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An Act for amending and enlarging the Powers of an Act of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the Improvement of the Town of Bedford in the County of Bedford, and for rebuilding the Bridge over the River Ouze in the said Town.*

[18th May 1810.]

WHEREAS, an Act was passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the Improvement of the Town of Bedford in the County of Bedford, and for rebuilding the Bridge over the River Ouze in the said Town;* whereby the several Persons therein named, together with other Persons, to be elected and appointed in the Manner thereby directed, are appointed Commissioners for putting the said Act into Execution, by the Name and Style of *The Commissioners for the Improvement of the Town of Bedford in the County of Bedford;* and all that Building situate in the Parish of *Saint Paul* in the said Town, called the *Guildhall*, and the Scite of Ground whereon the same stood, and all that Building in the same Parish called the *Butter Market House*, and the Scite of Ground whereon the same stood, and all Public Market Places within the said Town, were thereby vested in the said Commissioners, and the said Commissioners were empowered and required to take down the said *Guildhall* and *Butter Market House*, and to purchase and take down divers Messuages, Tenements, Shops, Shambles, Buildings, and Erections, and to erect and build a new and

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more commodious Guildhall, and also such new Market House or Market Houses, Butcher's Shops, Sheds, Shambles, Stalls, Standings, Slaughter-houses, Buildings and Conveniences, as the said Commissioners should judge to be suitable or proper for the Use and Convenience of the Inhabitants of the said Town of *Bedford*, and the Persons attending the Markets; and so soon as the said Guildhall, Market House or Market Houses, and other Buildings, should be erected, the said Commissioners were required, in consideration of the Assignment and Conveyance of certain Tolls payable to the Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses and Commonalty of the Town and Borough of *Bedford*, for the Passage over *Bedford* Bridge, to bargain, sell, and convey, to the said Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses, and Commonalty, the said Guildhall, Market House and Market Houses, and other Buildings, and the Scite or Scites of Ground whereon the same should be respectively erected, and also the Market Place or Market Places, and all Ground thereto belonging, and the same should be vested in the said Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and should be for ever afterwards maintained and kept in repair at their Expence; and in consideration of forming the said Market Place or Market Places, and erecting, building, and completing the said Guildhall, Market Houses, and Buildings, and vesting the same in the said Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses, and Commonalty, they the said Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses, and Commonalty, were required to bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and convey to the said Commissioners all such Tolls and Duties as the said Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses, and Commonalty were entitled to take and receive for the Passage of Carriages and Cattle upon or over the said Bridge; and thereupon all the said Tolls and Duties should be vested in the said Commissioners, and should be applied for the Purposes of the said Act, and the said Bridge should be kept in Repair at the Expence of the said Commissioners, and the said Commissioners were required to repair and amend the Highways (not being Turnpike Roads), to pave, cleanse, light, watch, and water the several Streets, Squares, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places, and to make Sewers, and divers other Improvements within the said Town of *Bedford*; and to enable the said Commissioners to carry the several Purposes aforesaid into Execution, they were empowered to lay and assess One or more Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments upon all Messuages, Buildings, Yards, and Gardens, within the said Town of *Bedford*, not exceeding in the Whole in any Year Eight-pence in the Pound according to the yearly Rent or Value thereof, and to rate and assess the Sum of One Shilling and no more yearly upon all Halls, Gaols, Chapels, Meeting Houses, Schools, Almshouses, (except the Almshouses founded by *Christie Skinner* deceased), and other public Buildings, Church Yards, Chapel Yards, and Meeting House Yards within the said Town, for every Yard running measure of the Length in Front thereof respectively, and the like Sum of One Shilling and no more yearly for every Yard running measure of the Length of such Parts of the said Streets, Squares, Lanes, and other public Passages or Places, as had been thentofore repaired at the Expence of the said Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses, and Commonalty; and the said Commissioners were empowered to borrow and take up at Interest any Sum or Sums of Money upon the Credit of the said Rates or Assessments, provided the whole Sum to be charged thereon should not at any Time exceed the Sum of Three thousand Pounds; and all that the Bridge over the River *Ouze* in the said Town of *Bedford* called *Bedford* Bridge, and the Scite and Situation whereon the same stands, and the Materials thereof, and such

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Part or Parts of the public Streets, Highways, and Passages within the said Town of *Bedford* as adjoin to the said Bridge, and which the said Commissioners should consider necessary for the erection of the Bridge thereby intended to be built, and making proper Avenues thereto, were by the said Act vested in the said Commissioners; and the said Commissioners were thereby authorized and empowered to take down, remove, carry away, sell, and dispose of the said Bridge, and the Materials thereof in such Manner as they should think proper, and to construct and build a new Bridge of Stone or Iron of sufficient Width for the Passage of Carriages, with a proper uniform Ballustrade on each Side thereof, over the said River, upon or near the Scite, and instead of the said Bridge so intended to be taken down; and the said Commissioners were required, before they should begin to take down and remove the present Bridge, to erect and build a Timber Bridge across the said River, and to make Roads and Avenues leading thereto over certain Grounds and Premises therein mentioned; for the temporary Passage of Carriages, Horses, and other Beasts, and Foot Passengers, during the taking down and removing of the present Bridge, and erecting the said intended Bridge; and the said Commissioners were empowered to demand and take certain Tolls, before any Passage over the said Bridge should be permitted; and to borrow and take up at Interest any Sum or Sums of Money upon the Credit of the said Tolls, provided that the whole Sum to be charged thereon should not at any Time exceed the Sum of Eight thousand Pounds; and the said Commissioners were required, after the said Tolls and Duties payable to the said Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses and Commonalty should have been vested in the Commissioners in Manner aforesaid, and before any of the Tolls by the said Act granted should become payable, to pay and transfer out of any Monies to be received by them by virtue of the said Act, for the Purposes of the said Bridge, to the Account of the said Commissioners for paving and improving the said Town the Sum of Nine hundred Pounds, as the full Consideration and Compensation for the said Tolls and Duties payable to the said Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses, and Commonalty; and after Payment of the said Sum of Nine hundred Pounds to the Account and in Manner aforesaid, all the said Tolls and Duties so to be conveyed to and vested in the said Commissioners should cease and determine: And whereas the said Commissioners have proceeded in the Execution of so much of the said Act as relates to the taking down the said Guildhall and Market Houses, purchasing Messuages and Buildings for the Purposes of a new Guildhall and Market Places, and erecting and building new Market Houses and Slaughter Houses, with proper and convenient Offices, Buildings, and Appurtenances thereto, and have proceeded in Part in the paving and lighting the Streets, Squares, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places within the said Town, and have from Time to Time borrowed considerable Sums of Money on the Credit of the Rates or Assessments by the said Act granted, which still remain due: And whereas the Rates or Assessments by the said Act granted, and the Sum of Three thousand Pounds allowed to be borrowed on the Credit thereof, are inadequate to the building a new Guildhall, the paving, lighting, watching and watering of the said Streets, Squares, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places, and the several other Purposes to which by the said Act the same are made applicable: And whereas the said Bridge is become dangerous for the passing of Persons, Carriages, and Cattle over the same, and the Tolls by the said Act granted, and the Sum of Eight thousand Pounds allowed to be borrowed on the Credit of such Tolls, are found to be inadequate to the

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Expences of taking down the said Bridge, the building the said intended Stone or Iron and temporary Timber Bridges, and the Purchase of the Ground and Buildings necessary for making proper Avenues thereto: And whereas the several Purposes of the said Act cannot be accomplished unless some of the Powers and Provisions thereof are altered and amended, and some further and other Powers granted: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Commissioners appointed for putting in Execution the said recited Act shall be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for putting in Execution this Act.

The power of
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II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, the Powers and Authorities by the said recited Act given to the said Commissioners for laying and assessing One or more Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments upon all Messuages, Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Buildings, Yards, and Gardens, situate within the several Parishes of *Saint Paul, Saint Peter, Saint Cuthbert, Saint Mary, and Saint John*, in the said Town of *Bedford*, to carry the several Purposes in the said Act mentioned or any of them into Execution, which are by the said Act limited, so as not to exceed in the Whole in any one Year the Sum of Eight-pence in the Pound according to the yearly Rent or Value of such Messuages, Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Buildings, Yards, and Gardens, shall extend, and the same are hereby extended to enable the said Commissioners, and it shall be from henceforth lawful for them and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to lay and assess One or more such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, to such further or greater Amount as they the said Commissioners shall order and direct, so as such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, do not exceed in the Whole in any one Year the Sum of One Shilling in the Pound according to the yearly Rent or Value of such Messuages, Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Buildings, Yards, and Gardens; and that the Powers and Authorities by the said recited Act given to the said Commissioners for rating and assessing yearly the Sum of One Shilling and no more, upon all Halls, Gaols, Chapels, Meeting Houses, Schools, Alms Houses (except the Alms Houses founded by *Christie Skinner* deceased), and other public Buildings, Church Yards, Chapel Yards, and Meeting House Yards, within the said Town, for every Yard running Measure of the Length in Front of such Halls, Gaols, Chapels, Meeting Houses, Schools, Alms Houses, and other public Buildings, Church Yards, Chapel Yards, and Meeting House Yards, and for every Yard running Measure of the Length of such Parts of the Streets, Squares, Lanes, and other public Passages or Places within the said Town of *Bedford*, as have been heretofore repaired at the Expence of the Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Town and Borough of *Bedford* for the Time being, shall extend and the same are hereby extended to enable the said Commissioners, and it shall be henceforth lawful for them and they are hereby authorized and empowered to rate and assess the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence, and no more yearly, upon all Halls, Gaols, Chapels, Meeting Houses, Schools, Alms Houses (except the Alms Houses founded by *Christie Skinner* deceased), and other public Buildings, Church Yards, Chapel Yards, and Meeting House Yards within the said Town of *Bedford*, for every Yard running Measure of the Length in Front of such Halls,

Halls, Gaols, Chapels, Meeting Houses, Schools, Alms Houses, and other public Buildings, Church Yards, Chapel Yards, and Meeting House Yards, and for every Yard running Measure of the Length of such Parts of the said Streets, Squares, Lanes, and other public Passages or Places as have been heretofore repaired at the Expence of the said Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses and Commonalty.

III. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as relates to the covering of all Houses, Outhouses and other Buildings, which shall be built, erected, rebuilt, or new covered within the Distance of Three Quarters of a Mile from the Parish Church of *Saint Paul* in the said Town of *Bedford*, with Lead, Copper, or other Metal, Slate, or Tile, and not otherwise, shall from and after the passing of this Act be and the same is hereby repealed.

So much of Act as relates to the covering of future Buildings with Metal, Slate, or Tile, repealed.

IV. And for more effectually preventing Accidents by Fire, and for the greater Safety and Security of the Inhabitants of the said Town of *Bedford*, be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act no Stack, Mow, or Rick of Hay, Corn, Grain, or Pulse in the Straw, Straw, Haulm, Rushes, or Furze, shall be erected, built, set up, or made, within the Distance of One hundred Yards, from any Messuage, Tenement, Cottage, or Dwelling House, standing or being or which shall hereafter stand or be within any or either of the several Parishes of *Saint Paul*, *Saint Peter*, *Saint Cuthbert*, *Saint Mary*, and *Saint John*, in the said Town of *Bedford*, unless the same shall be erected, built, set up, made, or placed in or under some Building covered with Lead, Copper, or other Metal, Slate, Tile, or Stone; and that all Houses, Outhouses, and other Buildings or Erections, and all Stacks or Piles of Bark, Faggots or Wood, having any sort of Covering thereon which after the passing of this Act shall be built, erected, rebuilt, or set up, or which shall be new covered, or the Covering whereof respectively shall either in the Whole or in Part be repaired within the Distance of One hundred Yards from any Messuage, Tenement, Cottage, or Dwelling House, standing or being or which shall hereafter stand or be within any or either of the several Parishes of *Saint Paul*, *Saint Peter*, *Saint Cuthbert*, *Saint Mary*, and *Saint John*, in the said Town of *Bedford*, shall be covered or repaired with Lead, Copper, or other Metal, Slate, Tile, or Stone, and no other Covering whatever; and if any Person or Persons, at any Time or Times after the passing of this Act, shall erect, build, set up, or make, or cause to be erected, built, set up, or made any Stack, Mow, or Rick of Hay, Corn, Grain, or Pulse in the Straw, Straw, Haulm, Rushes, or Furze, unless the same shall be placed in or under some Building covered with Lead, Copper, or other Metal, Slate, Tile, or Stone, or shall cover or cause to be covered, or repair or cause to be repaired, the Covering, either in the Whole or in Part, of any House, Outhouse, Building, Erection, Stack, or Pile of Bark, Faggots or Wood, or any Part thereof, with any other Covering than Lead, Copper, or other Metal, Slate, Tile, or Stone, within the Distance of One hundred Yards from any Messuage, Tenement, Cottage, or Dwelling House standing or being or which shall stand or be in any or either of the several Parishes of *Saint Paul*, *Saint Peter*, *Saint Cuthbert*, *Saint Mary*, and *Saint John*, in the said Town of *Bedford*, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, and any further Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings for every Day such Offence shall continue;

No Stacks of Hay, Corn, &c. to be set up.

All future Buildings, &c. to be covered with Metal, Slate, Tile, or Stone.

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and the Master and Workmen employed to cover or repair the Covering of the same, shall each respectively forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum. not exceeding Five Pounds; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required, by Notice in Writing under the Hands of any Five or more of them, to be delivered to the Owner or Occupier of any such Stack, Mow, Rick, House, Outhouse, Building, Erection, or Pile, or left at his, her or their Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, to order and direct the Removal of such Stack, Mow, or Rick, and the Covering of such House, Outhouse, Building, Erection, Stack, or Pile of Bark, Faggots, or Wood, which shall be covered or repaired with any other Covering than Lead, Copper, or other Metal, Slate, Tile, or Stone, at the Costs and Charges of such Owner or Occupier, within such Time and in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall thereby order and direct; and in case the Owner or Occupier of any such Stack, Mow, Rick, House, Outhouse, Building, Erection, or Pile, shall neglect or refuse to comply with any such Order and Direction of the said Commissioners, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners and they are hereby required to cause every such Order and Direction to be executed by such Person or Persons as they the said Commissioners shall for that Purpose appoint, at the Costs of the respective Owner or Occupier so refusing or neglecting; and if any such Owner or Occupier shall refuse or neglect to pay the Costs and Charges attending the same, the said Commissioners shall cause such Costs and Charges to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Owner or Occupier by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the said Town of *Bedford*, which Warrant such Justice is hereby authorized and required to grant, rendering on demand the Overplus, if any shall remain after Payment of such Costs and Charges, and the Expence of such Distress and Sale, to the Person whose Goods and Chattels shall be so distrained and sold: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to, or in anywise affect the Covering of the Farm House, Barns, Stables, Buildings, or Rick Yards, of the Right Honourable *John* Earl of *Ashburnham*, situate in the Parish of *Saint Paul* in the said Town of *Bedford*, called the *Friars Farm*, now in the Occupation of *William Sharp*; or the Farm House, Barns, Stables, Buildings, or Rick Yards of *John Humphrey* Clerk, as a Major Prebend of the Cathedral Church of *Lincoln*, situate in the said Parish of *Saint Paul*, called the *Prebend Farm*, now or late in the Occupation of *William Long* Esquire; or the Farm House, Barns, Stables, Buildings, or Rick Yards of *George Livius* Esquire, situate in the Parish of *Saint Mary*, in the said Town of *Bedford*, called *Cauldwell Farm*, now in his own Occupation; or the Covering of any Barn, Stable, Building, Stack, Mow, Rick, or Pile, now erected, built, or standing, or which shall or may hereafter be erected, built, or set up in or upon the present Rick Yards, or within One hundred Yards from the said Farm Houses respectively, unless any new Messuage, Tenement, Cottage, or Dwelling House shall hereafter be erected or built upon any of the Lands and Grounds now belonging to the said Earl of *Ashburnham*, *John Humfrey*, or such Major Prebend for the Time being, and *George Livius* respectively, which shall or may be within the Distance of One hundred Yards from the said respective Farm Houses, or any of the Buildings, Stacks, or Mows thereof respectively; and also within the Distance of One hundred Yards from any other Messuage, Tenement, or Dwelling House,

House, standing or being within any or either of the said several Parishes in the said Town of *Bedford*.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to contract and agree to and with *Thomas Kidman*, of the said Town of *Bedford*, Gentleman, his Heirs or Assigns, or the Owner and Occupier for the Time being, of all that Messuage or Tenement, with the Garden and Appurtenances, now in the Occupation of the said *Thomas Kidman*, situate on the East Side of the *High Street* in the Parish of *Saint Mary*, in the said Town of *Bedford*, and adjoining the said Bridge on the West, and the River *Ouze* there on the North; for the Purchase of the said Messuage or Tenement and Garden, with the Appurtenances, and the Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof in Possession; and if the said *Thomas Kidman*, his Heirs or Assigns, or the Owner and Occupier for the Time being of the said Messuage or Tenement and Garden, with the Appurtenances, shall refuse to treat, contract, and agree with the said Commissioners, then and in such Case the Value of the said Messuage or Tenement and Garden, with the Appurtenances, shall be ascertained by a Jury, and the said Commissioners shall cause such Notice to be given or left, and issue such Warrant for summoning a Jury of indifferent Men of the Town or County of *Bedford*, and the Value of the said Messuage or Tenement and Garden, with the Appurtenances, shall be ascertained, settled and assessed by such Jury, and paid by the said Commissioners, and the said Messuage or Tenement and Garden, with the Appurtenances, shall be conveyed to or vested in the said Commissioners, in such Manner and Form, and under and subject to such Rules, Conditions, Orders, and Regulations as are in the said recited Act mentioned and contained with respect to the Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments mentioned and described in the Schedule to the said Act annexed.

Power to purchase the House of *Thomas Kidman*, Gent.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required, so soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, and before they shall begin to take down the present Bridge, to erect and build a Timber Bridge from the said Garden and Premises in the Occupation of the said *Thomas Kidman* across the River *Ouze* to the Court Yard or Space of Ground in the said recited Act mentioned belonging to the Most Noble *John Duke of Bedford*, situate in Front of the *Swan Inn* in the said Parish of *Saint Paul*, and to make proper Roads and Avenues leading thereto and at each End thereof, for the temporary Passage of Carriages, Horses, and other Beasts, and Foot Passengers, during the taking down and removing the present Bridge and erecting a new Bridge instead thereof of Stone or Iron, by virtue of the Powers and Authorities in the said Act contained, and until the said Stone or Iron Bridge shall be finished and opened for public Use; and the said temporary Timber Bridge, and the Roads and Avenues thereto, shall be subject to the Right of passing and repassing thereon for the public Use, and shall be kept in Repair by the said Commissioners until the said intended Stone or Iron Bridge shall be finished and opened for public Use.

For making a temporary Bridge.

VII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Person or Persons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be awarded for the Purchase of any

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any Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased by virtue of this or the said recited 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 Commissioners; or in case such Person or Persons to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so awarded as aforesaid cannot be found, or if the Person or Persons entitled to such Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments be not known or discovered, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, to order the said Sum or Sums of Money so awarded as aforesaid to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privy 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 Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments [*describing them*]; subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court of Chancery, which said Court of Chancery, 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 Interest of the Person or Persons making Claim thereunto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England* who shall receive such Sum or Sums of Money, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums of Money, mentioning and specifying for what and for whose Use the same is or are received, to such Person or Persons as shall pay any such Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforesaid.

Power to
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VIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to erect or cause to be erected such Toll House or Toll Houses, Turnpike Gate or Turnpike Gates, Posts, Pales, Rails, Chains, Bars and Fences, upon or across the said temporary Timber Bridge, or at or near the Ends thereof, as they shall think proper.

For repealing
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IX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the several Tolls granted and made payable under or by virtue of the said recited Act, shall be and the same are hereby repealed, and that instead thereof there shall be demanded and taken by such Person or Persons as the said Commissioners shall from Time to Time authorize or appoint for that Purpose, at the Toll House or Toll Houses, Turnpike Gate or Turnpike Gates, to be erected by virtue of the said recited Act or this Act, before any Passage over the said temporary Timber Bridge or the said intended Stone or Iron Bridge, or either of them shall be permitted, the several Tolls herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,)

Tolls.

For every Coach, Chariot, Landau, Berlin, Hearse, Chaise, Curricule, Calash, Chair, Taxed Cart, or Pleasure Carriage, drawn by Six Horses, Mares, Geldings, or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of Three Shillings; and drawn by Four Horses, Mares, Geldings, or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence; and drawn by Three Horses, Mares,

Mares, Geldings, or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of Two Shillings; and drawn by Two Horses, Mares, Geldings, or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence; and drawn by One Horse, Mare, Gelding, or other Beast of Draught, the Sum of Nine-pence:

For every Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage, with Four, Three, or Two Wheels, drawn by Eight or more Horses, Mares, Geldings, Oxen, or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of Two Shillings and Eight-pence; and drawn by Seven Horses, Mares, Geldings, Oxen, or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of Two Shillings and Four-pence; and drawn by Six Horses, Mares, Geldings, Oxen, or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of Two Shillings; and drawn by Five Horses, Mares, Geldings, Oxen, or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of One Shilling and Eight-pence; and drawn by Four Horses, Mares, Geldings, Oxen, or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of One Shilling and Four-pence; and drawn by Three Horses, Mares, Geldings, Oxen, or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of One Shilling; and drawn by Two Horses, Mares, Geldings, Oxen, or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of Nine-pence; and drawn by One Horse, Mare, Gelding, Ox, or other Beast of Draught, the Sum of Sixpence:

For every Horse, Mare, Gelding, Mule, or Ass, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of One Penny and One Halfpenny:

For every Drove of Oxen or other neat Cattle, the Sum of One Shilling and Eight-pence *per* Score, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Number: And,

For every Drove of Calves, Hogs, Swine, Sheep, or Lambs, the Sum of Ten-pence *per* Score, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Number.

Which said several and respective Tolls shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said Commissioners, and the same and every Part thereof shall be paid, applied, disposed of, or assigned to and for the Purposes of defraying the Expence attending the passing of this Act, and the Execution thereof, the Expence of erecting the said temporary Bridge hereby authorized to be erected, discharging the Money borrowed on the Credit of the said Tolls as herein-after is mentioned, and the Interest thereof, and to and for the several other Uses, Ends, Intents, and Purposes, and in such Manner as in and by the said recited Act and by this Act, are declared or appointed with respect to Monies which shall come into the Hands of, or be received by the said Commissioners, or any Person or Persons acting under their Authority, for or on Account or for the Purposes of or with respect to the said intended Stone or Iron and temporary Bridges.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time, as soon after the passing of this Act, as they shall judge it necessary, to borrow and take up at Interest, any Sum or Sums of Money upon the Credit of the Rates or Assessments by the said recited Act and this Act, granted and made payable, and by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to mortgage or assign over the said Rates or Assessments, or any Part thereof to the Person or Persons who shall advance or lend such Money, or his, her, or their Trustee or Trustees, as a Security for the Money so to be borrowed, together with Interest for the same; and also to borrow and take up at Interest, any Sum or Sums of Money upon the

Power to borrow Money extended.

For granting
Annuities.

Credit of the said Tolls by this Act granted and made payable, and by Writing under their Hands and Seals to mortgage or assign over the said Tolls, or any Part thereof, to the Person or Persons who shall advance or lend such last mentioned Money on the Credit thereof, or his, her, or their Trustee or Trustees as a Security for the Money so to be borrowed, together with Interest for the same; provided that the whole Sum to be charged on the Credit of the said Rates or Assessments shall not at any Time exceed the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds, including the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, allowed to be borrowed by the said recited Act, and the whole Sum to be charged on the Credit of the said Tolls, shall not at any Time exceed the Sum of Eighteen thousand and five hundred Pounds, including the Sum of Eight Thousand Pounds allowed to be borrowed by the said recited Act; and in case the said Commissioners shall think it adviseable to raise all or any Part of the Money necessary for the Purposes of the said recited Act or this Act, by the granting of Annuities for the Life or Lives of any Person or Persons, then it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, in the Form in the said recited Act mentioned, to grant any Annuity or Annuities to any Person or Persons who shall contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the Treasurer to the said Commissioners any Sum or Sums of Money for the absolute Purchase of any such Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable during the natural Life of every such Contributor, or the natural Life of such Persons as shall be nominated by or on the Behalf of such Contributor at the Time of the Payment of his or her Contribution or Purchase Money, so as that no such separate Annuity do exceed the Rate of Ten Pounds for every One Hundred Pounds for a Year; and every such Grant shall be a good, valid and effectual Security in Law for Payment of such Annuity; and all such Mortgages or Assignments and Grants of Annuities respectively, and the Transfers thereof, shall be made in such Manner and Form, upon such Terms, and be under and subject to such Rules and Regulations as are mentioned and contained in the said recited Act with respect to the Sums of Money thereby allowed to be borrowed on the Credit of the Rates or Assessments and Tolls, thereby granted and made payable.

For repealing
so much of
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as relates to
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Corporation.

The Convey-
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Tolls to the
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XI. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as authorizes and requires the said Commissioners to erect and build, or cause to be erected and built, within the said Town of *Bedford*, a new Guildhall, and for the Considerations and in Manner therein mentioned, to bargain, sell, and convey to the said Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Heirs and Successors, or to any Person or Persons, and his and their Heirs, in Trust for them, the said new Guildhall and the Market House and Market Houses, or other Buildings, Scites of Ground and Hereditaments therein mentioned, and also so much of the said recited Act as authorizes and requires the said Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses and Commonalty, in Consideration of the forming and building the said Guildhall, Market House or Market Houses, and other Buildings, and upon the Completion and Conveyance thereof, to bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and convey to the said Commissioners all and every such Tolls and Duties as the Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses, and Commonalty of the said Town and Borough of *Bedford* for the Time being, are, or shall, or may be entitled to take and receive for the Passage of Carriages,

Carriages, Horses, Beasts, Sheep, Swine, or other Cattle upon, or over *Bedford* Bridge, and also so much of the said recited Act as directs and requires the said Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses, and Commonalty, at the Expence of the said Commissioners, until the said new Guildhall shall be built and opened for public Business, to provide some other fit and convenient Place in the said Borough of *Bedford*, to be used in like Manner and for the like Purposes as the Guildhall pulled down by the said Commissioners by virtue of the said Act was used; and also so much of the said recited Act as authorizes and requires the said Commissioners, after the Tolls and Duties payable to the said Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses, and Commonalty, shall have been bargained, sold, assigned, transferred, and conveyed to the said Commissioners in Manner therein and herein-before mentioned, and before any of the Tolls by the said Act granted shall become payable, to pay and transfer out of any Monies to be received by them by virtue of the said Act, for the Purposes of *Bedford* Bridge, to the Account of them the said Commissioners, for the Purpose of paving, repairing, cleansing, lighting, watching, watering, and improving the Highways, Streets, Squares, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places within the said Town of *Bedford*, the Sum of Nine Hundred Pounds, as the full Consideration and Compensation for the said Tolls and Duties which shall have been so conveyed as aforesaid; and also so much of the said recited Act as authorizes and requires the said Commissioners, before they shall begin to take down and remove the present Bridge, to erect and build a temporary Timber Bridge, from the Coal Yard and Wharf belonging to and in the Occupation of *Eleanor Green* Widow, and *Francis Green*, situate in the Parish of *Saint Mary*, in the said Town of *Bedford*, across the said River to the said Court Yard or Space of Ground belonging to the said *John Duke* of *Bedford*, situate in front of the said *Swan Inn*, in the said Parish of *Saint Paul*, shall be and the same is and are hereby repealed.

The providing a Building to be used as a Guildhall.

The payment of 900l. by the Commissioners from the Bridge Fund to the Paving Fund;

and the making a temporary Bridge from the Coal Wharf of *E. Green* and Son.

XII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act all and singular the Scite, Piece or Parcel of Land or Ground whereon the Guildhall pulled down by the said Commissioners by virtue of the said recited Act lately stood; and all and singular the Market House and Market Houses, Butchers Shops, Sheds, Shambles, Stalls, Standings, Slaughter Houses, and other Shops; Buildings, Yards, and Conveniences, and the Scite or Scites of Ground whereon the same is, or are, or have been respectively erected; and also all and every the Market Place or Market Places, and all other Ground thereto or to any Part thereof belonging, which by the said recited Act were vested in the said Commissioners, or which have been purchased or erected by the said Commissioners by virtue of the said Act, and all the Rents, Dues, Profits, and Produce thereof, shall belong to and the same is and are hereby vested in the Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses, and Commonalty of the said Town and Borough of *Bedford* for the Time being, and their Heirs and Successors, and shall be for ever hereafter maintained, supported and kept in Repair by and at the Expence of the Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses, and Commonalty of the said Town and Borough of *Bedford* for the Time being.

Market Houses and other Buildings vested in the Mayor, &c. of *Bedford*.

XIII. And whereas it is by the said recited Act directed, that the Sum of Nine Hundred Pounds should be paid for the discharging the Tolls payable to the said Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgeses, and Commonalty of the said

The Commissioners to pay to the Mayor, &c. of *Bedford*.

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Tolls payable
to the Mayor,
&c. to cease.

saïd Town and Borough of *Bedford*, be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the saïd Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and required, before any of the Tolls and Duties hereby granted shall become payable, to pay out of any Monies to be received by them by virtue of this Act for the Purposes of the saïd Stone or Iron and temporary Bridges respectively, to the saïd Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgesſes, and Commonalty, the Sum of Nine Hundred Pounds; and that upon Payment of the saïd Sum of Nine Hundred Pounds by the saïd Commissioners to the saïd Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgesſes, and Commonalty, all and every the Tolls and Duties payable to the Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgesſes, and Commonalty of the saïd Town and Borough of *Bedford* for the Time being, or which they are or have been, or shall or may be entitled to take and receive for the Passage of any Carriages, Horses, Beasts, Sheep, Swine, or other Cattle, upon or over the saïd present Bridge, or any Bridge to be built instead thereof, shall cease, determine, and be no longer paid or payable by any Person or Persons whomsoever, any Law, Statute, Usage, Custom, or Prescription to the contrary notwithstanding; and the Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgesſes, and Commonalty of the saïd Town and Borough of *Bedford* for the Time being, shall be no longer subject or liable to the Repairs of the saïd present Bridge, or of any Bridge to be erected and built instead thereof.

Powers of Act
of 43 G. 3.
applied to this
Act.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Powers and Authorities and Provisions of the saïd recited Act shall be applicable to this present Act, so far as the same are consistent with the Provisions thereof.

Publick Act.

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

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