

GEORGII III. RECIS.

Cap. 58.

An Act for maintaining a Wooden Bridge over the River Clyde, from the City of Glasgow to Hutchison Town in the County of Lanark. [9th June 18c6.]

HEREAS a Wooden Bridge for the Accommodation of Foot Pleamble.

Passengers has lately been erected by Subscription. River Clyde to Hutchison Town in the Barony of Gorbals, nearly opposite Saltmarket Street in the City of Glasgow and County of Lanark, which Bridge has proved useful to the Inhabitants of the said City, and to the People residing in every Part of the adjacent Country; but the same cannot be maintained, repaired, watched, and lighted, without Powers are granted, and Funds provided for those Purposes by the 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 it shall and may be lawful to and for the Subscribers Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow, and the Preceptor of Hutchison's Names. Hospital for the Time being, Robert Thomson junior, James Hill, William Aitchison, William Dickson. John Russell, Duncan McAllum Icnior, Alexander MacCarthur, George Duncan, J. mes Hay, James Bryce, Robertson Buchanan, William Thomson, Robert Steel, and James Corbet, and others, Subscribers to the building the laid Bruige, and their Successors, and to the Fenars of the Village of Hutchison and of Govenhaugh to the East thereof, for the Time being, and they are hereby authorized and required, to meet within Two Meeting for Months after the passing of this Act, and on the First Monday of May an-[Loc. & Per.]

nually thereafter, within the Court House of the said Village of Gorbals, and elect from amongst themselves Six Persons, who shall be Trustees for Carrying into Execution the Powers herein-after given, lubject to the Rules and Regulations contained in this Act.

To keep the Bridge in Tebour.

II. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Four of them, and their Successors in Office, to be annually elected as aforesaid, shall have full Power, and they are he eby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time to uphold and keep in repair the said Bridge, and to place thereon, at such Places as they shall think proper, a sufficient Number of Lamps for lighting the same, and also to appoint a Watchman or Watchmen for guarding, patrolling, and watching the said Bridge, in such Manner, and under such Rules and Regulations, as to the laid Trustees shall appear expedient.

And to levy a Toll.

III. And, in order to raise a Fund for defraying the Expence of repairing, lighting, and watching the said Bridge, be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the laid Trustees, and their Successors in Office, to e ect or cause to be erected a Toll Gate at or upon the said Bridge, and a Toll House adjoining thereto, and from Time to Time to ask, demand, and receive a Toll or Duty of One Halfpenny from each Person passing over the said Bridge, for One Day in each Week, to be fixed upon by the said Trustees, or any Four or more of them; and if any Person or Persons subject to the Payment of the said Toll shall refuse to pay the same, it shall be lawful to and for the P rson or Persons appointed to collect the said Toll, to carry such Person or Persons before One of the Magistrates of the said City of Glasgew, or the Baillie of the Village of Gorbals, and, on the Offence being proved, such Magistrate or Baillie shall impose on the Party offending a Fine not exceeding One Pound Sterling, to be paid to the Collector of the said Toll, and on Nonpayment thereof to commit luch Party to the House of Correction or Common Gaol of the said City or Village, for any Time not exceeding Fourteen Days.

Forpaying the Expences of pailing the Act.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That, for defraving the Expences of passing this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to levy; or cause to be levied, the laid I'oll or Duty every Day in the Week, until the Sum necessary to defray the said Expences shall be raised, and the Money to be collected on the said Bridge shall be applied for the Purposes aforesaid, subject to the Controul and Direction of the Commissioners herein-after mentioned,

Officers to

V. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees shall take such Security give Security. from their Treasurer, and Collector or Collectors of the Toll hereby granted, for the faithful Discharge of his or their Office or Offices as mall be approved of by the said Trustees.

Tolls to be paid only Once for paffing and repaffing on fame Day.

VI. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons who shall have paid the Toll hereby granted, shall be subject to any Toll for returning over the said Bridge before Twelve of the Clock at Night of the same Day, but shall return Tole-free on delivering a Note or Ticket to the Collector of the Toll, which Note or Ticket such Collector is hereby required to deliver gratis on Receipt of the Toll; but no Person shall

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pass and repass of ner than once on the same Day, without paying an additional Toll for each passing and repassing.

VII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons having Punishing Perpaid the Toll or Duty by this Act imposed, and having a Note or Ticket, sons disposing or Notes or Tickets, signifying the Payment thereof, shall give or dispose of the same to any Person or Persons in order to avoid the said Toll, every such Person to giving or disposing thereof, and the Person receiving the same being convicted thereof, before any One of the Magistrates of Glasgow, or the Baillie of the Village of Gorbals, upon the Confession or Oath of the Party or Parties, or opon the Oath of One or more Witness or Witnesses, (which Oath such Magistrate or Baillie is hereby respectively empowered to administer), shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One Pound Sterling, to be recovered in a fummary Way, according to the Laws and Practice of that Part of the United Kingdom called Scotland.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Toll or Duty Exemptions. shall be asked or demanded from any Officer, private Soldier, or Drummer belonging or attached to any Regiment or Corps of Regulars or Volunteers, when in Military Uniform, or with Arms and Accourrements, passing the said Bridge on any Muster Day, Parade Day, Field Day, or Day appointed for exercising the said Regiment or Corps, and that no Toll or Duty shall be asked or demanded from any Person passing or repassing the said Bidge, and carrying a Bundle of Clothes to be washed, bleached, or dryed in the Washing House or Green of the City of Glasgow, situated on the North Side of the said River Clyde, or employed in washing in the said Washing House or Green, or carrying Victuals or other Articles to any Perion who shall be so employed.

IX. And be it further enacted, That in the Event of the said Wooden How Tolls are Bridge being broken down, damaged, or rendered impassable, it shall be to be levied if lawful to the said Trustees, and they are hereby empowered, after repair-damaged. ing the said Danage, to levy the above Toll every Day in Manner hereinbefore mentioned, until the Expence of such Repairs shall be thereby defrayed.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Power to lease Said Trustees, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to lease the the Tolls. Tolls arising by virtue of this Act for the best Rent which can be got for the fame.

XI. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall saving Rights diminish or abridge, or be construed to diminish or abridge the Right or of the Use and Privilege of the Community, and of the Magistrates and Town Council of Navigation of the River the Burgh of Rutherglen, or their Successors in Office; or the Right or Clyde. Privilege of any Person or Persons whomsoever to the Use and Navigation of the said River; and that the Arches of the said Bridge shall be continued of their present clear Height above the Water; that the Space or Water Passage between the Piers of the said Arches shall be continued of the Breadth of Thirty-eight Feet at least clear of Building, Piling, or other Obstruction; and the Piers shall be so constructed as to admit of the River being made, and kept in Time coming at the Depth of Five Feet at low

Water for the Breadth aforelaid, under every one of the Arches, without any Opposition or Molestation from the said Trustees, in respect of the Safety of the laid Wooden Briage or otherwise.

Punishing Pers fons damaging the Bridge;

XII. And, for preventing wilful and malicious burning or otherwise daniaging or destroying the said Bridge, be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wiltully and maliciously burn, blow up, pull down, or otherwise destroy the said Bridge, or any Part thereof, or attempt so to do, or shall wilfully and maliciously, and without Authority from the said Trustees, remove, destroy, or take away any Materials or . Works thereunto belonging, or anywise direct or procure the same to be done, whereby the faid Bridge may be damaged or the Lives of Passengers or Workmen endangered, such Offender or Offenders being lawfully convicted thereof, shall be adjudged to pay all Damages incurred, and shall also be fined in any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds Sterling, and in Default of Payment, to be imprisoned for any Space of Time not exceeding Six Months.

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XIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall maliciously break down or otherwise destroy the Toll Gate so to be erected, or any Posts, Rails, Chains, Bars, or other Parts thereof or adjoining thereto, or damage the faid Toll House, every Person so offending and being thereof convicted, by the Oath of One or more credible Witnels or Witnesses, before any One or more of the Magistrates of the said City of Glasgow or before the Baillie of the Village of Gorbals, shall not only be bound to pay the whole Damages and Expences sustained, but shall also be fined in a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds Sterling, and in a Default of Payment to be imprisoned for a Term not exceeding Six Months.

Preventing forcible Passage.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall assault any Collector of the said Toll, or by Force pass through the said Toll Gate, withour paying the Toll hereby granted, every such Person so offending and being thereof convicted upon Oath before any One or more of the faid Magistrates, or before the faid Baillie, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds Sterling.

Vesting the Trusties.

XV. And be it enacted, That the Right and Property of the said Bridge in the Bridge with the Toll House and Gate to be built and erected, and the Materials thereof, are hereby vested in the said Taustees and their Successors, and they are hereby empowered to bring or cause to be brought Actions in their Names against any Person or Persons who shall damage the same, or disturb them in the Possession thereof.

Penalty on Perfons deftroying' Lamp., &c.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully and maliciously take away, break or throw down, any Lamp or Lamps let upon the laid Bridge, or extinguish the Light or Lights within the same, or damage the Iron or Apportenances thereof, it shall and may be lawful for any Person who shall see any such Offences committed, to seize, and also for any other Person to assist in leizing the Ossender or Offenders, and by the Authority of this Act, and wi hout any other Warrant to convey and deliver such Offender or Offenders into the Custody of a Peace Officer, in order to be fecured and conveyed before One of the ... Magistrates of the said City of Glasgow, or before the Baillie of the Village

El Gorbals, and if the Party or Parties acculed of any of the said Offences. whether apprehended as aforesaid or afterwards cited for the same, shall be convicted thereof, either by their own Confession or by legal Evidence, according to the Law of Scotland, such Offender or Offenders shall forseit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds Sterling, and moreover Mall make Satisfaction for the said Damages; and in case such Offender or Offenders shall not immediately on Conviction pay such Forfeiture and make such Satisfaction, such Magistrate or Baillie is hereby empowered to commit him, her, or them to the Common Gaol of the faid City of Glasgow, or of the Village of Gorbats, for a Space not exceeding Six Months, and such Offender or Offenders shall not be discharged before the Expiration of that Time unless such Forfeiture and Satisfaction shall be sooner paid and given.

XVII. And besit further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall at and molesting any Time or Times obstruct, hinder, or molest any Toll Gatherer, Watch- Toll Gatherman, or other Person who shall be employed in the Execution of this Act, every Person or Persons to offending shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds-Sterling; and if any Person or Persons shall assault or strike any such Toll Gatheter or Watchman, or other Person in the Execution of this Act, every such Person or Persons shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds Stefling, to be levied and tecovered in Manner herein directed.

. XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Magistrates and Town Council Commissionof the City of Glasgow, and their Successors in Office, shall and they are hereby required to nominate Three Persons yearly as Commissioners for the Purpose of examining and docqueting the Accounts of the said Trustees, with regard to the Sums collected and expended by them in repairing, lighting, and watching the faid Bridge in pursuance of this Act; and if it stall at any Time appear that the Money so collected, or any Part thereof, has been misapplied, or that more Money has been collected than shall be sufficient fot the Purposes aforesaid, the said Trustees shall and they are hereby required to lay out the Tolls to be thereafter collected in such Manner as shall be directed by the said Commissioners for the Furposes aforefaid, and to refund the Money so insapplied.

. XIX. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Trustees shall Is Bridge shall not keep the said Bridge in proper Repair, or permit the same to be dar- get out if gerous to Passengers, of which the Magistrates and Town Council of the City of Glassow are hereby declared to be Judges, then the said Magiltrates and Town Council are hereby empowered by their Oider to prohibit the said Trustees from taking any more Tolls, and to order the said Bridge to be shut up until the same shall be repaired, and after Delivery of the said Order Egned by the Town Clerk of the said City to the said Trustees, or their Clerk or Treasurer, it shall not be lawful to collect or receive any Toll for passing over the said Bridge, until the same shall be sufficiently repaired to the Satisfaction of the faid Magistrates and Town Council, signissed in Manner aforesaid.

XX. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained stall Saving Rights diminish or abridge, or be construed to diminish or abridge the Power and of Galgow. Authority which the said Magistrates and Town Council of Glasgow, and

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their Successors in Office, have to remove and demolish the said Bridge when they shall think proper so to do.

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XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Dispute shall arise between the faid Trustees and any Person passing the said Bridge, with regard to Magistrates of the Exemptions herein-before specified, all such Disputes shall be referred to the Magistrates of Glasgow, or any One of them, whose Decision shall be final and binding on all Parties.

Expences of the Act how to be paid.

XXII. And be it enacted, That the Charges and Expences of passing this Act shall be paid and advanced by the Subscribers to the Building the said Wooden Bridge, who are hereby authorized to repay themselves from the Toll to be collected in Manner herein directed.

Recovery of Penalties.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act inflicted, or authorized to be imposed in relation to the said Bridge or Tolls, or in any Matter or Thing of and concerning the same, the Manner of recovering and levying whereof is not otherwise particularly directed, shall, upon Proof or the said Offence before any One or more of the Magistrates of Glasgow, or before the Bailtie of Gorbals, either by the Confession of the Party or other legal Evidence, be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties so offending, by Warrant under the Hands of such Magistrate or Baillie (which Warrant they are respectively hereby authorized and required to grant for those Purposes, and also to administer Oaths gratis), such Sale being always made by public Roup or Auction to the highest Bidder, at such Place as shall be directed by the said Warrant, within Fourteen Days after such Distress shall have been made; and the Overplus Money arising from such Sale (after such Penalties are recovered, and the Charges of levying and recovering the same are deducted) shall be returned on Demand to the Owner or Owners of fuch Goods and Chattels; and all Penalties and Forteitures. if not otherwise directed to be applied by virtue of this Act shall from Time to Time, during the Continuance thereof, be paid to the said Trustees, and shall be laid out and applied for the Purposes of this Act; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, or such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not forthwith be paid, it shall be lawful for any One or more of the said Magistrates, or for the said Baillie, and they are hereby authorized and required, to cause such Ossender or Ossenders to be committed to the House of Correction or Common Gaol of the said City or Village, there to remain for any Time not exceeding. Six Calendar Months, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures, and all reasonable Charges, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Limitation of Actions.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Actions for the Penalties by this Act imposed, shall be commenced within Three Calendar: Months aster the Fact from which the Penalty arises was committed; and not afterwards.

Appeal.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think him, her, or themselves aggrieved by any Order or other Proceeding of ' One or more of the laid Magistrates or of the said Baillie, it shall and may be lawful for him, her, or them to appeal to the Court of Session, whole Decree thereon shall be final und conclusive without further Appeal.

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

XXVII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence from and after Commencethe passing thereof, and shall continue in force for the Space of Twenty- ment and Continuance one Years, and until the End of the then next Session of Parliament. of the Act.

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