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Cap. 107.

An Act for enabling the Justices of the Peace for the Eastern Division of the County of *Suffex*, to take down the present Shire Hall or Sessions House in the Town of *Lewes*, and for enabling them to build another Shire Hall or Sessions House in a more convenient Situation within the said Town.

[18th June 1808.]

WHEREAS the Shire Hall or Sessions House in the Town and Borough of *Lewes*, in the County of *Suffex*, wherein the Summer Assizes for the said County, and also the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Eastern Part of the said County are holden, and which is maintained and kept at the Charge and Expence of the Eastern Part of the said County of *Suffex*, out of the County Rates levied within the same, is from its Smallness, and from the Situation in which the same is placed, extremely incommodious and inconvenient for the carrying on the Business of the said County, and it would be highly conducive to the Convenience of the Judges, the Magistrates, Jurors, and all Persons resorting to, and having Business to transact in the said several Courts of Justice, if the same Shire Hall or Sessions House were taken down, and a new Shire Hall or Sessions House with proper Offices and Accommodations were built in lieu thereof, in a more convenient and eligible Situation, and within the said Town and Borough of *Lewes*; and it would tend greatly

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to the Accommodation of the Public, if the Scite of the said present Shire Hall or Sessions House were to be made and form a Part of the Highway in the Street in which the same is situate: And whereas it will be necessary to make a Purchase or Purchases of Ground, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and to raise a considerable Sum of Money for effectuating the Purposes aforesaid; 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 Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Sussex* for the Time being, and resident within the Eastern Division thereof, or any Three or more of them, to erect, build, maintain and support, or cause to be erected, built, maintained and supported, a new Shire Hall and Sessions House for the said County of *Sussex*, within the said Town and Borough of *Lewes*, and to carry the several other Purposes of this Act into Execution; and they or any Three or more of them are hereby authorized to cause the said Shire Hall and Sessions House in the said Town and Borough of *Lewes*, and the Offices or other Buildings thereunto belonging, to be taken down, and to use and employ such Part of the Materials as shall be fit and proper in building the new Shire Hall and Sessions House herein-after directed to be built, or to sell and dispose of the said Materials as they now stand, or when taken down, or of such Part of the same as shall not be made use of in such new Shire Hall or Sessions House, to such Person or Persons as shall be willing to purchase the same, either together or separately, and to make Contracts and Agreements with any Person or Persons for all or any of the Purposes aforesaid; and when the said present Shire Hall or Sessions House, with the Offices and other Buildings thereunto belonging shall be taken down, and all the said Materials shall be removed, the Scite thereof from thenceforth shall be deemed a Part of the Highway in the Street in which the same is situate, and be used and considered as such to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

II. And it is further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justices, or any Three or more of them, at any Time or Times after the passing of this Act, to contract for and purchase, or to authorize one or more Person or Persons on their Behalf to contract for and purchase the Freehold, Fee Simple, and Inheritance of such One or more Piece or Pieces of Ground, whether built upon or not, being within the Town and Borough of *Lewes* aforesaid, as they the said Justices or any Three or more of them shall adjudge to be a convenient Scite for a new Shire Hall and Sessions House for the said County; and such Piece or Pieces of Ground and Hereditaments when purchased shall be conveyed to the Use of the Justices of the Peace of, and for the said County of *Sussex* for the Time being, in Trust for the Service and Benefit of the said County, in Manner herein-after mentioned: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend so as to empower the said Justices, or any Three or more of them, to purchase any greater Quantity of Land for the Purposes of this Act than Two Acres.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail General or Special, or for Years determinable

determinable on any Life or Lives; and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees of Lunatics and Idiots, 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, Femmes Covert, Lunatics, Idiots, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, and to and for all Femmes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or in anywise interested in their own Right, and to and for all, and every Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or in anywise interested in any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which shall be thought necessary by the said Justices, or any Three or more of them, to be purchased for the several Purposes of this Act, to treat, contract and agree with the said Justices, or any Three or more of them so assembled as aforesaid for the Sale thereof, or for any Part thereof, and to sell and convey all or any Part thereof, and all Estate, Right, Title and Interest whatsoever of, in, and to the same to the said Justices, or any Three or more of them for the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts, Agreements, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances which shall be so made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, shall without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Person and Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of their said several and respective Cestuique Trusts, and all Persons whomsoever claiming or to claim by, from, or under them, and of all Persons entitled in Remainder or Reversion expectant on any such particular Estate, and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar the Dower and Dowers of such Person and Persons, and all Estates Tail, and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, any Law, Statute, Usage, or other Matter to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding; and all and every such Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail General or Special, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives; and all Feoffees in Trust, Husbands, Trustees, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, Committees, and all other Persons, shall be, and are hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

All Contracts
to be valid.

Trustees, &c.
indemnified.

Parties refusing or being
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IV. And whereas by an Act passed in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of King William the Third, intituled 'An Act to enable Justices of the Peace to build and repair Gaols in their respective Counties, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;* His Majesty's Justices of the Peace are enabled to purchase Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments for the building and improving Gaols, but are not enabled to purchase Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments for building Court Houses: And whereas it would be convenient to build such new Shire Hall or Sessions House, with proper Offices and Accommodations thereto, in or near the Centre of the High Street of, and situate within the said Town and Borough of *Lewes*, and for such Purpose and for the making the necessary Approaches thereto, it will be necessary to make Use of certain Messuages or Tenements, Piece or Pieces of Ground, Buildings or other Hereditaments, the Property of the Right Honourable Thomas Earl of *Chichester*, Thomas Hodson, Thomas Weston, William Miles, Arthur Brook,

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Brook, and *William Marten*, and now or late in the several Occupations of the said *Thomas Hodson*, *William Miles*, and *Thomas Weston*, also of *Jeremiah Dodson*, *William English*, *Berrariero Domingus*, *John Goldsmith*, *Thomas Figg*, *Edward Richardson*, and of the said *Arthur Brook* and *William Marten*, some or one of them, their or some or one of their Undertenants, all which Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments are situate in the Parishes of *Saint Michael* and *Saint John* in the Borough of *Lewes* aforesaid, one or other of them; be it therefore enacted, that in case the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, Proprietor or Proprietors of any of the said several Pieces of Land with the Buildings thereon (upon Notice to him, her, or them to be given or left in Writing at the Dwelling House or Houses, or Place or Places of Abode of such Person or Persons) shall for the Space of Fourteen Days after such Notice given or left as aforesaid, neglect or refuse, or be incapable by reason of Infancy or otherwise to treat, or shall not agree with the said Justices or any Three or more of them, or with any Person or Persons authorized by them, for the Sale and Conveyance of his, her, and their respective Estates and Interests therein, then, and in every such Case the said Justices shall cause the Value of the Estates respectively to be inquired into and ascertained by a Jury of Twelve indifferent Men of the said County of *Sussex*, not having or occupying Lands, Tenements, Tythes, or Hereditaments within the Eastern Division thereof; and in order thereto the Sheriff of the said County, upon the Requisition of the said Justices, or any Three or more of them, is hereby empowered and required from Time to Time as Occasion shall be, to impanel and summon such Jury, and to call before them and examine upon Oath all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who shall be thought necessary or proper to be examined concerning the Premises, which Oath the said Sheriff is hereby empowered to administer, and such Sheriff shall, by ordering a View or otherwise, use all lawful Ways and Means as well for his own as for the said Jury's Information in the Premises; and after the said Jury shall have inquired of and assessed such Value and Recompence, he the said Sheriff shall thereupon adjudge the Sum or Sums of Money so assessed by the said Jury to be paid to the said Persons, according to the Verdict of such Jury, which said Verdict shall be final, binding, and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes against all Bodies Politic, Corporate and Collegiate; and all and every Person and Persons claiming any Estate, Right, Title, Trust, Use or Interest into, or out of the said Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in Possession, Remainder, Reversion or Expectancy, as well Infants as Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots and Females Covert, and Persons under any other Disability or Incapacity, their Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, and all other Parties and Persons whomsoever; and for summoning and returning such Juries, the Sheriff is hereby empowered to issue his Warrant or Warrants, Process or Processes, for the impanelling and calling together an indifferent Jury of Twenty-four Men of the said County, but not being in the Commission of the Peace, nor having or occupying Lands, Tenements, Tythes, or Hereditaments within the said Eastern Division, to appear before him at such Time and Place as in such Warrant or Warrants, Process or Processes shall be appointed, who are hereby commanded to appear thereto accordingly; and out of the Persons so summoned, impanelled and returned, or out of such of them as shall appear upon such Summons, the said Sheriff shall, and he is hereby empowered and required to swear or cause to be sworn Twelve Men, who shall be the Jury for the Purposes aforesaid; and in Default of a sufficient Number of Jurymen, the said

said Sheriff or his Deputy or Deputies shall return other honest and indifferent Men, not being in the Commission of the Peace, nor having nor occupying Lands, Tythes, Tenements or Hereditaments within the said Eastern Division of the County aforesaid, either of the Standers-by or who speedily can be procured to attend that Service, to the Number of Twelve, and all Persons concerned shall have their lawful Challenges against any of the said Jurymen when they come to be sworn, but shall not challenge the Array; and the said Sheriff shall have Power from Time to Time to impose any reasonable Fine or Fines on any of the Persons who shall be summoned and returned on such Jury, and shall not appear, or who shall refuse to be sworn on the said Jury, or being so sworn shall refuse to give or not giving their Verdict, or in any other Manner wilfully neglecting their Duty therein, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and on any of the Persons who being required to give Evidence before the said Jury, shall refuse or neglect to appear, or appearing shall refuse to be examined or to give Evidence; and which Fine or Fines shall not exceed the Sum of Ten Pounds upon any one Person, and shall be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels by Warrant or Warrants under the Hands and Seals of any Two or more of such Justices, and shall be applied towards the Purposes of this Act: Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to give to the said Justices a Power to compel the Owners or Proprietors of any of the Premises herein-before particularly described, or any Part or Parts thereof respectively, to sell, dispose, or part with the same, unless Notice of such Intention and a Demand to treat for the same shall have been made by the several Justices or any Three or more of them, and delivered to such Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, or left at his Place of Abode as herein-before is directed, within the Space of Twenty-four Calendar Months from the Time of the passing of this Act; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Verdicts and Judgments shall be set down in Writing under the Hand and Seal of the said Sheriff acting in the Premises, and shall be delivered to the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Suffex*, and be kept amongst the Records and Writings of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County; and the same, or true Copies thereof, signed by the Clerk of the Peace of the said County for the Time being, shall be taken, adjudged, and deemed good and sufficient Evidence and Proof in any Court of Law or Equity whatsoever; and all Persons shall and may have Recourse to the same, and may take Copies thereof, upon paying to such Clerk of the Peace after the Rate of Four-pence for every Seventy-two Words for writing the same.

Verdicts to be kept by the Clerk of the Peace,

VI. And be it further enacted, That in each and every Case where a Verdict shall be given for more Money for the absolute Sale of any Lands, Tenements or other Hereditaments belonging to any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, or to any Person or Persons whatsoever, than had been previously offered by, or on Behalf of the said Justices or any Three or more of them, or where by reason of Absence in Foreign Countries or other Impediment or Disability as aforesaid, there shall not be found any Person or Persons who may be legally capacitated to enter into a Contract with, and make Conveyances to, and receive Compensation from the said Justices or any Three or more of them as herein-

Expences of Witnesses and Jury, by whom to be paid.

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before mentioned, then, and in all such Cases, all the Expences of summoning such Jury and taking such Verdict shall be defrayed by the said Justices, but if any Verdict shall be given for the same, or a less Sum than had been previously offered by, or on Behalf of the said Justices or any Three or more of them, or in case of such Refusal or Neglect to enter into Treaty with, or make Conveyances to, or receive Compensation from the said Justices or any Three or more of them, or other Person or Persons acting by, or on their Behalf, by any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, or by any Person or Persons whomsoever, who is, or are by the Provisions of this Act or otherwise legally capacitated to treat and convey, or receive such Compensation as aforesaid, then, and in all such Cases the Costs and Expences of summoning such Jury and taking such Verdict shall be borne and paid by the Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, or other Person or Persons with whom the said Justices or any Three or more of them shall have such Concerns, Controversies or Disputes, which said Costs and Expences having been so settled, shall and may be deducted out of the Money so assessed, and adjudged as so much Money advanced to, and for the Use of such Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, or other Persons as aforesaid, and the Payment or Tender of the Remainder of such Sum or Sums of Money, or depositing the same in the Bank of *England* in Manner by this Act directed, as the Case may be, shall be deemed and taken to all Intents and Purposes to be a Payment or Tender of the whole Sum or Sums so assessed and adjudged.

On paying the Money, Estates to be vested in the Justices.

VII. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Money so agreed to be paid or assessed as aforesaid, or upon Tender thereof to the Party or Parties entitled thereto, or to his, her, or their Agent or Agents, or upon depositing the same in the Bank of *England*, in Manner by this Act directed, as the Case may be, the Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in respect whereof such Money shall have been so paid, tendered or deposited, and the whole and every Part thereof shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be vested in the Justices of the Peace of, and for the said County of *Sussex* for the Time being, for the Purpose of building a new Shire Hall and Sessions House, and such other Conveniencies and Accommodations as may be necessary or proper, who shall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Possession thereof, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, freed and discharged from all former and other Estates, Rights, Titles, Interests, Claims and Demands whatsoever.

Application of Compensation when amounting to 200l.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed or assessed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act, which shall belong to any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, Feoffees in Trust, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, Femes Covert or other incapacitated Person or Persons, such Money shall if the same amount to the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privy of the Accountant-General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account *ex parte* the Justices of the Peace for executing this Act, to the Intent that such Money shall be paid 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

nements or Hereditaments, in the Purchase of the Land Tax or Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrance 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 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 Messuages, 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 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 Meantime and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by order of the Court of Chancery upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of *Three per Centum* Consolidated, or *Three per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the Meantime 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 so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed or assessed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Body Politic, 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 be equal to, or exceed 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 Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy 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 of the High Court of Chancery, 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 Three or more of the said Justices for executing this Act (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 Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case shall be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the Court of Chancery.

Application when the Compensation is less than 200 l. and exceeds 20 l.

X. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That when such Money so agreed or assessed to be paid as herein-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

Application when the Money is less than 20 l.

entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments so purchased, taken or used for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Justices or any Three or more of them shall think fit, or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then 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.

In case of not making out Titles.

XI. And be it further enacted, That in case the Person or Persons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be awarded or assessed for 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, or in case the Person or Persons to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so awarded or assessed 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 to order the Sum or Sums of Money so awarded or assessed 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 of Chancery, 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 Public Funds, and to order Distribution thereof or Payment of the Dividends thereof according to the respective Estate or Estates, Title or Interests 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 into the Bank as aforesaid.

Persons in Possession shall be deemed well entitled, unless the contrary be shewn.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person or Persons 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 thereof, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or to the Dividends or Interest of any such 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 be 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

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.

XIII. 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 said Court, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands or Hereditaments to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court 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 Court shall deem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said Justices, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

The Court may order reasonable Expences of Purchases to be paid by Justices.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That when such Piece or Pieces of Ground shall be purchased by the said Justices in Manner aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the said Justices or any Three or more of them, to cause any House or Houses or other Buildings on such Piece or Pieces of Ground to be taken down, and to sell or otherwise dispose of the Materials of such Houses or other Buildings respectively, and to apply any Money arising from such Sale towards defraying the Expences of executing this Act; and further to cause a new Shire Hall or Sessions House, with all proper and necessary Apartments, Offices, and Buildings to be erected on such Piece or Pieces of Ground to the Use of the said County of *Sussex*, and for other good and necessary Purposes for the better Performance of the King's Service in the said County, and other the Purposes herein-after mentioned, as also to fit up and provide with all necessary Accommodations the same Shire Hall and Sessions House in a suitable Manner, and to contract and agree with any Person or Persons for the building, fitting up, and providing with all necessary Accommodations such new Shire Hall or Sessions House, as to them the said Justices or any Three or more of them shall from Time to Time seem meet.

Justices may cause any Building on such Piece of Ground as they shall purchase to be taken down; and a new Shire Hall and Sessions House to be erected.

XV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Justices or any Three or more of them to sell, dispose of, and by Indenture or Indentures under their Hands and Seals, or the Hands and Seals of any Three or more of them, to grant and convey by Way of absolute Sale in Fee Simple, for a Consideration or Considerations in Money, or to demise or let all or any Part or Parts of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which may have been purchased in pursuance of this Act, as shall in the Judgement of the said Justices or any Three or more of them not be wanted for the Purposes of this Act, and upon Payment of the Purchase Money for such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Treasurer of the said County acting within the Eastern Division thereof, or Clerk of the Peace of the said County, to sign and give Receipts for such Money, which Receipts shall be a full and sufficient Discharge to any Person or Persons whomsoever, for the Purchase Money for which such Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments shall be sold, or which shall arise from the letting the same or any Part thereof, or for so

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much thereof as shall in such Receipt or Receipts be expressed or acknowledged to be received; and such Person or Persons shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any Losses, Misapplication or Non-application of such Purchase or other Money, or any Part thereof; and the Monies arising from the Sale of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or from the letting the same or any Part thereof as aforesaid, shall be applied and disposed of by the said Justices or any Three or more of them, in paying and defraying the Costs, Charges, and Expences of carrying the several Purposes of this Act into Execution.

New Shire Hall
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House to be
repaired when
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the County
Rate.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That when the said new Shire Hall and Sessions House shall be built, fitted up, and finished, the same shall be for ever after repaired, supported, maintained, provided with proper Accommodations, and insured from Fire, as Occasion shall require, at the Expence and Charge of the said Eastern Division of the said County of *Suffex*, by the Order of the Justices of the Peace for the said Eastern Division of the said County, from Time to Time, by and out of the Monies to be raised by the General Rate and Assessment which for the Time being shall be made, assessed, and levied in, and upon the said Eastern Part of the said County, by force of the Statute of the Twelfth of George the Second, intituled, *An Act for the more easy assessing, collecting, and levying of County Rates*, in the same Manner as the said Act appoints in respect to public Buildings of Counties in general, or of any other Statute hereafter to be made for the assessing, collecting, and levying of Rates for the said County in respect of public Buildings; and any Tax or Taxes, Rates or Assessments, which shall be payable for or in respect of the said new Shire Hall or Sessions House, shall be paid by the said Treasurer acting within the said Eastern Division of the said County of *Suffex*, out of the said General Rate or Assessment to be made, assessed, and levied in and upon the said Eastern Division of the said County; and that such Tax and Taxes, Rates and Assessments, may be recovered of and from the said Treasurer in like Manner as from any other Person liable to pay the same.

Money to be
raised for the
Purposes of
this Act.

XVII. And, for the raising of Money for the Purposes of this Act, be it further enacted, That the said Justices or any Three or more of them shall and may, from Time to Time as often as shall be necessary, raise and levy, and cause to be raised and levied, one or more Rate or Assessment, Rates or Assessments, upon all and every the Boroughs, Towns Corporate, and Cinque Ports, and Members thereof, Liberties, Franchises, Parishes, Townships, and other Places within the said Eastern Division of the said County of *Suffex*, which said Rate or Assessment, Rates or Assessments, shall be laid and assessed upon every such Borough, Town Corporate, Cinque Port, and Member thereof, Liberty, Franchise, Parish, Township, and Place within the said Eastern Division of the said County, in such Proportions as the Rentals or Valuations, according to which the Lands, Tenements, Tythes, and Hereditaments in the said Boroughs, Towns Corporate and Cinque Ports, and Members thereof, Liberties, Franchises, Parishes, Townships, and Places now are or hereafter may be charged to the Tax, commonly called the Property Tax, under and by virtue of an Act, intituled, *An Act for granting to His Majesty, during the present War, and until the Sixth Day of April next after the Ratification of any Definitive Treaty of Peace, further additional Rates and Duties in Great Britain, on Profits arising from Property, Professions, Trades and Offices*; and for repealing an Act passed in the

*Forty-fifth Year of His present Majesty, for granting a Contribution on the Profits arising from Property, Professions, Trades, and Offices; and to consolidate and render more effectual the Provisions for collecting the said Duties; or any subsequent Act to be passed for the Purpose of imposing a Duty upon Property or Income respectively bear to each other, and that the several and respective Sum or Sums of Money so to be assessed upon each and every such Borough, Town Corporate, and Cinque Port, and Member thereof, Liberty, Franchise, Parish, Township, or Place within the said Eastern Division of the said County shall and may be collected by the High Constable or High Constables of the respective Hundreds and Districts within the said Eastern Division of the said County, as far as respects that Part of the Eastern Division of the said County, not within the Jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports, and as far as respects that Part of the said Eastern Division lying within the Jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports, by the proper Officer or Officers to be duly appointed for that Purpose, by the respective Mayors, Bailiffs, or other Magistrates acting within the same, and which said Officer or Officers, they the said Mayors, Bailiffs, or other Magistrates, and every or any of them, are respectively authorized and required to appoint accordingly, and by him and them respectively accounted for and paid over to the Treasurer of the said County acting within the said Eastern Division thereof, and shall be paid to such High Constable or High Constables, Officer or Officers, by such Churchwardens, Overseers, or other Officers of the several Townships, Parishes, or Places lying within the said respective Hundreds or other Districts upon which the same shall be from Time to Time rated and assessed, out of such Monies, and in such Manner, and subject to such Powers and Remedies for enforcing the Payment, Collection, and accounting for the same, and to such Penalties for Failure in the Execution thereof, and such other Provisions, Directions, and Limitations touching and concerning the same (except so far as the same are varied or altered by this Act) as in and by an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, *An Act for the more easy assessing, levying, and collecting of County Rates*, are made, enacted, and provided touching and concerning the assessing, levying, collecting, paying, and accounting for the general County Rates; which said Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, or other Officer or Officers so paying, or called upon to pay such Sum or Sums of Money so rated and assessed upon every such Township, Parish, or Place under the Authority of this Act, shall and may and are hereby authorized and empowered to levy and raise, by an equal Rate or Taxation upon all and every the Inhabitants and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, Tythes, and other Hereditaments chargeable by Law with any Rate or Assessment for the Relief of the Poor within the said respective Townships, Parishes, or Places, such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be required in order to reimburse themselves what shall be paid or required to be paid for any such Rate or Assessment imposed upon them by the Authority of this Act, of which Rate or Assessment, Rates and Assessments, it shall and may be lawful for the Occupier or Tenant, Occupiers or Tenants of all and any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments charged therewith, (holding the same at a Rack Rent) to charge one Moiety upon their respective Landlord or Landlords, and to deduct the same out of the Rents, which shall become payable for the same: Provided always, that the Sum of the Rates or Assessments to be raised and levied under the Authority of this Act, upon all and every such Boroughs, Towns Corporate, and Cinque Ports, and Members thereof, Liberties, Franchises, Parishes, Townships,*

ships, and Places within the said Eastern Division of the said County, within the Space of any one Year, shall not exceed Eight-pence in the Pound upon the Rentals or Valuations of the several Lands, Tenements, Tythes, and Hereditaments within the said Boroughs, Towns Corporate, and Cinque Ports, and Members thereof, Liberties, Franchises, Parishes, Townships, and Places so to be taken as aforesaid, and that the whole Sum of Money to be raised and assessed by the Authority of this Act (exclusive of what may be required for paying the Interest of Money borrowed, and the Charges and Expences of levying and collecting the same) shall not exceed the Sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds.

In Places where the Justices have no Power, they may nevertheless ascertain the Proportion of this Rate;

XVIII. And whereas there are several Boroughs, Towns Corporate, Liberties, and other distinct Jurisdictions within the Eastern Division of the said County of *Suffex*, in which the Justices acting in the Commission of the Peace for the same County have no Power or Authority; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justices of the Peace of the County of *Suffex*, at their next General or Quarter Sessions to be holden in and for the said Eastern Division of the said County, after the passing of this Act, or at any subsequent General or Quarter Sessions, or any Adjournment or Adjournments thereof, or at any Adjournment of any former Sessions, to conclude and agree upon, order, direct, and ascertain the Shares and Proportions which the Boroughs, Towns Corporate, Liberties, and other distinct Jurisdictions aforesaid, shall respectively raise and pay of such Sum and Sums of Money, as the said Justices shall from Time to Time find necessary for the Purposes of this Act, in the same Proportion, as near as may be, to the whole Sum which shall be raised under or by virtue of this Act, as the Yearly Rent or Value of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tythes, and Hereditaments situate, lying, arising, and being within such Boroughs, Towns Corporate, Liberties and other distinct Jurisdictions aforesaid, bears to the Yearly Value of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tythes, and Hereditaments situate, lying, arising and being within the rest of the said Eastern Division of the said County, such Rent or Valuation to be calculated as aforesaid.

and the Magistrates of such Places shall assess and raise the Money so ordered to be raised.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the Justices or other Magistrates acting in and for the Boroughs, Towns Corporate, Liberties, and other distinct Jurisdictions aforesaid, shall and they are hereby authorized and required to assess and raise the Sum or Sums of Money which shall be so ordered and directed by the Justices of the Peace of the said County of *Suffex* resident as aforesaid, to be raised and paid by such Boroughs, Towns Corporate, Liberties, and other distinct Jurisdictions respectively as aforesaid, in the same Manner, and with the same Powers, Authorities and Methods as in and by this Act are given and prescribed to the Justices of the Peace of the said County, for assessing and raising Monies for the Purposes of this Act, and in like Manner; and such Justices or other Magistrates acting in and for such Boroughs, Towns Corporate, Liberties, and other distinct Jurisdictions, shall pay or cause to be paid such Monies, when collected and received, to the Treasurer or Treasurers appointed to and acting for the Eastern Division of the County aforesaid, who shall account for the same to the Justices of the Peace of the said County, in the same Manner as for the Money received in the said Eastern Division of the said County as aforesaid; provided that nothing in this Act contained shall give to the Justices of the Peace of the said County any Power or Authority

thority in the Boroughs, Towns Corporate, Liberties or other distinct Jurisdictions which they had not before (save and except as herein is excepted.)

XX. And it is hereby further enacted, That for and notwithstanding any Thing hereinbefore contained, the Assessment for the Purposes of this Act, to be raised and levied on the Cinque Ports and Members thereof, shall, in respect of the limited Use which the said Cinque Ports and Members will have and enjoy of the said Sessions House, be in the Proportion of One to Five only of the Assessment which is raised and levied on the other Part of the said Eastern Division of the said County for the Purposes of this Act (that is to say) if the Assessment on the other Part of the said Eastern Division be after the Rate of Five Pence in the Pound, then the Assessment on the said Cinque Ports and the Members shall not exceed the Rate of One Penny in the Pound.

Proportion of
Assessment on
the Cinque
Ports.

XXI. And in order to enable the said Justices of the Peace to form proper Judgment of any Rate or Rates to be made in pursuance of this Act, and to grant proper Relief; be it further enacted, That the said Justices of the Peace or any Three or more of them, or the said Clerk of the Peace for the said County, acting under their Authority, shall and may, and they and he are, and is hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time, during the Execution of this Act, to cause any of the Books of Assessment of the Property or Income Tax, so far as the same relate or refer to, or in anywise concern the Statement of Property to be set forth and stated in the Schedule (A.) in the said recited Act made in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and the Rental or Valuation by which such Assessments are made, mentioned, and described within the said Eastern Division of the said County, and also within the several Boroughs, Towns Corporate, Liberties, and other distinct Jurisdictions within the Eastern Division aforesaid, to be brought before them or him, and to take Copies of such Books or any Part or Parts thereof as they, he, or any of them shall think fit, such Compensation being made to the Parties producing the same respectively as the said Justices resident as aforesaid, or any Three or more of them, shall think reasonable; and if any Person or Persons in whose Custody or Power any of the said Books shall be, shall neglect or refuse to attend the said Justices, or the said Clerk of the Peace with such Book or Books, or to permit them, him, or any of them to take Copies thereof as aforesaid, then, and in every such Case every Person who shall so refuse or neglect, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, Person or Persons so making Default, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any one of the Justices of the Peace residing within and acting for the said Eastern Division of the said County, rendering the Overplus to the Party or Parties respectively on whose Goods and Chattels such Distress and Sale shall be so made as aforesaid; and the same Penalties or Forfeitures, when recovered and received, shall forthwith be paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Eastern Division, to be applied towards the Purposes of this Act.

Power for the
Justices or
Clerk of the
Peace to call
for and take
Copies of
Rates.

Penalty of 10l.
on Persons
neglecting or
refusing to
produce Rates,
&c.

Application of
the Money to
be raised.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the Monies to be raised and received by virtue of this Act, shall in the first Place be applied in discharging and paying all the Expences of obtaining this Act, with lawful Interest from the Time of advancing thereof, and afterwards for the several Purposes of this Act, as the said Justices or any Three or more of them shall from Time to Time think fit and direct; and that after all such Charges and Expences, and the Charges of making such Purchases as aforesaid, and of erecting, finishing, and completing the said Shire Hall and Buildings, and all the Debts incurred thereby, and all other Monies to be paid in pursuance of this Act, shall be fully paid and satisfied, the Surplus of the Monies to be raised and borrowed by virtue of this Act shall, by Order of the said Justices, or by any Three or more of them, be paid into the public Stock of the Eastern Division of the said County, and be deemed and taken, and shall and may be applied and paid as Part of the common Stock, to and for such Uses as the Stock of the said Eastern Division of the County can or may be applied.

Power for the
Justices to ap-
point Persons
to act in the
Capacity of
Overseers for
the Purposes of
this Act, in
Extra-paro-
chial and other
peculiar Places
where no
Overseers are
appointed.

XXIII. And whereas there are within the said Eastern Division of the said County of *Sussex*, Extra-parochial or other peculiar Places over or to which no Overseers or Overseer of the Poor, Petty Constable, or other Peace Officer, are, is, or have or hath been accustomed to be appointed, and in which said Extra-parochial or other peculiar Places there are situate, lying, arising, and being divers Messuages or Tenements, Lands, Tythes, and Hereditaments: And whereas the Non-appointment of such Overseers or Overseer, Petty Constable, or other Peace Officer might impede the carrying into Execution this Act; to remedy which be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justices of the Peace resident as aforesaid, and acting within the Eastern Division of the said County, at their General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the said Eastern Division, or at any Adjournment or Adjournments thereof, to appoint one or more proper Person or Persons in the Nature of, and to act as an Overseer or Overseers, Petty Constable, or other Peace Officer, within and for such Extra-parochial or other peculiar Places respectively, for effectuating the Purposes of this Act; and such Person and Persons respectively shall have the like Powers vested in them respectively for the effectuating all such Purposes, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if he or they had been appointed an Overseer or Overseers of the Poor, Petty Constable, or other Peace Officer, under any of the existent Statute Laws now in being: And, for the more fully effectuating the Purposes of this Act, the like Power is hereby given to all Mayors, Bailiffs, Jurats, Justices and other chief Officers within all and every the Boroughs, Towns Corporate, Cinque Ports, and the Members thereof, Liberties, Franchises, Parishes, Townships, Places and other distinct Jurisdictions within the said Eastern Division of the said County, within which the Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Sussex* have no Jurisdiction, who are hereby also respectively authorized and required to appoint such Person or Persons to act as an Overseer or Overseers, Petty Constable or other Peace Officer, within all and every the Extra-parochial and other peculiar Places within their said several and respective Jurisdictions, for the Purposes of this Act; any Statute, Law, Custom, Privilege, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

The like Power
to Mayors,
Bailiffs, &c.
in Boroughs,
Towns Cor-
porate, and
other distinct
Jurisdictions
within which
the said Jus-
tices have no
Jurisdiction.

XXIV. And, for the more speedy raising a Fund for the Purposes of this Act; be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Justices or any Three or more of them, at their First or any subsequent Meeting or Meetings to be held in pursuance of this Act, to borrow and take up on the Credit of the Rates and Assessments to be levied by virtue of this Act, in Sums of not less than One hundred Pounds or more than One thousand Pounds each, at legal or lower Interest, such Sum and Sums of Money as they the said Justices or any Three or more of them shall think fit, so as the Money to be borrowed as aforesaid do not exceed the Sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds, and to charge all such Rates and Assessments with the several Sums of Money so borrowed, and the Interest due and to grow due thereon respectively: Provided nevertheless, that the aggregate Amount of the Rate or several Rates to be made, levied, and received under the Authority of, and for the Purposes of this Act, shall not in any one Year or within the Space of Twelve successive Calendar Months, exceed Eight Pence in the Pound, according to the Rentals or Valuations aforesaid, or any or either of them; and for securing all and every such Sum and Sums of Money so borrowed, the said Justices or any Three or more of them may, and are hereby empowered, from Time to Time, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands, to mortgage, demise, grant or assign the said Rates and Assessments, or any Part or Parts thereof (the Charges of such Mortgages, Demises, Grants or Assignments to be paid for thereout) to any Person or Persons, as a Security or Securities for the Money which shall be so borrowed, and the Interest thereof; and Copies of all such Mortgages, Demises, Grants or Assignments, shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk of the Peace for the said County of *Sussex* or his Deputy, for each of which Copies he shall be paid the Sum of Five Shillings.

Justices empowered to borrow Money for the Purposes of the Act.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That all Persons to whom such Mortgages, Demises, Grants or Assignments shall be made, shall be, in Proportion to the Sum or Sums therein respectively mentioned, Creditors on the said Rates and Assessments so to be mortgaged as aforesaid, in equal Degree one with another, and shall not have any Preference with respect to the Priority of advancing any such Monies, or of the Dates of their respective Mortgages in respect to the Payment of the Interest thereof, but that the Principal thereof shall be paid in such Course and Order according to Dates, Numbers, or Advances, as the said Justices or any Three of them shall from Time to Time direct and appoint; but so that the whole Money to be secured upon the Credit of such Rates and Assessments shall or may be discharged within Fourteen Years from the Time of passing this Act.

Mortgagees to be Creditors in equal Degree.

XXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Treasurer of the said County acting within the Eastern Division thereof, do and shall give Notice by Advertisement in the *Lewes Journal*, or some other public Newspaper usually circulated within the said County, of the Intention of the said Justices, to pay off the Principal of all or any of the said Securities, specifying the Time when and what Securities are intended to be paid off, at least Three Calendar Months before the Time of such intended Payment, and that from the Time specified in such Notice, all Interest upon such Securities respectively shall cease and be at an End; and the Principal thereof, together with the Interest due up to that Period, shall be

Notice to be given of paying off Securities. |

be placed in the Hands of the said County Treasurer, to be paid to the Owner or Owners of such respective Securities whenever the same shall be demanded.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Form of every Mortgage to be made by virtue of this Act as a Security for any Sum or Sums of Money to be borrowed on the Credit thereof, shall be in the Words following, or in any other Words to the like Purport or Effect; (that is to say)

Form of
Mortgage.

‘ BY Virtue of an Act passed in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of
 ‘ His Majesty King George the Third, intituled, An Act [*here insert the*
 ‘ *Title of this Act*] We, Three of the Commissioners appointed by the said
 ‘ Act, being Justices as aforesaid, in Consideration of the Sum of
 ‘ advanced and lent by *A. B.* upon the Credit and for
 ‘ the Purposes of the said Act, do grant, bargain, sell, and demise unto the
 ‘ said *A. B.* his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, such Proportion of
 ‘ the Rates and Monies arising by virtue of the said Act as the Sum of
 ‘ doth or shall bear to the whole Sum which may at
 ‘ any Time be borrowed or become due and owing, or charged upon the
 ‘ Credit of the said Act, to be had and holden from this
 ‘ Day of in the Year of our Lord
 ‘ until the said Sum of with Interest for the
 ‘ same after the Rate of *per Centum per Annum*, shall
 ‘ be repaid and satisfied. Witness our Hands, the Day
 ‘ of in the Year of our Lord .’

Mortgages or
Annuities may
be assigned.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons to whom any such Mortgage or Mortgages shall be made or granted as aforesaid, or who shall be entitled to the Money thereby respectively secured, may from Time to Time transfer or assign over his, her, or their Right, Title, and Interest to the Money thereby secured, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, by Indorsement on such Security or other Writing to be annexed thereto, in the Words following, or to the like Effect; (that is to say)

Form of
Transfer.

‘ I Do transfer this [*or, the annexed*] Mortgage, with all my Right or
 ‘ Title to the Principal Money hereby [*or, thereby*] secured, and all
 ‘ the Interest now due and to become due for the same, to *C. D.* his Exe-
 ‘ cutors, Administrators and Assigns. Dated the
 ‘ *A. B.*’

Which said Transfer or Assignment shall be produced to the Clerk of the Peace for the Time being for the County of *Suffex*, or his Deputy, who shall register and enter the same in the said Book or Books to be kept for entering the said original Mortgage or Grant, for which he shall be paid Five Shillings by the Person requesting the same; and after such Entry thereof made, and not till then, every such Transfer shall entitle such Assignee, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to the Benefit thereof and Payment thereon, and such Assignees may in like Manner transfer and assign again from Time to Time, such Transfer being entered and paid for as aforesaid; and it shall not be in the Power of such Person or Persons who shall have made such Assignment or Transfer to make void, release, or discharge the same, or any Money due thereon; and in case any

any such original Mortgages, Assignments, or Securities shall be lost or destroyed, the Copies or Entries thereof, made as aforesaid, shall be deemed sufficient Evidence to entitle the Person or Persons to whom the Monies due thereon shall respectively belong to the Payment thereof, as fully and effectually as if such original Mortgages, Assignments, and Securities respectively were existing; and the Clerk or Person in whose Custody such Copies or Entries shall happen to be, is hereby required to produce the same for the Benefit of such Creditors respectively.

XXIX And be it further enacted, That the Interest of the Money which shall be borrowed on Mortgage as aforesaid, shall, from the Time the respective Principal Monies so to be lent or paid shall have been advanced, be paid Half-yearly to the several Parties entitled thereto.

Interest to be paid Half-yearly.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That the said Justices or any Three or more of them shall and they are hereby required to meet at the Town of *Lewes*; on some Day between the First Day of *March* and the First Day of *May* in every Year, until the Powers of this Act shall be fully performed and executed; and at such Meeting the Accounts of all Monies received and paid from Time to Time, by virtue and in Execution of this Act, by any Person or Persons whomsoever, shall from Time to Time be produced, stated, examined and settled, and shall also (if required by the said Justices or any Three or more of them) be verified on the Oath or Oaths of the Person or Persons accounting for the same; which Oath the said Justices or any Three or more of them are hereby authorized and empowered to administer.

At Yearly Meetings to audit Accounts.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That all the Stones, Bricks, Timber, Iron, Lead, and other Materials for building and erecting the said Shire Hall and Sessions House, Buildings and other Conveniencies or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof, and all Furniture, Articles, Matters and Things used in or about the said House, Buildings and other Conveniencies, or any of them, bought, procured or supplied by the Order of the said Justices or any Three or more of them, or bought, procured or supplied by the Order of any Person or Persons whomsoever acting by or under the Authority of such Justices for such Purposes as aforesaid, or any of them, shall belong to and be the Property of, and the same is and are hereby vested in the Justices of the Peace for the said County for the Time being; and it shall be lawful for the said Justices to bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions, or direct the preferring of any Bill or Bills of Indictment (as the Case may require) against any Person or Persons who shall steal, spoil, injure or destroy the said House, Buildings, and other Conveniencies, or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof, or shall steal, take, carry away, spoil, injure or destroy the Stones, Bricks, Timber, Iron, Lead, Furniture, Materials, Articles, Matters, and Things hereby vested in them the said Justices of the Peace of the said County for the Time being as aforesaid, or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof; and in all such Actions and Bills of Indictment, it shall be, and be deemed and taken to be sufficient to state generally, that the said Shire Hall, Sessions House, Buildings, Stones, Bricks, Iron, Lead, Furniture, Article or Articles, Thing or Things, for or on account of which such Action or Actions shall be brought, or Bill or Bills of Indictment preferred, is or are the Property

Materials for building Court Houses vested in Justices.

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of "The Justices of the Peace for the County of *Suffex*," without particularly stating or specifying the Name or Names of all or any of the said Justices.

Persons doing
Damage to be
prosecuted.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully and maliciously break, pull down, damage or destroy the said Shire Hall, Sessions House or Buildings so to be erected, or any Part or Parts 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 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 by whipping or otherwise, or to be punished by Fine, Imprisonment, or otherwise, as to the said Court before whom such Person or Persons shall be tried shall seem meet; and the Justices of the Peace of the said County, or the major Part of them 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, and to direct the Expences of such Prosecutions to be paid by the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Eastern Division of the said County of *Suffex*, out of the public Stock and County Rates of and belonging to the Eastern Division of the said County; and in every such Indictment such Shire Hall, Sessions House, Building or Buildings and Appurtenances, shall be alledged and described, and deemed and taken to be the Shire Hall, Sessions House, Building or Buildings and Appurtenances (as the Case may be) of "The Justices of the Peace for the County of *Suffex*," without particularly naming or specifying the Name or Names of all or any of the said Justices.

The Shire Hall
vested in the
Justices for
public Pur-
poses.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Justices of the Peace for the Time being of the said Eastern Division of the said County, shall stand and be seised of, and interested in the said Shire Hall and Sessions House and Buildings so to be erected and built as aforesaid, and every Matter and Thing appertaining thereto, upon special Trust and Confidence, and to the End, Intent, and Purpose that the said Justices shall and will from Time to Time and at all Times after the same shall be built and finished, peaceably and quietly and freely permit and suffer all the Courts of the Justices of Assize and Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery for the said County of *Suffex*, and also the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Eastern Division of the said County, and all other Courts of the said Justices of the Peace for the said Division, to be holden in the said Shire Hall and the Appurtenances thereunto belonging, with free Liberty for all Persons whom it shall concern to act and officiate in, and to resort to and attend upon the said Courts as they shall have Occasion, and also peaceably, quietly, and freely permit and suffer the Sheriff and Freenolders of the said County of *Suffex* for the Time being, when, and as there shall be Occasion, in the said Shire Hall to make Elections of a Knight or Knights of the Shire to serve in Parliament, and of a Coroner or Coroners for the same County, and also for the said Sheriff to hold therein his County Courts, and peaceably, quietly, and freely permit and suffer the Lords of the Borough of *Lewes*, and their respective

Stewards, Deputy Stewards, Tenants, and other Persons having Business to transact, to hold Courts Leet and Courts Baron in the said Shire Hall, and from Time to Time to meet, assemble, and continue therein, as long as they shall have Occasion so to do; and also peaceably, quietly, and freely permit and suffer the Constables for the Time being, and other Inhabitants of the said Borough of *Lewes* to assemble, meet, and continue there, to make Elections of Burgesses to serve in Parliament for the said Borough, or for any other public Purpose for which they have hitherto been accustomed to use the present Shire Hall, as often as there shall be Occasion; and that when the said Shire Hall shall not be used or employed for any of the Purposes aforesaid, the said Justices may and are hereby empowered from Time to Time and at all Times to permit and suffer the said Shire Hall and Appurtenances to be used and employed in, and for all and every or any such other Uses and Purposes, and in such Manner as the Justices of the Peace at their General Quarter Sessions shall think proper and direct, such Sheriff, Constables, Lords of the Leet and Courts Baron and other Persons respectively using the same, to bear, pay, and discharge the Expences of cleansing the same Shire Hall as often as the same shall be by them respectively used, and of repairing and making good all Damages that may be sustained or occasioned by the Use thereof as aforesaid: Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to permit or authorize the said Sheriff or his Deputy, or the Freeholders of the said County, or the Constables or Inhabitants of the said Borough, to use or occupy any Part or Parts of the said intended Shire Hall, which shall be appropriated to, and used as a Court or Courts of Justice, or as an Office or Offices, Place or Places for the keeping therein the Public Records, Books and Papers belonging to the said County.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Justices of the Peace for the Time being may sue and be sued in any Court or Courts of Law or Equity, for or in respect of any Claim, Contract, or other Matter or Thing made or done by them or any of them under the Authority of this Act, or for or in respect of any Nuisance, Encroachment or Trespass made, done, or committed by any Person or Persons whomsoever in or upon the said Shire Hall, Sessions House, Buildings and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, or any of them, or in or upon any Part or Parts thereof respectively, or in or upon any of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments hereby vested in or to be purchased by the said Justices, or in or upon any Part or Parts thereof respectively, in the Name of the Clerk of the Peace for the said County or his Deputy for the Time being, and in the commencing, prosecuting, carrying on and defending all such Actions or Suits, such Shire Hall, Sessions House, Buildings, Appurtenances, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments shall be deemed and considered in Law to be and shall be described to be in the Possession of the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Sussex* to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and no such Action or Suit brought or commenced by or against them 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

Justices may
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sued in any
Court of Law
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Clerk of the
Peace to be
reimbursed
his Expences.

the Time being shall always be deemed the Plaintiff or Defendant in such Action or Suit: 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, or the major Part of them, reimbursed and paid by the Treasurer of the said County, out of the Public Stock and County Rates of the said Eastern Division of the said County, 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.

Persons ag-
grieved may
appeal to the
Quarter Ses-
sions.

XXXV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all Persons who shall apprehend themselves overcharged or otherwise aggrieved by any Assessment or other Act to be made or done by virtue of this present Act, may appeal to the Justices of the Peace assembled at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for the Eastern Division of the said County, after Demand of the Monies assessed, or after such other Act done, who shall and may make such Order therein as to them or the major Part of them then and there present shall seem meet.

Limitation of
Actions.

XXXVI. 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 of this Act, such Action or Suit shall be brought and commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed and not afterwards, and shall be laid and brought in the County of *Suffex* and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit shall and

General Issue.

may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or discontinue such Action or Suit, or if upon Demurrer Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the

Treble Costs.

Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have such Remedy for such Costs as any other Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in any other Case by Law.

Public Act.

XXXVII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and 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.

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