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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 31.

An Act for continuing for Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, the Term, and altering and enlarging the Powers, of several Acts, for repairing the Road from the North End of *Malling Street*, near the Town of *Lewes*, and certain other Roads in the County of *Suffex*. [10th May 1799.]

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for repairing the Roads from the North End of Malling Street, near the Town of Lewes, to Witchcross, and from the North End of Malling Street aforesaid, to the Broil Park Gate, and from Offham to Witchcross aforesaid, all lying within the County of Suffex, several Tolls, Duties, and Powers, were granted and given for repairing and widening the said Roads: And whereas also by another Act, passed in the Fourth Year of His present Majesty, for the extending the Provisions of the Act last-mentioned, to the Road leading from the North End of Offham to the Spital Barn in Lewes aforesaid, all the Powers, Provisions, Matters, and Things contained in the said Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of His late Majesty, were extended to the Road in that Act mentioned: And whereas also by another Act, passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His*

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present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to enlarge the Term and Powers of an Act, made in the Twenty-fifth Year of King George the Second, for repairing the Road from the North End of Malling Street, near the Town of Lewes, and other Roads in the County of Suffex; and for amending the Road from the Broil Park Gate to the West End of the Turnpike Road leading from the Turnpike Road on Hurst Green, through the Parishes of Etchingam and Burwash, and from the said Broil Park Gate to the Town of Battel, in the said County, the said Tolls, Duties, and Powers, so granted and given by the said first-mentioned Act, were continued for a further Term, and certain other Tolls, Duties, and Powers, were granted and given, for the repairing and widening the several Roads therein described and specified: And whereas also by another Act, made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to enlarge the Powers of Two Acts, made in the Twenty-fifth Year of King George the Second, and Sixth Year of King George the Third, for repairing the Roads from the North End of Malling Street, near the Town of Lewes, and other Roads in the County of Suffex; and for amending the Road from the Broil Park Gate to the West End of the Turnpike Road leading from the Turnpike Road on Hurst Green, through the Parishes of Etchingam and Burwash, and from the said Broil Park Gate to the Town of Battel, in the said County, so far as relates to the Road from the Broil Park Gate to the West End of the Turnpike Road leading from the Turnpike Road on Hurst Green, through the Parishes of Etchingam and Burwash aforesaid, several other Tolls, Duties, and Powers, were granted and given for repairing and widening the Roads specified and described in the said last-mentioned Act: And whereas the Term of the said Act of the Fourth Year of His present Majesty, so far as relates to the Road leading from the North End of Offham to the Spital Barn in Lewes aforesaid is expired: And whereas great Progress hath been made in the Execution of the said Acts, and several Sums of Money have been borrowed on the Credit of the said Acts respectively, and expended in the Repairs of the said Roads, and which Money cannot be paid off, nor can the said Roads be completely amended and kept in Repair, unless the Terms and Powers of the said Acts are further continued and enlarged: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of His present Majesty, and the several Powers and Provisions therein contained, and which were in Force immediately before the Expiration thereof, shall, and the same is hereby declared to be revived, and the same, and also all and every the said other recited Acts, and all and every the Clauses, Powers, Provisions, Exemptions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things therein contained, (except such as relate to Exemptions from Stamp Duties, or such as are hereby varied, altered, or repealed), shall be, and they are hereby declared to be in full Force, and shall take Effect and have Continuance upon and from the Twentieth Day of May One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same were herein again repeated and particularly enacted; and that during the Continuance of the Term granted by this Act, all the Tolls and Duties by this Act continued, and also all other the Tolls and Duties herein-after granted and allowed to be taken in lieu of any of the former Tolls or Duties, shall be,**

Recited Acts
further con-
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be, and are hereby declared to be subject and liable to the Payment of all Sums of Money now due and owing, or hereafter to grow due upon the Credit of all or any of the said recited Acts, or of this Act, and of the Interest due or to grow due thereon, in like Manner, and with the like Provisions as to the Application of the different Funds, as by the said Acts, or any of them, are made, declared, and enacted respectively.

II. And be it further enacted and declared, That all Acts, Matters, and Things, which since the Expiration of the Term of the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of His present Majesty have been done by the Trustees, or any of them, for the Care of the said Road, or by any Collector of the Tolls, or other Officer or Person, touching or in anywise relating to the amending, widening, and repairing the said Road, or in the Exercise of any of the Powers or Provisions contained in the said Act, so far as relates to the said Road leading from the North End of *Offham* to the *Spital Barn* in *Lewes* aforesaid, shall be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the Term of the said Act had not expired; and that the said Trustees, and also the several Collectors of the Tolls, and other Officers and Persons employed by them, are hereby indemnified for having acted in the Collection or Receipt of the said Tolls, or otherwise relating to the said Road, in as full and ample Manner as they would have been if the said Act had remained in full Force.

Indemnifying
Trustees, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That *Robert Burnet Jones*, *Henry Mason*, the Reverend *George Thomson*, the Reverend *John Thomson*, the Reverend *Richard Rideout*, the Reverend *Anthony Nott*, the Reverend *Edward Rudstone Langdale*, the Reverend *Thomas Rivett*, *Charles Scrase Dickins*, *Charles Paine Crawfurd*, *Gibbs Crawfurd*, *William Sewell*, the Reverend *George Woodward*, *Sir Elijah Impey*, *John Whapham*, *Samuel Lidbetter*, *Sir Thomas Maryon Wilson* Baronet, *Sir George Augustus Shuckburgh Evelyn* Baronet, *William Henry Pigou*, *William Michell*, the Reverend *Jeremiah Smith*, *William Madgwick*, *Cleeves Hooper*, *John Fuller of Uckfield*, the Reverend *John Henry Clapham*, the Reverend *William Rose*, *John Sperling*, *Barrow*, *Richard Moffatt*, *Thomas Wakeham*, *Edward Cranston*, *Bradford*, *Peter Morley Hutchinson*, *William Fisher*, *Fasbam Nairne*, *William Bretton*, *Richard Wyatt*, *Thomas Wyatt*, *Philip Constable*, *John Cave*, the Reverend *Henry Clutton*, *Sir Jonathan Cope* Baronet, *William Payne*, the Reverend *Charles Bathurst*, *Richard Andrew Turner*, *Richard Knight*, *George Verrall* the younger, *Richard Jay*, *William Cooper*, *Robert Chester Cooper*, the Reverend *Samuel Bethell*, *James Coe*, *George Elliot*, *Joseph Richard Moore*, *Thomas Madgwick*, *Edward Olive*, *Richard Trill*, *William Wildish*, *John Jenner*, *William Kenward*, *John Mannington*, *Edmund Catt*, and *Thomas Moon*, together with the Trustees appointed or to be appointed in and by virtue of the said recited Acts, and being qualified in Manner therein directed, shall be, and they are hereby appointed Trustees to put the said Acts and this Act in Execution.

Additional
Trustees.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the *Midsummer* and *Christmas* Meetings of the Trustees shall yearly and every Year, during the Term granted by this Act, be held as near as may be to the Centre of the Roads.

Appointing
Meeting of
Trustees.

V. And

Tolls on Four
of the Roads
repealed.

V. And whereas the Tolls by the said recited Acts authorized to be taken on the Roads from the North End of *Malling Street*, near the Town of *Lewes*, to *Witchcross*, and from the North End of *Malling Street*, afore-said, to the *Broil Park Gate*, and from *Offbam* to *Witchcross*, and to *Spital Barn* afore-said, and from the said *Broil Park* to the West End of the Turnpike Road leading from the Turnpike Road on *Hurst Green*, through the Parishes of *Etchingham* and *Burwash*, have been found insufficient for the Purposes thereof; be it therefore enacted, That, from and after the Commencement of this Act, the said Tolls on the said several last-mentioned Roads shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be repealed; and in lieu and instead thereof the Tolls and Duties following shall be demanded, received, and taken at every Gate or Turnpike erected or to be erected upon any of the said several last-mentioned Roads; (that is to say),

For every Coach, Chariot, Landau, Berlin, Chaise, Curricule, Calash, or Hearse, drawn by Four or more Horses, Mares, or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence; and drawn by Two Horses, Mares, or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of One Shilling; and drawn by One Horse, Mare, or other Beast of Draught, the Sum of Sixpence:

For the first Horse, Mare, Gelding, or Pair of Neat Cattle, drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage, the Sum of Sixpence; and for every other Horse, Mare, Gelding, or Pair of Neat Cattle, drawing any such Carriages, the Sum of Four-pence:

For every Horse, Mare, Gelding, or Mule, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of Two-pence:

For every Ass, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of One Penny:

For every Drove of Oxen, Cows, or other Neat Cattle, the Sum of Ten Pence *per Score*, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Number:

For every Drove of Calves, Hogs, Sheep, or Lambs, the Sum of Five pence *per Score*, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Number: And,

For every Carriage laden with Timber, Plank, Chalk, Small Chalk, or Iron, passing through any of the said Gates or Turnpikes between the Tenth Day of *October* and the Tenth Day of *April*, Double the Tolls herein-before granted for the passing of any such Carriage through any of the said Gates or Turnpikes:

Which said respective Tolls and Duties shall be collected, levied, recovered, and applied in such and the same Manner as the Tolls and Duties granted and made payable by the said recited Acts, or any of them, are directed to be collected, levied, recovered, and applied.

Former Re-
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pealed.

VI. And whereas, by a Clause in the said recited Act of the Sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, it is enacted, That Two Gates or Turnpikes, and no more, should be erected upon, in, or across the said Road leading from the said *Broil Park Gate*, to the West End of the Turnpike Road leading from the Turnpike Road on *Hurst Green*, through the Parishes of *Etchingham* and *Burwash*; and by another Clause in the said recited Act of the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, it is provided, that no Side Gate or Bar should be erected at a greater Distance than one Mile from a certain Place called *Cross in Hand*, in the Parish of *Waldron*, situate on the said last-mentioned Turnpike Road leading from

the said *Broil Park Gate*, nor above One hundred Yards Sideways from the Centre of the said Turnpike Road: And whereas such Clauses have been found very inconvenient, be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said recited Clauses shall, from and after the passing this Act, be, and the same are hereby declared to be repealed; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, to erect or cause to be erected any Number of Gates or Turnpikes in, upon, and across such Part and Parts, as well of the said Turnpike Road leading from the said *Broil Park Gate* to the West End of the said Turnpike Road leading from the Turnpike Road on *Hurst Green*, through the Parishes of *Etchingham* and *Burwash*, as of all or any of the other Turnpike Roads to which this Act extends, as the said Trustees shall think proper, with proper Toll Houses to the same, and to take away, alter, and vary the Places of such Gates or Turnpikes from Time to Time, as often as they shall see Occasion; and to cause to be demanded and taken at each and every of the said Gate or Gates, Turnpike or Turnpikes, for Carriages, Cattle, and other Things, passing and repassing through the same, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding the full Tolls hereby granted and authorized to be taken, and also to erect or cause to be erected any Gate or Gates, Turnpike or Turnpikes, on the Side or Sides of any of the said Roads, or upon, in, or across any Lane or Way, Lanes or Ways, leading into the same, with suitable Toll Houses thereto; and to cause to be demanded and taken at each and every such Gate erected on the Side of any such Roads, or across any Lane or Way leading into the same, such Tolls as are by this Act made payable at any Gate or Turnpike erected or to be erected by virtue of the said recited Acts and this Act; any Thing in this Act, or in the said recited Acts, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Trustees to erect Turnpike Gates as they think fit.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That every Person having paid such Toll for any Carriages, Horses, or other Things, and producing a Ticket thereof, on the same Day, at any Gate or Turnpike on the same Road within Three Miles of the Gate or Turnpike at which such Toll was paid, shall be allowed to pass through such Gate or Turnpike Toll free, in the same Manner as if such Person had produced a Ticket of his having paid the same at the same Gate or Turnpike through which he shall so demand to pass.

Tolls not payable Twice at Two Gates within Three Miles of each other.

VIII. Provided also, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the Trustees shall think proper to erect more than Two Gates or Turnpikes across the said Turnpike Road between the North End of *Malling Street*, near the Town of *Lewes*, and *Witchcross*, or across the said Turnpike Road between the *Spital Barn* in *Lewes* aforesaid, and *Witchcross* aforesaid, then, and in either of such Cases, every Person who shall have paid the Toll or Duty hereby granted and authorized to be taken for any Carriages, Horses, or other Things, at One of the said Gates or Turnpikes, and who shall, on the same Day, produce a Note or Ticket denoting such Payment at the Gate or Turnpike next to that at which he shall have paid the said Toll, and being upon the same Road, shall be exempt from the Payment of any Toll for such Carriages, Horses, or other Things passing through such next Gate or Turnpike; nor shall any Person be liable to pay the Toll at more than Two Gates for passing and repassing Once in the same Day with the same Carriages, Horses, or other

Tolls to be paid at the First and Third Gates on the *Malling* and *Offham* Roads.

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Things, through the whole Extent of each of the said Two last-mentioned Roads; any Thing in this Act, or in any of the said recited Acts, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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pealed.

IX. And whereas, by a Clause in the said recited Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, it is provided, that no Toll or Duty shall be demanded or taken (amongst other Things) for any Carts, Wains, Waggon, or other Carriages, carrying any Lime, Dung, Mould, or Compost, for manuring of Lands or Gardens, nor for any other Things whatsoever employed for the manuring of Lands of Inhabitants of the said Parishes in which the Roads lie: And whereas such Exemptions have been found to be inconvenient, be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That so much of the said Clause as is above recited, and the several Exemptions therein contained, be repealed and done away.

Tolls for
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X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no higher or greater Toll shall be demanded and taken at each or any of such Gate or Gates, Turnpike or Turnpikes, erected or to be erected on or across the said Roads, for any Waggon, Wain, or Carriage laden with any Quantity of Dung, Mould, Ashes, Sullage, or Compost, for manuring of Lands or Gardens only, and passing through the said Gates or Turnpikes, than the following; (that is to say), For every Waggon, Wain, or other Carriage upon Four Wheels so laden, and passing through any such Gate or Turnpike erected or to be erected upon any of the said Roads between the Tenth Day of *April* and the Tenth Day of *October* in any Year, the Sum of Three-pence; and for every Cart or other Carriage drawn upon Two Wheels so laden, and passing as aforesaid between the said Tenth Day of *April* and the Tenth Day of *October*, the Sum of One Penny Halfpenny: For every Waggon, Wain, or Carriage upon Four Wheels so laden, and passing through any Gate or Turnpike erected or to be erected on or across the said Road leading from *Offham* aforesaid, to *Witchcross*, or to *Spital Barn* aforesaid, between the Tenth Day of *October* and the Tenth Day of *April* in any Year, the Sum of One Shilling; and for every Cart or other Carriage drawn upon Two Wheels and so laden, and passing as last aforesaid between the Tenth Day of *October* and the Tenth Day of *April* in any Year, the Sum of Sixpence: For every Waggon, Wain, or other Carriage on Four Wheels so laden, and passing through any Gate or Turnpike erected or to be erected on or across any other of the Roads in this Act contained, between the said Tenth Day of *October* and the said Tenth Day of *April* in any Year the Sum of Sixpence; and for every Cart or other Carriage with Two Wheels so laden, and passing as last mentioned between the Tenth Day of *October* and the Tenth Day of *April* in any Year, the Sum of Three-pence; any Thing herein, or in any of the said Acts, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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XI. Provided also, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, from Time to Time, during the Continuance of this Act, to compound and agree to and with any of the Inhabitants of any of the Parishes or Townships through which any of the said Roads do lead, and with any of the Possessors or Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the same Parishes, using to travel through

through the Turnpike or Turnpikes erected or to be erected by the said former Acts; or this present Act, with any Waggons, Wains, Carts, or other Carriages laden with Dung, Mould, Ashes, Compost, or Sullage, or with Lime or Small Chalk, or any other Things whatsoever, (except Great Chalk), to be used and employed for manuring of Lands or Gardens in their own Occupation, for any Sum or Sums of Money for or in lieu of Payment of any of the Tolls or Duties payable for Carriages laden with all or any of the said Articles, to be paid at such Times, and in such Manner, and under such Restrictions as to the Time of their carrying the same, as the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall direct and appoint.

XII. And whereas the Tolls arising upon the said Turnpike Roads have been considerably diminished, and the Roads themselves materially injured by the Practice of loading Waggons with extraordinary Weights of Chalk at the Mouth of the Pits from which the same is dug, and after passing through the Turnpike Gate next adjoining thereto, depositing Part thereof on the Sides of, or in Places near adjoining to such Road, to be afterwards removed and carried further along the said Roads, for the Preservation thereof, be it enacted, That if any Person, from and after the passing of this Act, shall wilfully, and not by reason of unavoidable Accident, unload or deposit any Part of any Chalk from any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage in which the same shall have been carried through any Gate or Turnpike erected or to be erected under the Powers of this or the said recited Acts, upon the Side of, or within Four hundred Yards Distance from such Turnpike Road, (except at or near such Kiln or other Place where the same shall be unloaded or deposited for the Purpose of being burnt into Lime, or otherwise used or employed), every such Person so offending shall be deemed guilty of evading the said Tolls, and shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, to be levied and disposed of as other Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by this, or any of the said recited Acts, upon Persons wilfully evading the said Tolls.

Penalty for
laying Chalk
on the Sides
of the Road.

XIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Gates or Turnpikes, and Toll Houses, and the Materials of which the same shall consist, and all Materials which shall be provided by the said Trustees, or by the Surveyor or Surveyors for repairing any of the said Roads, shall be, and they are hereby vested in the said Trustees, and they, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to bring or cause to be brought, in the Name of their Treasurer or Clerk, or to prefer, and order and direct the preferring of Indictments against any Person or Persons who shall dig up, break, or pull down, steal, take, or carry away, spoil, injure, or destroy any Gate, Turnpike, or Toll House which shall be erected by virtue of this Act, or any Part thereof, or any of the Materials of which the same shall be built or consist, or any of the Materials which shall be provided for repairing the said Roads.

Turnpikes
and Toll
Houses, and
their Mate-
rials vested in
Trustees.

XIV. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Money arising by the said Tolls granted by the said former Acts, and this present Act, together with such Money as shall be borrowed on the Credit thereof, shall be applied by the said Trustees for defraying the Expences

Application of
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of passing this Act, and for the amending and repairing the said Roads, and defraying the necessary Costs and Charges attending the same, and the Execution of the said former Acts, and this present Act, in the like Manner, and with the like Provisions as to the Application of the different Funds, as by the said former Acts, or any of them, are made, declared, and enacted respectively, and to no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

Trustees may borrow Money on the Credit of the Tolls.

XV. And, for the more speedy repairing and widening the said Roads, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, from Time to Time, upon the Credit of the Tolls hereby or in the said former Acts made payable, or any Part or Parts thereof, to borrow and take up at Interest any further Sum or Sums of Money on each of the said Roads, not exceeding the Sum of Two thousand Pounds respectively, and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to assign over the said Tolls, or any Part or Parts thereof, to any Person or Persons, for any Term or Number of Years during the Continuance of the Terms of the said former Acts and this present Act granted, as a Security or Securities for the several Sums of Money that shall be so borrowed, and the Interest thereof as aforesaid, and that all Persons to whom such Assignments shall be made as aforesaid, shall (so far as the said Gross Sum shall extend) be, and are hereby declared to be Creditors on the said Tolls, in equal Degree one with another; Copies of all which Assignments or Securities, or Abstracts thereof, shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, and all the Sums of Money so to be borrowed shall be applied in such Manner as the Tolls are herein-before, and by the said former Acts, directed to be applied, and for no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

Lenders may assign their Securities.

XVI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons to whom any such Assignment or Assignments shall be made by the said Trustees, as a Security for any Sum or Sums of Money, by any Person or Persons whatsoever lent and advanced on the Credit of the said former Acts or this present Act, or who shall be entitled to the Money thereby secured, shall and may from Time to Time, by Assignment to be indorsed on the Back of his, her, or their Security, or by any other Writing or Writings under his, her, or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to be duly executed in the Presence of Two or more credible Witnesses, assign or transfer his, her, or their Right, Title, Interest, or Benefit, to the Principal and Interest Money thereby secured, or any Part thereof, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, which said Assignment or Transfer shall be produced and notified to the Clerk or Clerks appointed by virtue of the said former Acts, or this present Act, within Three Months after the Date thereof, who shall cause an Entry or Memorandum to be made of such Assignment, containing the Dates, Parties Names, and Sums of Money therein mentioned to be transferred, in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, for which the said Clerk or Clerks shall be paid such Sum or Sums of Money as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall order and direct; and after such Entry made, such Assignment or Transfer shall entitle such Assignee, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit thereof, and Payment thereon; and such Assignee may in like

like Manner assign and transfer, and so *toties quoties*; any Thing in the said former Acts, or this present Act, contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

XVII. And whereas for the better carrying the said recited Acts into Execution, it was enacted, that there should be present Nine Trustees to choose and appoint Officers, Fifteen Trustees to borrow Money, Nine Trustees to contract for the Purchase of Lands or Hereditaments, Nine Trustees to compound with Parishes for Statute Work, Fifteen Trustees to compound with Persons usually travelling with Coaches or other Carriages, Fifteen Trustees to vary or alter the Tolls, Nine Trustees to elect new Trustees in the Room of those that should die or resign, and Fifteen Trustees to lease or farm the Tolls: And whereas it hath been found very inconvenient for so many Trustees to meet together, to transact the several particular Matters and Things above specified, be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, to do, transact, and perform the several Matters and Things above particularly recited, specified, or mentioned, (save and except the leasing or farming of the Tolls, for the doing whereof it is hereby enacted and declared, that there shall be Nine or more of the said Trustees present); any Thing in the said former Acts, or in this present Act, contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Clauses in former Acts relative to the Trustees as to particular Matters.

XVIII. Whereas Doubts have arisen, whether the Township or Village of *Uckfield* is included in the Road leading from the North End of *Malling Street* aforesaid to *Witchcros* aforesaid, specified in the said recited Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty; to obviate which Doubts, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Turnpike Road leading from the North End of *Malling Street* aforesaid, shall extend, and be deemed and construed to extend, to and through the said Township or Village of *Uckfield* to *Witchcros* aforesaid; any Thing in the said former Acts, or this present Act, contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the Money or Recompence to be paid for any Messuages, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, which shall be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of the said former Acts, or of this Act, belonging to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatick, or Person, under any other Disability or Incapacity, shall in case the same shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, and shall not amount to One hundred Pounds, be paid to such Person or Persons as such Corporation, or the Husbands, Feoffees, Guardians, Trustees, or Committees of such Femes Covert, Infants, Lunaticks, or Persons under any other Disability or Incapacity, shall respectively nominate and appoint to receive the same, in Trust with all convenient Speed to be invested in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled upon, and subject to the like Uses, Trusts, and Limitations, as the said Messuages, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, belonging to such Corporation or other Person as aforesaid, which shall be so purchased, taken, or used, for the Purposes of the said former Acts, or of this Act, were

Purchase Money, if exceeding Twenty Pounds, and not amounting to One hundred Pounds, to be paid to a Trustee to be laid out in the Purchase of other Land:

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settled, limited, or assured; and in the mean Time, until such Purchase can be made, such Money shall be placed in the Publick Funds, or on Government or Real Securities, in the Names of Two or more Persons to be nominated by the Party or Parties interested therein, and to be approved of by the said Commissioners or their Successors, and the Interest and Dividends thereof shall go and be applied to or for the Use of the respective Persons who would be entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Messuages, Lands, or Hereditaments, so to be purchased with such Money, in case such Purchase had actually been made and completed.

And if amounting to One hundred Pounds and upwards, to be paid into the Bank, and invested in Navy, etc. Bills, till a Purchase can be found.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any Money or Recompence shall be to be paid for any Messuages, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, which shall be purchased, taken, or used, for the Purposes of the said former Acts, or of this Act, belonging to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatick, or Person under any other Disability or Incapacity, such Money or Recompence shall, in case the same be not less than the Sum of One hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be invested in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Buildings, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled upon, and subject to the like Uses, Trusts, and Limitations, as the said Messuages, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, belonging to such Corporation or other Persons as aforesaid, so to be purchased, taken, or used, for the Purposes of the said former Acts, or this Act, 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 Commissioners for executing the said former Acts, and this Act, 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 Twelfth 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 Interest arising from the Money laid out in such Bills, and the Money received for the same, as they shall respectively be 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; 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 said Commissioners or their Successors, 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 Person or Persons who would be entitled to the Rents and Profits of any of the Messuages, Lands, 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 of such Purchase, in such Manner as the said Court shall think just and direct; and it shall 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.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the Charges and Expences of obtaining and passing this Act, shall be paid out of any Monies already received by virtue of the said former Acts, or either of them, or out of the first Monies to be received by virtue of the said Acts and this Act, in Preference to all other Payments whatsoever. Expences of the Act to be paid.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act, the same shall be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, and shall be laid or brought in the County of *Suffex*, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if it shall appear so to be done, or that such Action or Suit was commenced after the Time before limited for bringing the same, or shall be brought in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, that then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have in other Cases by Law. Limitation of Actions.
General Issue.
Treble Costs.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be adjudged, deemed, 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. Publick Act.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Terms granted and continued by the said recited Acts shall, upon the said Twentieth Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, cease and determine; and that the said Acts (subject as herein-before mentioned) and this Act shall from thenceforth continue and be in Force, and be executed for and during the Term of Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament. Term of this Act.

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