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Cap. 3.

An Act to enable the Justices of the Peace for the West Riding of the County of *York*, to provide convenient Court Houses for holding the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace within the said Riding. [22d March 1806.]

WHEREAS the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the West Riding of the County of *York* have heretofore been from Time to Time holden at the Towns of *Wetherby*, *Wakefield*, *Doncaster*, *Pontefract*, *Skipton*, *Bradford*, *Rotherham*, *Knareborough*, *Leed*, *Sheffield*, and *Barnsley*, all in the said Riding: And whereas the Court Houses or Buildings in the said several Towns in which the said General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said Riding have been so holden as aforesaid, are for the most Part very ancient Buildings, greatly out of Repair, and altogether inconvenient for the Purposes of holding therein the said General Quarter Sessions of the Peace: And whereas the same are either the Property of private Individuals or of Corporations, by whose Permission and Sufferance only they have been used for the Purposes aforesaid, and therefore are not subject in any respect to the Controul of the Justices of the Peace for the said Riding: And whereas it is become expedient and necessary to the Administration of Justice, that the Justices of the Peace for the said Riding should be empowered to erect, build, or
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otherwise provide, as when and where Occasion may require, proper Court Houses with suitable Accomodations for the more convenient holding of such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace as aforesaid; and to purchase such Lands, Buildings, Hereditaments, and Premises as may be necessary for such Purposes, and to defray the Expences thereof by and out of the Publick Stock and County Rates of the said Riding: But the same cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament; may it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden after the passing of this Act at *Pontefract* in and for the West Riding of the County of *York*, in the First Week after the Close of Easter, and afterwards at any future General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden at *Pontefract* aforesaid next after Easter, yearly and every Year, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justices of the Peace for the said West Riding then and there assembled, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to make such Order or Orders for the erecting, building, purchasing, providing, and furnishing, in any of the Towns aforesaid, proper Court Houses with suitable Accommodations for the more convenient holding of the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said West Riding, as to them the said Justices so assembled or the major Part of them, shall from Time to Time appear expedient and necessary; and for the paying, discharging, and defraying of all the Expences, Costs, and Charges of and attending the erecting, building, purchasing, providing, and furnishing of the same, and the effecting and carrying into Execution of the several Purposes of this Act, by and out of the Publick Stock or County Rates of the said Riding, subject to such Restrictions and Provisions as are herein-after contained.

Justices enabled to make Orders to erect Court Houses, &c.

and to pay for the same out of the County Rates.

Justices enabled to purchase Lands for the Purposes of this Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Justices of the Peace, at any such Easter General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held at *Pontefract* next after Easter as aforesaid, or at any Adjournment thereof, shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to treat, contract, and agree with the Owners of and Persons interested in any Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, which the said Justices or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid shall judge to be proper and necessary for the Purposes of this Act, for the Purchase thereof; and by and out of the said Publick Stock and County Rates of the said Riding, to pay or cause to be paid for the Purchase of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be agreed upon between such Owners and Persons interested as aforesaid and the said Justices, or the major Part of them, and also the Costs and Charges attending such Agreement and Purchase as aforesaid; and that upon Payment of the Money agreed to be paid for the Purchase of any such Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the said Justices of the Peace, or any Two or more of them, their Surveyors, Workmen, or Agents, at any Time thereafter to take Possession of the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments; and that the Whole and every Part thereof shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be vested in the Justices

tices of the Peace for the said West Riding for the Time being for the Purposes of this Act.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall empower the said Justices to purchase any greater Quantity of Land for the erecting or providing such Court Houses, than One Acre in each of the Towns and Places herein-before mentioned.

Restraining the Justices from taking more than One Acre in each Town or Place.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for all Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Husbands, Trustees, or Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, Committees, and all other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs, and Successors; but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants, Issue unborn, Femes Covert, Lunaticks, Idiots, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, and to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seized, possessed of, or in anyways interested in their own Right, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seized, possessed of, or anyways interested in any of such Lands or Hereditaments, or of any Court House or Court Houses already erected or built, to treat, contract, and agree with the said Justices of the Peace or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid, as well for the Sale of Lands or Hereditaments and their Interests therein or any Part thereof, as for the free and uninterrupted Use and Enjoyment of any such Court House or Court Houses already erected or built for the Purposes aforesaid, and to sell and convey the same or the free and uninterrupted Use and Enjoyment thereof to, the said Justices of the Peace for the Time being, or any Person or Persons in Trust for them, and in such Manner as they the said Justices or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid shall direct, and as Occasion shall require; and all Contracts, Sales, and Conveyances which shall be so made shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, any Law, Statute, Usage, or other Matter to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding; and all and every such Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Husbands, Trustees, Feoffees, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, Committees, and all other Persons, shall be and are hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue of this Act.

Bodies Politick, &c, enabled to sell, &c.

All Contracts to be valid.

Trustees, &c. indemnified.

V. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be paid or agreed or awarded to be paid for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, or to any Feoffees in Trust, Executor, Administrator, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee, or for or on Behalf of any Infant, Lunatick, Idiot, Feme Covert, or other Cestuique Trust, or to any Person whose Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are limited in strict and other Settlement, or to any Person under any other Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of England, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the Jus-

Application of Compensation if amounting to 200l.

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Justices of the Peace for the said West Riding for the Time being, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land Tax, or Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances or Part thereof as the said Court shall authorize to be paid affecting the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands; Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which shall be so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid, stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Monies shall, by Order of the said Court upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name, in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the mean Time and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid by order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to be purchased by virtue of this Act, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

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VI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Money so agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed or be equal to the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy, Idiocy, or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in Manner herein-before directed, or otherwise the same shall be paid at the like Option to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by any Two or more of the Justices of the Peace for the said Riding (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties) in order that such Principal Money and the Dividends arising thereon may be applied in any Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case be applicable, without obtaining

obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the Court of Chancery.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so agreed or awarded to be paid as next before-mentioned shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Justices of the Peace or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid shall think fit; or in case of Infancy, Idiocy, or Lunacy, then such Money shall be paid to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

Application of Compensation, if less than 20l.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Person or Persons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be awarded for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased by virtue of this Act, shall refuse to accept the same, or shall not be able to make a good Title to the Premises to the Satisfaction of the said Justices of the Peace or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid; or in case the Person or Persons to whom any such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so awarded as aforesaid cannot be found, or if the Person or Persons entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments be not known or discovered, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Justices of the Peace or any Two or more of them, to order the said Sum or Sums of Money so awarded as aforesaid to be paid into the Bank of England, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, [describing them] subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court; which said Court, on the Application of any Person or Persons making Claim to such Sum or Sums of Money or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, shall be and is hereby empowered in a summary way of Proceeding or otherwise, as to the same Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the Publick Funds, and to order Distribution thereof, or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the respective Estate or Estates, Title or Interest, of the Person or Persons making Claim thereunto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of England, who shall receive such Sum or Sums of Money, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums of Money, mentioning and specifying for what and for whose Use the same is or are received, to such Person or Persons as shall pay any such Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforesaid.

In case of not making out Titles;

or if Persons cannot be found, Purchase Money to be paid into the Bank;

subject to the Order of the Court of Chancery, on Motion or Petition.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of England, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends or Interest of any such

Where any Question shall arise touching the Title to Money to be paid, the Person who shall be in Possession of the Land, &c. at the Time of such Purchase, shall be deemed en-

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

The Court of
Chancery may
order reason-
able Expences of
Purchases
to be paid by
the Trustees.

X. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where, by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons or Corporation entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the Court of Chancery, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court of Chancery to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Justices of the Peace out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Notice to be
given of the
Places at
which Court
Houses are to
be erected or
provided;

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Proposition to be made for the erecting, building, providing, or furnishing of such Court Houses as aforesaid, or the purchasing of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments necessary for the Purposes of this Act, shall be taken into Consideration at any such Easter General Quarter Sessions as aforesaid, unless Notice in Writing specifying the Place to which it is intended the Proposition to be made for the erecting, building, purchasing, providing, or furnishing of such Court Houses should apply shall have been at least One Calendar Month previous to the Time of holding the said Easter General Quarter Sessions delivered to the Clerk of the Peace for the said Riding, or his Deputy for the Time being, signed by One or more of the Justices of the Peace for the said Riding; and also unless the said Clerk of the Peace, or his Deputy for the Time being, shall, previous to the holding of the said Easter General Quarter Sessions at which such Proposition so made is intended to be submitted, shall have caused an Advertisement to be inserted Three Times at the least in Two or more of the Newspapers printed or circulated in the said Riding, particularizing the Contents of such Notice so to be delivered to such Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy for the Time being.

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Court Houses
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XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to empower such Justices, in such General Quarter Sessions as aforesaid, to make any Order or Orders as to such erecting, building, or providing any such Court Houses as aforesaid, or the purchasing of any Houses, Buildings,

Lands

Lands, or Hereditaments, in any Town or Towns, other than those in which the said General Quarter Sessions of the Peace have heretofore been holden as aforesaid; nor before such Notice and Advertisement as aforesaid shall have been given and inserted in such Manner as is hereinbefore directed in that Behalf.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully and maliciously break, pull down, or in any Manner damage or destroy any of the said Court Houses or Buildings so to be provided, erected, or purchased as aforesaid, or any of them or any Part thereof, or any of the Appurtenances thereto belonging, such Person or Persons being lawfully convicted thereof, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and the Court before whom such Person or Persons shall be tried, shall have full Power and Authority either to order such Person or Persons to be transported for the Term of Seven Years, to such Place and in such Manner as other Felons are directed to be transported by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, or to suffer such corporal Punishment, or to be punished by Fine, Imprisonment, or otherwise as to the Court before whom such Person or Persons shall be tried shall seem proper to inflict; and the Justices of the Peace for the said Riding, in Quarter Sessions assembled, are hereby authorized from Time to Time to order such Offender or Offenders as aforesaid, to be prosecuted by Indictment or Indictments at the Assizes for the County of *York*, and to direct the Expences of such Prosecutions to be paid by the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Riding for the Time being, out of the Publick Stock and County Rates of and belonging to the said Riding; and in every such Indictment or Indictments such Court House or Court Houses or other Building or Buildings, shall be alledged and described, and deemed and taken to be the Court House or Court Houses, or Building or Buildings (as the Case may happen) of the Justices of the Peace for the West Riding of the County of *York*, any Law or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Persons doing Damage to the Court Houses, &c. to be prosecuted at *York*.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed or construed to empower the said Justices assembled in such Easter General Quarter Sessions of the Peace as aforesaid, to make, erect, build, or purchase, any Court House or Court Houses, Building, Land or Hereditament, for the Purposes aforesaid, unless the same shall be erected and built upon Lands or Premises now the publick Property of the said Riding, or which shall hereafter be purchased for the Purposes aforesaid; and that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to empower the said Justices of the Peace to provide such Court House or Court Houses, Building or Buildings, unless the Premises so to be provided shall be transferred or made over to the said Justices of the Peace for the said Riding and their Successors for the Time being, or some Person or Persons in Trust for them, and in such Manner as they the said Justices, or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid, shall direct, with full Right, Privilege, Power, and Authority, for them the said Justices and their Successors for ever, to have, hold, and enjoy the same, for the Purposes herein-after mentioned.

Court Houses to be erected only upon Lands the Property of the Riding, or purchased for the Purpose.

XV. Provided

Contributions
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Houses al-
ready built.

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justices assembled in such Easter General Quarter Sessions as aforesaid, after such Notice given as hereinbefore directed, to make any Order or Orders for the granting and contributing by, and out of the Publick Stock or County Rates of the said Riding, of such Sum or Sums of Money as they the said Justices or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid, shall from Time to Time deem requisite and necessary for the Purpose of rebuilding, repairing, altering, or enlarging of any Court House or Court Houses, or any Building or Buildings used for that Purpose, now the Property of any Corporation or Corporations, Bodies Politick or Corporate, or of any Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of any Manor or Manors, in any of the said Towns or Places at which the said General Quarter Sessions of the Peace have been usually held; provided that the free and uninterrupted Use and Enjoyment of any such Court House or Court Houses, or Building or Buildings used for that Purpose, towards the rebuilding, repairing, altering, or enlarging, whereof any Sum or Sums of Money which shall be so granted or contributed as aforesaid, shall be for ever afterwards effectually secured to the Use of the Justices of the Peace for the said Riding, for the Purposes herein-after mentioned, any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Court Houses
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XVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every the said Court Houses and Buildings so to be provided or erected as aforesaid, and the Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments so to be purchased as aforesaid, and every Matter and Thing appertaining or in anywise relating thereunto or to any of them, shall at all Times from and after the purchasing thereof be vested in, and the same are hereby declared to be vested in the Justices of the Peace for the West Riding of the County of *York* for the Time being, upon Trust, and to the End, Intent, and Purpose, that the said Justices shall and do, from Time to Time and at all Times for ever hereafter, peaceably and quietly permit and suffer the Courts of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and all other Courts and Meetings to be holden for the Administration of Justice by the said Justices or any of them, and of all other His Majesty's Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for the said Riding, or any Part thereof, to be holden in the said Court Houses or Buildings and the Appurtenances thereunto belonging, and also permit and suffer the same to be had, used, and enjoyed, for all such other Publick Uses and Purposes as the Justices of the Peace for the said Riding or the major Part of them at their said Easter General Quarter Sessions of the Peace shall from Time to Time direct, order, or appoint, with free Liberty for all Persons whom it shall or may concern, to act and officiate in and to resort to and attend upon the said Courts and Meetings as they shall have Occasion or think proper.

Justices to re-
pair, &c.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Court Houses or Buildings with the Appurtenances so to be provided as aforesaid, shall be purchased, transferred, and made in Manner aforesaid for the Purposes of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justices so to be assembled at their said Easter General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held at *Pontefract* as aforesaid, from Time to Time to contribute and allow such Sum or Sums of Money as to them or the major Part of them

them shall seem fit and reasonable, for and towards any Alterations, Repairs, and Maintenance of the same, and for and towards providing the same with suitable Accommodations and Furniture, and also for insuring the same from Time to Time from Fire; which said Sum or Sums of Money for the Purposes last aforesaid, they the said Justices, or the major Part of them, so assembled as aforesaid, are hereby authorized and empowered to direct, order, and appoint to be defrayed and paid by and out of the Publick Stock and Rates of the same Riding.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Justices of the Peace for the Time being may sue and be sued, for or in respect of any Claim, Contract, or other Matter or Thing made or done, or to be made or done, by them or any of them under the Authority of this Act, in any Court or Courts of Law or Equity, in the Name of the Clerk of the Peace for the said Riding or his Deputy for the Time being; and that no Action or Suit to be brought or commenced by or against the said Justices or any of them by virtue of this Act, in the Name of the said Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy for the Time being, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of such Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy, or by any Act of the said Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy for the Time being, done without the Consent of the said Justices of the Peace for the Time being, but that such Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy for the Time being shall always be deemed the Plaintiff or Defendant in such Action or Suit; and that in all and every Action or Actions, Suit, or Suits, to be brought and commenced as aforesaid, no Person or Persons whomsoever shall be deemed incompetent to give Evidence by reason of his, her, or their paying or contributing towards the Publick Stock of the said Riding, or by reason of his, her, or their being charged with and liable to pay any of the County Rates of the said Riding: Provided always, that every such Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy for the Time being shall be from Time to Time forthwith, by Order of the said Justices in Sessions assembled, reimbursed and paid by the Treasurer of the said Riding, out of the Publick Stock and County Rates of the said Riding, all such Costs, Charges, and Expences as he or they shall be put unto or become chargeable with by reason of his being made a Plaintiff or Defendant as aforesaid.

Justices may sue and be sued in the Name of the Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy.

Persons good Witnesses though they pay County Rates.

Clerk to be reimbursed Costs and Expences, &c.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expences in anywise incident to the soliciting, obtaining, and passing of this Act, shall be levied and raised out of the Publick Stock or County Rates of the said Riding, and shall be paid by the Treasurer of the said Riding by and under the Order of the Justices of the Peace for the said Riding or the major Part of them assembled at the said Easter General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden at *Pontefract* in and for the said Riding.

Expences of the Act.

XX. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance or by virtue of this Act, after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed or Cause of Action accrued, for which such Action or Suit shall be so brought; and the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action

Limitation of Actions.

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or Suit may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon.

Publick Act.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Publick Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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