



ANNO QUADRAGESIMO OCTAVO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 51.

An Act for enlarging the Powers of an Act of His present Majesty, for the more easy and speedy Recovery of Small Debts within the City of *Rochester*, the Parish of *Strood*, and several other Parishes and Places in the County of *Kent*. [27th May 1808.]

WHEREAS an Act was made in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the more easy and speedy Recovery of Small Debts within the City of Rochester, and the Parishes of Strood, Frindsbury, Cobham, Shorne, Higham, Cliffe, Cooling, High Halstow, Chalk, Hoo, Burham, Wouldham, Halling, Cuxstone, Chatham, and Gillingham, and the Ville of Sheerness, in the County of Kent*: And whereas the said Act has been found useful and beneficial; but the same is in some respects defective and insufficient fully to answer the good Purposes thereby intended; and it is expedient that some of the Provisions of the said Act should be amended and enlarged: And whereas it would greatly tend to the Improvement and Encouragement of Trade in the said City and Parishes, and to the necessary Support and Protection of useful Credit within the same, if the Powers of the said recited Act were extended to the Recovery of Small Debts not exceeding Five Pounds; may it therefore please Your Majesty, That it may be enacted;

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Part of former
Act repealed.

ed ; 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 so much of the said recited Act as confines or restrains the Cognizance or Jurisdiction of the Court of Requests for the said City and Parishes, to any Debt or Debts not exceeding the Sum of Forty Shillings, shall, from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and eight, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Commission-
ers of former
Act to execute
this Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Commissioners who are or shall be nominated and appointed in the Manner directed by the said recited Act, are and shall be Commissioners for putting the said recited Act and this Act into Execution, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the several Regulations, Powers, and Authorities contained in the said recited Act, touching or concerning the Nomination or Appointment of such Commissioners, were repeated and re-enacted in this present Act.

Regulations as
to what Num-
ber of Com-
missioners
shall be pre-
sent,

III. And be it further enacted, That on the Hearing, Examination, and Determination of each and every Action, Cause, or Question, for the Recovery of any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, Five at least of the said Commissioners shall be present in Court ; and on the Hearing, Examination, and Determination of each and every Action, Cause, or Question, for the Recovery of any Sum exceeding Forty Shillings, Three at least of the said Commissioners shall be present in Court.

Clerks ap-
pointed under
the former
Act to be con-
tinued,

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk and Deputy Clerk duly elected under and by virtue of the said recited Act, shall remain and continue to be such Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the said Court of Requests, for the Execution of the Purposes in the said recited Act and in this Act contained, subject and liable to the Rules, Orders, Regulations, Restrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures in the said recited Act and this Act contained.

For after aim-
ing who shall
be Plaintiffs
and Defend-
ants.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons, whether residing within the said City or Parishes, or any of them, or elsewhere, and all Bodies Politic or Corporate, and Fraternities or Brotherhoods, whether Corporate or not Corporate, who now have or hereafter shall have any such Debt or Debts as is or are described in the said recited Act or any of them, or any other Debt or Debts (save and except such as are herein excepted) owing or due to or claimed or demanded by such Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, or Corporate, and Fraternities or Brotherhoods, whether Corporate, or not Corporate, in his, her, or their own Right, or in the Right of any other Person or Persons to whom he, she, or they shall be Executor, Administrator, Guardian, or Trustee, and for which Debt or Debts he, she, or they shall demand any Sum of Money not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds from any Person or Persons whomsoever, residing or inhabiting within the said City or Parishes, or either of them, or keeping any House, Warehouse, Shop, Shed, Stall, or Stand, or seeking a Livelihood, or trading or dealing within the said City or Parishes, or either of them, to cause such Debtor or Debtors, Person or Persons from whom such Debt or Debts shall be due or owing, or claimed or demanded ; and so a Resident Inhabitant, or keeping any House, Warehouse, Shop, Shed,

Shed, Stall, or Stand, or seeking a Livelihood, or trading or dealing as aforesaid, to be warned or summoned by personal Service, or by a printed or written Summons left at the Dwelling House, Lodgings, or Place of Abode, Warehouse, Shop, Shed, Stall, Stand, or any other Place of dealing of such Debtor or Debtors, or Person or Persons as aforesaid, within the Jurisdiction of the said Court, to appear before the Commissioners of the said Court at such Time and Place as in such Summons shall be expressed, in such and the same Manner, and under and subject to such and the same Powers, Process, and Method of Proceedings, Orders, Judgements, Decrees, and Executions, as are mentioned, expressed, enacted, and declared in and by the said recited Act; and the said Commissioners shall and may in or by such their Orders, Decrees, and Judgements, order and direct the Payment of any such Debt or Debts to be made either in One Sum at Once or by Instalments at stated Periods, as they shall see Cause and deem just and reasonable; and every such Order, Decree, Judgment, and Proceeding so to be made shall be registered in a Book or Books as the same have been accustomed to be registered, and such Registry shall be made by the said Clerk or Deputy Clerk or one of them, and the Party Plaintiff or Parties Plaintiffs, and the Debtor or Defendant, or Debtors or Defendants, whom any such Order, Decree, Judgment, or Proceeding shall respectively concern, shall observe, perform, and keep the same respectively in all Points: Provided always, that no such Order, Decree, Judgment, or Proceeding shall be removed or removeable by *Certiorari* or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or elsewhere.

VI. And, for better regulating the Sittings of the said Court; be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall not hold the said Court, or hear or determine any Case or Cases, Cause or Causes by virtue of the said recited Act or of this Act, but between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, and that nothing in the said recited Act or in this Act, or in either of them contained, shall extend or be construed to extend so as to require or compel the Attendance of any Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Defendant or Defendants, Witness or Witnesses in the said Court in pursuance of any Order or Summons issued out of the said Court, or by any Person or Persons whomsoever acting as an Officer or Officers of the said Court, save and except between the said Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and Four of the Clock in the Afternoon.

To regulate
the Sittings of
the Court.

VII. And be it further enacted, That no Evidence shall be permitted to be given by the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs on the Trial of any such Cause or Action as aforesaid, or of any Cause of Action, except such as is stated in the said Summons hereby directed to be given, nor shall any Evidence be admitted on Behalf of the Defendant or Defendants on the Trial of such Cause or Action, of any Demand he, she, or they may have on the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in the Nature of a Set-off, to lessen or discharge himself, herself, or themselves from such Demand or Cause of Action, unless Notice thereof in Writing has been given to the said Plaintiff or Plaintiffs by personal Service, or by leaving it at his, her, or their Dwelling-house, Warehouse, Wharf, Quay, Lodging, Place of Abode, Shop, Shed, Stall, Stand, or other

No Evidence
to be given by
Plaintiff of any
Matter not
stated in his
Summons, nor
by Defendant
of any cross
Demand he
may have on
the Plaintiff.

other Place of dealing, trading, or working, previous to the Day when such Matter or Cause shall be heard or tried.

And if Plaintiff does not appear to prove his Demand, Defendant shall have Costs.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if upon any Day of the Return of any Summons issued on the Behalf of any Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or at any Continuation or Adjournment of the said Court, or of the Cause for or on account of which the said Summons shall have been issued, the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall not appear, either in Person, or by his, her, or their Agent, or some other Person on his, her, or their Behalf, or appearing, shall not make Proof of his, her, or their Demands to the Satisfaction of the said Court, but shall become non-suited, or Judgment shall be pronounced against him, her, or them, by the said Court, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners present in Court, to award to the Defendant or Defendants such reasonable Costs, and such reasonable Satisfaction for his, her, or their Trouble and Attendance, as they the said Commissioners in their Discretion shall think fit, and to order and compel the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs to pay the same, by such Ways and Means as any Debt or Debts ordered or decreed by the said Court can or may be recovered.

Punishing Witnesses not attending if summoned.

IX. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons residing or being within the Jurisdiction of the said Court, after having been duly served with a Subpœna or Summons, to be issued by the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the said Court of Requests, or either of them, and paid or tendered his or her reasonable Expences, to attend and give his, her, or their Evidence at a Time and Place in such Subpœna or Summons mentioned, on Behalf of any Plaintiff or Defendant, shall neglect or refuse to appear pursuant to such Subpœna or Summons, due Proof being made of the Service of such Subpœna or Summons, and no sufficient Cause for his, her, or their Absence or Non-appearance being shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court, on Oath, or in case of being a *Quaker* or *Quakers*, solemn Affirmation being made (which Oath or Affirmation the said Commissioners or any Three or more of them are hereby authorized and required to administer) before the said Commissioners, by the Party or Parties at whose Instance and on whose Behalf such Subpœna or Summons issued, that the Person or Persons served therewith was or were a Witness by such Party or Parties judged necessary for the Proof of his, her, or their Cause or Causes, Action or Actions, Complaint or Complaints, Defence or Defences, or if the Person or Persons so served with such Subpœna or Summons shall appear and refuse to be sworn, or being a *Quaker* or *Quakers* to make Affirmation, (which Oath or Affirmation the said Commissioners or any Three or more of them are hereby authorized and required to administer), or to give Evidence touching the Matter in Question, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners to impose any Fine, not exceeding Five Pounds on such Person or Persons; and in case such Fine shall not be paid forthwith, such Fine shall and may be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders; by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the said Commissioners, rendering the Overplus, if any, after deducting such Fine, and the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale, to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels; and such Fine, when so paid, levied, or recovered, shall be paid over to the Party or Parties at whose Instance or on whose Behalf such Subpœna

Subpoena or Summons shall have been issued ; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Three or more of the said Commissioners to commit such Offender to the Common Gaol in and for the said City of *Rochester*, for any Time not exceeding the Space of One Calendar Month.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful to or for the said Commissioners to issue any Process against the Body or Bodies of any Person or Persons in any Case or Cases where the Party entitled to the Benefit of any Order, Judgment, or Decree shall at the same Time have obtained any Warrant or Process against the Goods and Chattels of the same Person or Persons.

Process not to
issue against
both the Body
and Goods.

XI. And, for the more effectual Protection of the said Commissioners whilst sitting in the said Court from Insult, be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall contemptuously and wilfully insult or abuse all or any of the said Commissioners, or any of the Officers of the said Court for the Time being, during his or their Sitting or Attendance in the said Court, or shall interrupt or obstruct the Proceedings of the said Court, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Serjeant or Serjeants of the said Court, or any other Person or Persons, by the Order of the said Commissioners, to take such Offender or Offenders into Custody, and the said Commissioners shall then examine into such Insults, Abuse, or Misbehaviour, either from their own View or Knowledge of what passed, or by the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses ; and upon such Insult, Abuse, or Misbehaviour, being duly proved as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners and they are hereby authorized and empowered to impose a Fine not exceeding Five Pounds for each and every such Offence, on each and every such Offender or Offenders ; and in case such Fine shall not be forthwith paid, such Fine shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender or Offenders, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any Three or more of the said Commissioners, rendering the Overplus (if any) after deducting such Fine, and the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale, to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels ; and the said Fine, when so paid, levied, or recovered, shall be paid to and distributed by the said Commissioners, in such Shares and Proportions and in such Manner, amongst the Poor of the several Parishes and Places within the Jurisdiction of the said Court, as they the said Commissioners shall think fit and proper ; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, it shall and may be lawful for any Three or more of the said Commissioners to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol of the said City of *Rochester*, for any Time not exceeding the Space of One Calendar Month.

For punishing
Contempts of
the Court.

XII. And be it further enacted, That in every case where any Wages not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds shall be due to any menial or other Servant, Clerk, Book-keeper, Journeyman, Shopman, Shopwoman, Assistant, Labourer, or any other Person whosoever, under the Age of Twenty-one Years, it shall be lawful for such Servant, Clerk, Book-keeper, Journeyman, Shopman, Shopwoman, Assistant, Labourer, or other Person to sue for and recover such Debt in the said Court of Requests, in the same Man-

Minors may
sue for Wages.

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her as if he or she were of full Age; and the said Commissioners or any Three or more of them, or any Five or more of them, according to the Amount of such Debt, are hereby fully authorized and required in such Cases to take cognizance of and proceed concerning such Debts, in the same Manner, and shall have such and the same Powers in regard thereto as if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs were of full Age.

The Court shall not have Jurisdiction in certain Cases.

XIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend so as to enable the said Commissioners to determine the Right or Title to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Real Estates whatsoever; or to judge, determine, or decide on any Debt where the Title of the Freehold or Lease for Years or Lives of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, of any Chattels Real whatsoever, shall be brought or come into Question; nor any Debt which shall not be for the Payment of a Sum certain, nor any Debt for any Sum being the Balance of an Account on Demand originally exceeding Five Pounds; or to judge, determine, or decide on any Debt that shall arise by reason of the Occupation of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, situate elsewhere than in the said City or Parishes, or one of them; or by reason of any Cause concerning Testament or Matrimony, or any Thing concerning or properly belonging to the Ecclesiastical Court, or for or concerning any Agreement by way of Composition for or by way of Retainer of Tythes, or for any Matter sueable therein, any Thing in the said recited Act or this Act contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Plaintiffs shall not have Costs in Actions sueable in this Court and brought elsewhere.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* for any Debt not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, and recoverable by virtue of the said recited Act and of this Act, or either of them, in the said Court of Requests, then and in every such Case the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Suit shall not, by reason of a Verdict for him, her, or them, or otherwise, have or be entitled to any Costs whatsoever; and if the Verdict shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit, and the Judge or Judges before whom the same shall be tried or heard shall think fit to certify that such Debt ought to have been recovered in the said Court of Requests, then and in every such Case such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same, as any Defendant or Defendants may have for his, her, or their Costs in any Cases by Law; Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent or restrain any Person or Persons from making Distress for any Rent or Arrears thereof, although the same Rent shall not exceed the Sum of Five Pounds.

Statute of Limitations may be pleaded in this Court.

XV. And, for removing all Doubts whether the Statute of Limitations may be pleaded in the said Court of Requests; be it further enacted, That all Defendants in the said Court shall be allowed to plead or claim the Benefit of any Statute of Limitations now in being, or hereafter to be made; and every Defendant so pleading or claiming, shall have and receive such or the like Advantage or Relief thereby, as such Defendant would have been entitled to in case this Act had not been made, and he or she had been sued for the same Debt or other Cause of Action in any of His Majesty's Courts

Courts at *Westminster*, or any other Court; and had there pleaded such Statute in bar to the Action or Suit.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons whomsoever, who shall be committed to the Gaol of the said City, by Order of the said Court of Requests, shall be kept or continued in Custody, on any Pretence whatsoever (save and except as may be herein excepted) for any longer Space or Spaces of Time, from the Time of his, her, or their Commitment to Prison, than is or are next herein-after limited in that Behalf; (that is to say) Where the Debt (exclusive of Costs) does not exceed Twenty Shillings, then he, she, or they shall not be kept or continued in Custody for more than Twenty Days; and where the Debt (exclusive of Costs) exceeds Twenty Shillings, and does not exceed Forty Shillings, then not more than Forty Days; and where the Debt (exclusive of Costs) exceeds Forty Shillings, and does not exceed Three Pounds, then not more than Sixty Days; and where the Debt (exclusive of Costs) exceeds Three Pounds, and does not exceed Four Pounds, then not more than Eighty Days; and where the Debt (exclusive of Costs) exceeds Four Pounds, then not more than One hundred Days, from the Time of such, his, her, or their Commitment; and the Gaoler or Keeper of the said Gaol for the Time being is hereby directed and required to discharge such Persons accordingly.

Limiting the Time of Imprisonment.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act, all and every Person and Persons who shall be taken in Execution under or by virtue of any Process issuing from or out of the said Court of Requests, and who at the Time of being taken into Custody or during his, her, or their Imprisonment, shall have more than one Execution against him, her, or them in the said Court, he, she, or they shall be imprisoned the limited Time for and in respect of each and every Execution, (that is to say) after the Time so limited on the First Execution is expired, the Imprisonment on the Second Execution shall commence; and after the Time so limited on the Second Execution is expired, the Imprisonment on the Third Execution shall commence; and so on until he, she, or they shall have been imprisoned the Time by this Act limited, for and in respect of each and every separate Execution to be issued against him, her, or them, in the said Court, previous to his, her, or their being taken into Custody, or during his, her, or their Imprisonment; any Law, Usage, or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Regulations as to such Imprisonment where more than one Execution issues.

XVIII. And, in order the more effectually to prevent Persons summoned for Debts to the said Court from the fraudulent Concealment of their Money or Goods; be it further enacted, That in case upon the Summons of any Person for any Debt or Debts before the said Court, Information of any such Practice shall be given to the said Court, then and in such Case such Court shall have Power to hear Evidence as to such fraudulent Concealment; and in case it shall be proved to their Satisfaction, upon the Oath of One or more Witnesses or Witnesses, or being a Quaker or Quakers on Affirmation, (which Oath and Affirmation the said Court is hereby empowered to administer) that any such Debtor has Money or Goods which he or she has fraudulently and wilfully concealed, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court to enlarge the afore-
Time

If any Debtor conceals Money or Goods, the Time of his Imprisonment shall be enlarged.

Time of Imprisonment to any Period, in Addition thereto, not exceeding One Calendar Month.

Debtors not
liable to pay
Gaol Fees.

Two Justices
may deter-
mine such
Offence.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That each and every Person imprisoned by virtue of this Act shall, on the Expiration of his or her Time of Imprisonment, be discharged and set at liberty without paying any Sum or Sums of Money, Fee or Fees, or other Reward or Gratuity whatsoever, to the Keeper or Keepers, Turnkey or Turnkeys, of the said Gaol or Prison, or others, by way of Gaol Fees or Discharge Fees, or on any other Pretence whatsoever; and if any Keeper or Keepers, Turnkey or Turnkeys, of the said Gaol or Prison, or any other Person whomsoever, shall demand, take, or receive any Fee or Fees, Sum or Sums of Money whatsoever, upon the Discharge of any such Person or Persons so committed to his or their Charge or Custody as aforesaid, or shall keep or detain any such Person or Persons a Prisoner or Prisoners after the Time by this Act limited for his, her, or their Imprisonment, every such Keeper, Turnkey, and other Person, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds; and it shall and may be lawful to and for any Two Justices of the Peace for the said City to hear and determine every such Offence, and such Two Justices are hereby authorized and required, upon any Information exhibited or Complaint made before them of such Offence having been committed, in case such Information shall be exhibited or Complaint made within Two Calendar Months after the Offence committed, to summon the Party accused, and also the Witnesses on each Side, and to examine into the Matter of Fact, and upon due Proof made thereof by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, or by the voluntary Confession of the Party accused, to give Judgement or Sentence for such Penalty or Forfeiture aforesaid; and in case such Penalty or Forfeiture shall not be forthwith paid, to issue a Warrant, under their Hands and Seals, for levying such Penalty and Forfeiture by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, rendering the Overplus (if any) after deducting such Penalty and Forfeiture, and the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale, to the Owner or Owners thereof; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justices to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol for the said City, for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months unless such Penalty and Forfeiture, and all Costs and Charges attending such Conviction be sooner paid and discharged; and one Moiety of such Penalty and Forfeiture, when paid or received, shall be paid to the Person or Persons informing or suing for the same, and the other Moiety thereof to the Clerk to the said Commissioners, and the same shall be by the said Commissioners distributed amongst the Poor of the several Parishes and Places within the Jurisdiction of the said Court, in such Shares and Proportions as to the said Commissioners shall seem right and proper.

Regulations as
to Officer's
Fees.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the several Fees and Sums of Money herein-after limited and expressed, and no other, shall be taken by the Clerk and Serjeant of the said Court for their respective Services in the Execution of the said recited Act and of this Act, in lieu and instead of the Fees and Sums of Money limited and expressed in the said recited Act made in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty; that is to say,

CLERK'S

	On Debts not exceeding Forty Shillings.	On Debts above Forty Shillings.
	s. d.	s. d.
CLERK'S FEES.		
For every Summons	1 0	2 0
For every Summons for the Attendance of not more than Two Witnesses	1 0	2 0
For calling the Plaintiff or Defendant before the Court	0 3	0 6
For entering an Appearance	0 6	1 0
For a Nonfuit on the Plaintiff's not appearing	1 0	1 0
For paying Money into Court	1 0	2 0
For every Hearing	1 0	2 0
For a Copy of every Order upon a Hearing, and of every Judgment of Nonfuit	1 0	2 0
For an Execution	2 6	3 6
For acknowledging Satisfaction in Part	0 4	0 4
For acknowledging Satisfaction in full	0 9	1 6
For every Search	0 3	0 6
For swearing every Witness	0 3	0 6
For giving Notice to the Plaintiff if required of the Service of his Execution	1 6	2 0
SERJEANT'S FEES.		
For the Service of every Summons on Defendant	0 8	1 0
For the Service of every Summons on a Witness	0 4	0 6
For calling the Plaintiff or Defendant before the Court	0 2	0 3
For the Service of every Order upon a Hearing, and of every Judgment of Nonfuit	0 4	0 6
For levying an Execution on Debts not exceed- ing Fifteen Shillings.	1 0	—
Above Fifteen Shillings and not exceeding Twenty Shillings	1 6	—
Above Twenty Shillings and not exceeding Forty Shillings	2 6	—
Above Forty Shillings and not exceeding Sixty Shillings	—	3 0
Above Sixty Shillings and not exceeding Eighty Shillings	—	4 0
Above Eighty Shillings	—	5 0

Provisions of
the former
Act to apply
to this Act.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said recited Act, and all and every the Powers, Provisoos, Clauses, Matters, and Things therein contained, shall so far as the same are not varied, altered, or repealed, or otherwise provided for by this present Act, be as good, valid and effectual for carrying this Act into Execution, as if the same had been repeated; and re-enacted in this Act.

Public Act.

XXII. 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.

Commence-
ment of the
Act.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence and take Effect from and after the said Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and eight.

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