



ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO OCTAVO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. lii.

An Act to alter and amend an Act for erecting and maintaining a Bridewell, Gaol, Court House, and Public Offices for the Burgh of *Paisley*, and County of *Renfrew*. [8th May 1818.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for erecting and main- 55 G. 3. c. taining a Bridewell, Gaol, Court House, and Public Offices for the Burgh of Paisley, and County of Renfrew*, whereby certain Persons were appointed Commissioners for the Execution of the Powers thereby granted: And whereas the Sums of Money by the said recited Act authorized to be levied are inadequate to the Completion of the Purposes thereof, and it is expedient and necessary that a farther Sum should be raised, and that the Powers and Authorities of the said Act should be otherwise altered and enlarged; but as these ends cannot be attained without the aid and Authority of Parliament; May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That in addition to the Sum of Eighteen thousand Pounds authorized by the said Act to be levied for the general Purposes thereof, the Commissioners for the Time being, acting under the Authority of the said Act, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered for the like Purposes to assess and levy, and cause to be assessed and levied, by a Rate, Duty, or *per Centage*, chargeable on the Rents, Profits, or annual Value of all Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Heritages, within the County of *Renfrew*, according to the Provisions in the recited Act and in this Act contained, such farther Sum or Sums as the said Commissioners may deem to be necessary or expedient for the said Purposes, but so that the aggregate Amount leviable for such Purposes by Assessment, under the recited Act and this Act, shall not exceed

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the Sum of Twenty-three thousand five hundred Pounds, exclusive of the specific Sums of Four hundred and fifty Pounds and One hundred and twenty Pounds leviable by the recited Act, from the Burgh of *Greenock* and from the Magistrates of *Port Glasgow* respectively: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to authorize any Assessment within the Royalty of the Burgh of *Renfrew*, or any further or additional Assessment or Contribution within or from the Town and Parish of *Greenock*, or the Town and Parish of *Port Glasgow*, or the Parish of *Inverkip*, beyond the Assessments authorized by the recited Act.

Additional
Contribution
from the Cor-
poration
Funds of
Paisley.

II. And be it further enacted, That in addition to the Contribution payable by the Magistrates and Town Council of the Burgh of *Paisley*, in virtue of the said recited Act, there shall be farther paid by the said Magistrates and Town Council for the Time being, out of the Corporation Funds, or Common Good of the said Burgh of *Paisley*, to the said Commissioners for the Purposes foresaid, the further Sum of Five hundred Pounds, and that within Six Months after the passing hereof.

Limitation of
Annual
Assessment by
former Act
altered.

III. And whereas by the said recited Act the Rates leviable in any one Year, for the general Purposes thereof, are limited to One and One Half *per Centum*, on the Rents, Profits, or annual Value of the Subjects thereby assessed; which Restriction is found to be productive of much Trouble and Delay in the Collection, owing to the extreme Smallness of many of the individual Assessments; and whereas the levying of a higher Rate (especially for the first Year's Assessment which shall be collected after the passing hereof) will produce a considerable Saving of Interest of the Money which it would otherwise be necessary to borrow; be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby empowered to assess and levy, and cause to be assessed and levied, (in so far as not already done,) the Sums by the recited Act and by this Act authorized to be levied, by Assessment, for general Purposes, at such Rate or *per Centage* as the said Commissioners shall deem expedient; provided that such Rate or *per Centage* shall not exceed Five *per Centum*, for the Year ending *Whitsunday* One Thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and shall not exceed the Rate of Two and a Half *per Centum* for any subsequent Year; and that the said Commissioners may assume as the Basis of Assessment for any of these Years the Rents, Profits, and annual Value of the Lands, Tenements, and Heritages, which shall have been brought under Assessment for the Year immediately preceding, subject to such Amendments as the said Commissioners may see cause to direct.

Each Year
of Assessment
ends at *Whit-*
sunday.

Exemptions.

IV. And be it further enacted, That each Assessment of the aforesaid Rates shall be understood to apply to the Period from *Whitsunday* to *Whitsunday* Yearly; and all Hospitals or other Houses for Charitable Purposes, and all Churches and Places of Worship, and Apartments used as Public or Parish Schools, shall be exempted from all Assessments under the said recited Act or this Act.

Subjects not
specially de-
scribed in
former Act

V. And whereas the Property authorized to be taken and acquired by the said Commissioners, under the Provisions of the said recited Act, was not fully described by the Names of the Owners or Occupiers thereof in the Schedule to the said Act annexed; be it further enacted,
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That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are by the Names hereby authorized and empowered to purchase, acquire, and take Possession of the Grounds, Houses, Tenements, and Heritages, (including Lease or Tack Rights thereon,) specified in the Schedule hereunto annexed, or Part thereof, but not exceeding in Extent the Space limited by the said recited Act, for the Purposes of providing suitable Areas, Streets, or Passages, connected with the Bridewell or Correction House, Gaol, and other Public Buildings to be erected in *Paisley*, as mentioned in the said recited Act, or for making Additions thereto or Improvements thereon, and for the other Purposes of the said Act and of this Act, and that either by voluntary Contract, or judicially by the Valuation of a Jury, in the Manner authorized and prescribed by the said recited Act; and the said Commissioners may so take Possession of such Property although the Name or Names of any Person or Persons, Owner or Owners, or Occupier or Occupiers of such Property, may happen to be erroneously stated or omitted in the Schedules to the said recited Act or to this Act annexed, in case it shall appear to any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Renfrew*, and be certified by a Writing under their Hands, that such Error or Omission proceeded from Mistake.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful and competent for the said Commissioners at any Meeting assembled, on being satisfied by the Report of the Keeper of said Bridewell, or otherwise, of the good Behaviour and Marks of Penitence and Amendment shewn by any of the Prisoners during his, her, or their Confinement, to shorten the Period of Confinement and Labour to which such Prisoner or Prisoners may have been sentenced by the Sheriff Depute, or Substitute, or Justices of Peace of the County, or the Provost and Bailies of *Paisley* respectively: Provided always, that such Relaxation of any Sentence shall only be competent with the previous Consent in Writing of the Magistrate or Magistrates by whom such Sentence was pronounced.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be competent to the said Sheriff Depute and his Substitutes, the Justices of Peace of the said County, and the Provost and Bailies of *Paisley* respectively, for the Time being, to take Cognizance of Offences, and to convict and sentence Offenders to Confinement and Labour in the said Bridewell or Correction House, in the like summary Form and Manner as is or shall be competent by Law or Statute to the Sheriff or Magistrates of any other County, City, or Town in Scotland, with respect to any other Bridewell or Correction House.

VIII. And for the more effectual Preservation of wholesome Air in the Vicinity of the said Buildings about to be erected within the Bounds specified in the Schedule to the recited Act annexed, be it further enacted, That in all Cases of Nuisance or Contamination of the Air, by the Smoke of Manufactories or otherwise, within the Provisions of the Act passed in the Forty-sixth Year of His present Majesty, entitled, *An Act for paving, lighting, cleansing, and watching the Burgh of Paisley, and Suburbs thereof, for improving and forming certain Streets, and erecting a Bridewell or Correction House therein, and for regulating the Police and Markets*; it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized to sue and complain to any competent Court, for Removal or Remedy thereof, in like Manner as any other Person or Persons is or are by that Act authorized to sue and complain; and no Work or Manufactory, of the

the Nature of a Nuisance by Smoke or otherwise, shall henceforth be erected, caused, or increased, in any Manner of Way within One hundred Yards of any Part of the said Buildings, or Walls inclosing such Buildings, otherwise the same shall be removed in Terms of the Provisions of the first recited Act, respecting Nuisances.

Maintenance and Preservation of the Public Buildings and Pertinents. IX. And whereas by the first recited Act a certain other Assessment is leviable for the Maintenance and Repair of the Buildings therein specified, and for the further defraying of the annual Expence of the said Bridewell Establishment, be it enacted, That such Assessment shall also be applicable to the Maintenance, Preservation, and Repair of the whole Pavements, inclosing Walls, Drains, and whole other Parts and Pertinents of said Buildings, and of the Grounds, Areas, and Passages thereto appertaining, in so far as not otherwise provided for by the said first recited Act.

Expence of this Act. X. And be it further enacted, That the Expence of procuring and passing this Act shall be defrayed out of the Monies authorized to be levied in virtue hereof, or of the first recited Act.

Provisions of the former Act continued. XI. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Provisions, Clauses, Matters, and Things contained in the said first recited Act, not hereby altered or varied, shall be, and the same are hereby extended to this Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same were herein repeated and re-enacted.

Public Act. XII. 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.

SCHEDULE referred to in the Act.

PROPERTY, AND WHERE SITUATED.	OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS.
The Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Heritages, with their Pertinents, situated within the Bounds of the Burgh of Paisley, which are comprehended between, and bounded by the River Cart, on the East; the Street called Mossrow on the West; the Sneddon Street on the North; and the High Street of Paisley on the South, now, or lately belonging to, or occupied by, the Persons specified in this Schedule.	James Anderson, eldest Son of the deceased Hugh Anderson, Grocer, in Paisley, or Heirs and Representatives of the said deceased Hugh Anderson. Alexander Leiper, residing in Paisley. The said James Anderson as Heir fore said, or Heirs and Representatives of the said Hugh Anderson. The said Alexander Leiper. The Heirs of William Arthur, in Paisley. John Cochran, Manufacturer in Paisley.