaid, or be brought or laid in any other County than as aforesaid, then and in every of the said Cases the Jury shall find a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants, Avowant or Avowants; and in all Cases where a Verdict shall be found for any Defendant or Defendants, Avowant or Avowants in any such Action or Suit, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs therein shall discontinue the same after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared thereto, or shall be nonsuited, or if upon Demurrer Judgement shall be given against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, then and in every such Case the Defendant or Defendants, Avowant or Avowants, shall recover Treble Costs, and have such and the like Remedy for recovering the same, as any Defendant or Defendants, Avowant or Avowants, hath or have for recovering Costs of Suits in any other Case by Law.

LXXXVI. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall defeat, lessen, or prejudice, or be construed to defeat, lessen, or prejudice, the Right, Title, or Interest of the Lord of the Manors herein mentioned, or any of them, for the Time being, in or to the Seignories, Royalties, Rights, and Services incident and belonging to the said Manors respectively; but that such Lord of the said Manors for the Time being shall and may from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, hold and enjoy all Rents, Services, Courts, Perquisites and Profits of Courts, Mines, Goods and Chattels of Felons, Fugitives, Felons of themselves, Persons put in Exigent, Deodands, Waifs, Estrays, Forfeitures, and all other Royalties, Jurisdictions, Rights, and Pre-eminences whatsoever to the said Manors, or any of them, or to the Lord thereof for the Time being respectively, incident, appendant, appurtenant, belonging, or in anywise appertaining, (save and except such Right to the Soil of the said Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, and such Rights of Common Pasture, and other Rights of Common and Interests, as before the passing of this Act belonged to, or could or might have been claimed or exercised by such Lord, in, over, or upon the said Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds, and save and except such Rights and Interests for which Satisfaction and Compensation shall have been made by virtue of this Act), in as full, large, ample, and beneficial Manner, as he could or might have held and enjoyed the same in case this Act had not been made.

Saving the
Rights of
Lord of
Manors.

LXXXVII. And

General
Savings.

LXXXVII. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to all and every other Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, and Collegiate, his, her, and their Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators (except the several Persons, and Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, to whom any Allotment or Allotments shall be made in pursuance of this Act, for and in respect of such Rights and Interests as are hereby meant and intended to be barred and destroyed, and all Persons respectively claiming under them, or in Remainder after them), all such Right, Title, and Interest, which they, every, or any of them, could or ought to have had and enjoyed, of, in, to, or out of the said Open Fields, Commons, Fens, and Waste Grounds hereby directed to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, in case this Act had not been made.

Publick Act.

LXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a Publick Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such, by all Judges, Justices, and other Persons whomsoever, without specially pleading the same.

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