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An Act for building a Bridge over the River
Wansbeck at the Town of *Morpeth* in the
County of *Northumberland*. [1st June 1829.]

WHEREAS the present Bridge over the River *Wansbeck* at the Town of *Morpeth* in the County of *Northumberland* is a very ancient Structure, and from its Construction and decayed State is inconvenient and dangerous, and it is necessary that the same should be widened and improved; and the Bailiffs and Burgesses of the Borough of *Morpeth* are liable to the Repair of such Bridge, and of the Road over the same: And whereas it would greatly contribute to the Safety and Convenience of the Inhabitants of the said Town, and of the Parishes, Villages, and Places adjacent thereto, and also of the Public in general, if a new Bridge were erected over the said River *Wansbeck* at the Town of *Morpeth* aforesaid, and if proper and convenient Approaches were made thereto: And whereas, towards defraying the Expence of building such Bridge and of making such Approaches, several Persons have consented to lend certain Sums of Money, upon Condition that after the Objects aforesaid shall have been carried into execution, and the Sums so lent shall have been repaid to the several Persons advancing the same, the Tolls to be received for passing upon the said Bridge and Approaches shall cease, and that the said Bridge and Approaches shall thenceforth be maintained in repair by and at the Expence of the Bailiffs

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and Burgesses of the Borough of *Morpeth* aforesaid: And whereas the beneficial Objects herein-before mentioned cannot be effected 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 all His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Time being acting for the County of *Northumberland*, together with the Right Honourable *George William Frederick Howard* commonly called Lord Viscount *Morpeth*, the Honourable *Henry Thomas Liddell*, *Addison John Cresswell Baker*, *Matthew Bell*, *Charles William Bigge*, *Ralph Henry Brandling Clerk*, *William Clark*, *Frederick Ekins Clerk*, *Thomas Fallofield Clerk*, *Andrew Robert Fenwick*, *Robert Hedley*, *Francis Johnson*, *William Lawson*, *Mansfeldt de Cardonnel Lawson*, *Edward Otter Clerk*, *William Ord*, *William Orde*, *Matthew Potts*, *James Railston*, *Ralph Riddell*, *Richard Swan*, and *John Sadler*, and their Successors, to be elected in manner herein-after mentioned, shall be and they are hereby declared to be Commissioners for carrying this Act into execution.

Power to
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missioners.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, at their First or Second Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, to elect any Number of Persons, not exceeding Five in the whole, to be Commissioners for the Purposes of this Act, in addition to the Commissioners hereby appointed; and such Commissioners so elected, and being duly qualified according to the Directions herein contained, shall be and they are hereby invested with the same Powers and Authorities for executing this Act as if they had been herein named.

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III. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any of the Commissioners named in or hereafter to be appointed under or by virtue of this Act shall die, resign, or refuse to act, or, by Bankruptcy, Insolvency, or otherwise, become incapable of acting in the Execution of this Act, it shall be lawful for the surviving or continuing Commissioners, from Time to Time, at any Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, to elect and appoint some Person to be a Commissioner in the Room of every Commissioner so dying, resigning, or refusing to act, or becoming incapable of acting as aforesaid; and every Person who shall be so elected and appointed a Commissioner shall and may act with the surviving and continuing Commissioners in the Execution of this Act in the same Manner as if he had been originally named a Commissioner in this Act.

Qualification
of Commis-
sioners.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act (otherwise than in administering the Oath herein-after mentioned) unless at the Time of his acting he shall be, in his own Right or in the Right of his Wife, in the actual Possession and Enjoyment or Receipt of the Rents and Profits of a Real Estate, lying and being within the Town of *Morpeth* or County of *Northumberland*, of the

clear yearly Value of One hundred Pounds above Reprizes, or shall be Heir Apparent of a Person possessed of such Real Estate of the clear yearly Value of Two hundred Pounds above Reprizes, and shall have taken and subscribed an Oath to the following Effect; (that is to say,)

‘ I do swear, That I am truly, in my own Right or in the Right of my Wife, in the actual Possession and Enjoyment or in the Receipt of the Rents and Profits of a Real Estate, situate and being within the Town of *Morpeth* or County of *Northumberland*, of the clear yearly Value of One hundred Pounds above Reprizes, [or that I am Heir Apparent of who, to the best of my Knowledge, is possessed of such Real Estate of the clear yearly Value of Two hundred Pounds above Reprizes]; and that I will faithfully and impartially, according to the best of my Skill and Judgment, execute and perform the Powers and Authorities vested in me in pursuance of an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act [here set forth the Title of this Act]*. So help me GOD.’

Oath of Qualification.

Provided also, that no Person shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act during the Time he shall hold or enjoy any Office or Place of Profit under this Act, or be concerned or interested in any Contract made under or by virtue of this Act, or in any Case wherein he shall be personally interested in the Matter in question (except as a Creditor on the Tolls by this Act granted): Provided also, that no Justice of the Peace shall be disqualified from acting as such Justice in any Case within his Jurisdiction in the Execution of this Act, by reason only of his being one of the Commissioners for executing this Act, or of being a Creditor on the said Tolls.

No Person to act as Commissioner while holding Place of Profit.

Proviso as to Justices.

V. And be it further enacted, That if any Person not being qualified in manner in this Act mentioned, or being disqualified by any of the Causes herein-before mentioned, shall act as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, he shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, together with full Costs of Suit, to any Person who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; and every Person so prosecuted or against whom such Action shall be brought shall prove that he was at the Time of acting qualified as aforesaid, or otherwise shall pay the said Penalty, without any other Proof given on the Part of the Plaintiff or Prosecutor than that such Person has acted as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act: Provided always, that if upon any such Trial it shall appear that such Person was at the Time of acting duly qualified to act as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, the Jury shall find a Verdict for the Defendant; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff upon such Trial shall be nonsuited, or shall discontinue his Action after the Defendant shall have entered an Appearance thereto, or if, upon any Demurrer, Judgment shall be given against such Plaintiff, the Defendant shall be entitled to and shall recover Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for Recovery of the same as other Defendants have by Law in other Cases: Provided also, that all Acts and Proceedings of any Person so acting as a

Penalty on Persons acting as Commissioners, not being qualified.

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Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, and not being qualified as aforesaid, shall, notwithstanding such Conviction, be as valid and effectual as if such Person had been qualified according to the Directions of this Act.

Regulating
the Meetings
of Commis-
sioners.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall meet together at *Morpeth* aforesaid on the Third *Wednesday* next after the passing of this Act, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve of the Clock in the Forenoon, and shall then and there proceed in the Execution of this Act; and in case no Commissioner, or less than Seven Commissioners, shall attend at such Meeting, then such Meeting shall be deemed to be adjourned to the *Wednesday* in the following Week, and so *toties quoties* until a sufficient Number of the said Commissioners shall attend at such Meeting to act in the Execution of this Act; and the said Commissioners shall and may at such Meeting, and at their several Meetings, from Time to Time adjourn themselves, and afterwards meet at the same Place, or at any other Place within *Morpeth* aforesaid which the said Commissioners shall from Time to Time appoint, provided that no Adjournment shall be made for a longer Space of Time than One Month; and if at any Meeting there shall not appear a sufficient Number of Commissioners to act or adjourn, or appearing shall not adjourn such Meeting, the Clerk to the said Commissioners, or any of such Commissioners, shall, from Time to Time as often as the Case shall happen, adjourn such Meeting to some other Day within Ten Days then next following, to be held at the same Place; and the said Clerk or Commissioners shall cause Notice of such Adjournment to be given at least Three Days previously to the Day to which such Meeting shall be adjourned: Provided always, that the said Commissioners shall at all their several Meetings defray and bear all their own Expences, except such Sum, not exceeding Ten Shillings *per* Day, as the said Commissioners shall think reasonable, for the Room, if any, which shall be hired for holding such Meetings, and which Sum shall be paid out of the Money to be received under this Act.

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their own
Expences.

Orders to
be made at
Meetings.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all Orders and Proceedings of the Commissioners in the Execution of this Act shall be made or taken at Meetings to be held in pursuance hereof, and not otherwise, except in Cases hereby otherwise particularly provided for; and no Order or Proceeding shall be made or taken unless the major Part of the Commissioners present at the respective Meetings shall concur therein; and all Orders and Proceedings which are hereby directed to be made or taken by or before the said Commissioners, and all the Powers and Authorities hereby vested in them generally, shall and may be made and taken by the major Part of the Commissioners who shall be present at such respective Meetings, the whole Number of Commissioners present at every such Meeting not being less than Nine for the Purpose of borrowing Money or making Contracts, and not being less than Five in any other Case, except in Cases where any other Number is by this Act named for any particular Purpose; and all Orders and Proceedings made or taken by or before such Nine or Five Commissioners, or other Number as herein-before mentioned, (as the Case may require,) shall have the same Force and Effect, and be

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as binding and conclusive on all Persons, and to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been made or taken before all the said Commissioners; and at every Meeting of the said Commissioners a Chairman shall in the first place be appointed, who, in case of an equal Number of Votes, including such Chairman's Vote, shall have the casting or decisive Vote; and no Order or Proceeding at any Meeting of the said Commissioners, once made or taken, shall be revoked or altered at any subsequent Meeting, unless Notice of the Intention to propose the Revocation or Alteration thereof shall have been given at a previous Meeting held pursuant to the Directions of this Act, and shall have been entered in the Book of the Proceedings of the said Commissioners, and unless public Notice thereof, signed by any Three or more Commissioners, shall have also been given Seven Days at least before such Meeting, nor unless such Revocation or Alteration shall be resolved by a greater Number of Commissioners than were present when such Order or Proceeding was made or taken.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if after the Adjournment of any Meeting of the said Commissioners it shall on any Emergency be thought necessary that a Meeting should be held on an earlier Day than the Day to which such Meeting may stand adjourned, it shall be lawful for any Two or more of the said Commissioners, or for their Clerk, (being authorized by an Order in Writing signed by Two or more of them, although not assembled at a public Meeting under this Act,) to appoint such earlier Meeting by Notice mentioning the Time, Place, and Object of such Meeting, such Time not being less than Three Days after the Day of giving the Notice of such earlier Meeting; and all Orders and Proceedings of the Commissioners at such earlier Meeting, relating to the particular Subject on which such Meeting shall be called, shall be as valid as they would have been in case the Commissioners had met in pursuance of an Adjournment; and such earlier Meeting shall and may be adjourned to and be held at such Time and Place as the said Commissioners shall think proper, in the same Manner as any other Meeting under this Act may be adjourned.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall cause to be provided and kept a proper Book, and proper Entries to be made therein of the Names of the several Commissioners who shall attend the respective Meetings, and of all Orders and Proceedings made or taken relative to the Execution of this Act; and the Chairman of every Meeting of the said Commissioners shall subscribe his Name at the End of the Proceedings of the said Commissioners at such Meeting; and all such Books, and also all Books kept for registering Mortgages of the Tolls, or Transfers thereof, as herein-after mentioned, shall be admitted in Evidence in all Courts and upon all Occasions whatsoever; and all such Books shall at all reasonable Times be open to the Inspection of the said Commissioners and of any Creditor on the Tolls, without Fee or Reward; and the said Commissioners and Creditors, or any of them, shall and may take Copies of or Extracts from such Books respectively, without paying any thing for the same; and in case the Clerk to the said Commissioners, or other Person having the Care of such Books, shall refuse

Meetings on
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to permit or shall not permit the said Commissioners or such Creditors to inspect the same, or take such Copies or Extracts as aforesaid, such Clerk or other Person shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every such Offence.

Officers to be
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X. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners may from Time to Time, at any of their Meetings, elect and appoint all such Officers and Persons as they shall think proper for carrying this Act into execution, and also may from Time to Time suspend or displace such Officers and Persons, or any of them, and appoint others in the Room of those suspended or displaced, and out of the Monies to be received under this Act may pay such Salaries or Allowances to the said Officers or other Persons as they shall think reasonable; and the said Commissioners shall and they are hereby required to take sufficient Security from every Treasurer, Collector, or other Receiver of Money to be appointed under this Act, for the faithful Execution of his Office, and may also take such Security from any other Officer as they shall think reasonable, which Securities may be taken either in the Name of the Clerk to the said Commissioners or in the Name of any Three or more of the said Commissioners for the Time being.

Same Person
not to be
Clerk and
Treasurer.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Commissioners to elect the Person who may be appointed their Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of such Clerk or of his Partner, the Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or to appoint the Person who may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of such Treasurer or of his Partner, the Clerk for the Purposes of this Act; and if any Person shall accept both the Offices of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person being the Partner of such Clerk, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of such Clerk or of his Partner, shall accept the Office of Treasurer, or shall act as the Deputy of the Treasurer, or in any Manner officiate for the Treasurer in the Execution of this Act, or being the Partner of such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of such Treasurer or of his Partner, shall accept the Office of Clerk, or shall act as Deputy of such Clerk, or in any Manner officiate for such Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or if any such Treasurer shall hold any Place of Profit or Trust under the said Commissioners other than that of Treasurer, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Officers to
account.

XII. And be it further enacted, That every such Officer or Person so appointed by virtue of this Act shall, at such Times and in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall direct, deliver to the said Commissioners, or to such Person as they shall appoint, true and perfect

fect Accounts in Writing of all Matters and Things committed to his Charge by virtue of this Act, and also of all Monies which shall have been by such Officer or Person received by virtue of this Act; and such Accounts shall state how much shall have been disbursed, and the Objects of such Disbursements, together with proper Vouchers for such Payments; and every such Officer and Person shall pay all such Monies as shall remain due from him to the Treasurer for the Time being to the said Commissioners, or to such Person as the said Commissioners shall appoint to receive the same; and if any such Officer or Person shall refuse or wilfully neglect to render such Account, or to deliver up or produce the Vouchers relating to the same, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or to deliver to the said Commissioners, or to such Person as they shall appoint to receive the same, within Ten Days after being thereunto required by the said Commissioners, by Notice in Writing under the Hands of any Three or more of them, given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of such Officer or Person, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his Custody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, or to give Satisfaction to the said Commissioners or such other Person as aforesaid respecting the same, then and in every such Case, upon Complaint made by the said Commissioners or by such Person as they shall appoint for that Purpose, of any such Refusal or wilful Neglect as aforesaid, to any Justice of the Peace, such Justice may and he is hereby authorized and required to issue a Summons under his Hand and Seal for the Officer or Person so refusing or neglecting to appear before him; and upon the Officer or Person appearing, or having been so summoned and not appearing, without some reasonable Excuse, or not being found, it shall be lawful for the said Justice to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way; and if upon Confession of the Party, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness upon Oath or Affirmation, it shall appear to such Justice that any Monies remain due from such Officer or Person, such Justice may and he is hereby authorized and required, upon Nonpayment thereof, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Officer or Person; and if sufficient Goods and Chattels of such Officer or Person shall not be found to answer and satisfy the said Money and the Charges of such Distress and Sale, or if it shall appear to such Justice that such Officer or Person has refused or wilfully neglected to render such Accounts, or to deliver up or produce the Vouchers relating thereto, or that any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the Execution of this Act remain in his Custody or Power, and that he refuses or wilfully neglects to deliver the same, or to give Satisfaction respecting the same as aforesaid, then and in every such Case such Justice shall and he is hereby required to commit such Offender to the Common Gaol of the said County, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he shall have paid such Money as aforesaid, or have compounded with the said Commissioners for such Money, and have paid such Composition in such Manner as they shall appoint, which Composition the said Commissioners are hereby empowered to make and receive, or until he shall have rendered such Accounts, or have delivered up or produced the Vouchers relating thereto, or until he shall have delivered up such Books, Papers, and Writings, or have given Satisfaction

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his Sureties.

in respect thereof, to the said Commissioners or to such other Person as aforesaid; but no such Offender shall be detained in Prison by virtue of this Act for any longer Space of Time than Three Months for Want of sufficient Distress only: Provided always, that no Prosecution or Commitment, under the Provisions of this Act, of any such Officer or Person as aforesaid, shall discharge any Security that may have been taken by the said Commissioners for the due and faithful Execution of his Office, or for the Payment of any Money to be received by him.

Accounts to
be kept of
Receipts and
Disburse-
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shall be
open to In-
spection.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall and are hereby required to cause a Book or Books to be provided and kept, and true and regular Accounts to be entered therein of all Sums of Money received and disbursed for or on account of this Act, and of the several Articles, Matters, and Things for which such Sums of Money shall have been disbursed, laid out, and paid; which Book or Books shall at all seasonable Times be open to the Inspection of the said Commissioners or any Mortgagees on the Tolls by this Act authorized, without Fee or Reward; and the said Commissioners and Mortgagees aforesaid, or any of them, shall or may take Copies of or Extracts from the said Book or Books, or any Part or Parts thereof, without paying any thing for the same; and if the Clerk or Clerks to the Commissioners, or other Person or Persons with whom the Books, Accounts, and Papers belonging to the said Commissioners shall have been deposited, shall, on any reasonable Demand, refuse to permit or shall not permit the said Commissioners or such Mortgagees as aforesaid, or any of them, to inspect the said Books, Accounts, and Papers, or to take such Copies or Extracts as aforesaid, such Clerk or Clerks or other Person or Persons so refusing shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Accounts to
be published
yearly.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That an Account of all Monies received and disbursed in pursuance of this Act shall Once at least in every Year be produced and stated to the Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Northumberland* in Quarter Sessions assembled, and be examined and certified by them; and a Copy of such Account so certified by such Justices shall be inserted Once in some Newspaper published within the said County.

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ers may sue
and be sued
in the Name
of their Clerk
or of a Com-
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XV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in the Name of their Clerk for the Time being, or in the Name of any of the said Commissioners; and all Actions or Proceedings which may be necessary to be brought or instituted for or in respect of any Matter or Thing arising out of or relating to this Act may be brought or instituted in the Name of their Clerk or in the Name of any of the said Commissioners; and no Action or Proceeding which may be brought or instituted by or against the said Commissioners, by virtue of or on account of this Act, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death, Suspension, or Removal of such Clerk, or by the Death of such Commissioner, or by any Act or Default of such Clerk or Commissioner done or suffered without the Consent or Direction of the said Commissioners; but such Clerk or Commissioner shall be deemed Plaintiff or Defendant in any Action
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or Proceeding, as the Case may be, except in the Cases of Actions or Proceedings between the said Commissioners and their Clerk for the Time being: Provided always, that in all Cases in which the Clerk for the Time being, or any Commissioner as aforesaid, shall be the Plaintiff or Defendant on the Record in any Action or Proceeding in which in effect the said Commissioners shall be suing or be sued in the Name of such Clerk or of such Commissioner as aforesaid, such Clerk or such Commissioner as aforesaid may and shall, if not otherwise interested or objectionable, be a good and competent Witness in such Action or Proceeding, either for or against the said Commissioners; and all Affidavits of Debt or Service which may be necessary to be made in reference to any such Action or Proceeding shall and may be lawfully made by such Clerk or such Commissioner, as the Case may be, notwithstanding he shall be nominal Plaintiff or Defendant on the Record as aforesaid: Provided also, that every such Clerk or Commissioner in whose Name any Action or Proceeding shall be instituted or defended as aforesaid shall always be reimbursed, out of the Monies to arise by virtue of this Act, all such Costs and Expences as he shall incur or become chargeable with by reason of his being so made Plaintiff or Defendant, and shall not be personally answerable or liable for the same, unless such Action or Proceeding shall have arisen in consequence of his own wilful Neglect or Default, or have been instituted or defended without the Order or Direction of the said Commissioners.

Clerk or Commissioner may be a Witness.

Clerk and Commissioner to be reimbursed.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That as often as any Collector or Receiver of the Tolls or other Money to be received by virtue of this Act shall die, or become incapable of acting in the Execution of this Act, or shall neglect to perform his Duty therein, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or for any Three or more of them, although not assembled at a Meeting held pursuant to this Act, or for their Committee of Management to be appointed as hereinafter mentioned, by any Writing under their respective Hands, to appoint another Person in his Place or Stead until a Collector or Receiver or other Officer as aforesaid shall be appointed by the said Commissioners at a Meeting to be held pursuant to this Act, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding; and such temporary Officer shall be subject to all the Provisions of this Act in the same Manner as if he had been appointed by the Commissioners at a Meeting held pursuant to this Act.

For appointing temporary Officers.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners from Time to Time to enter into any Contract with any Person or Party for the Performance of all or of any of the Works hereby authorized to be done: Provided always, that every such Contract shall specify the several Works to be done and the Prices to be paid for the same, and the Periods within which such Works are to be completed, and the Penalties to be suffered in case of Nonperformance thereof, and shall be signed by Nine or more of the said Commissioners, or by Five or more of the said Committee of Management, if entered into by such Committee, on the Part of the said Commissioners, and also by the Person, or be sealed with the Seal of the Body, contracting to perform such Works respectively;

Commissioners may make Contracts.

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and all such Contracts shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk to the Commissioners; and the said Commissioners or Committee of Management so contracting shall and they are hereby required to take Security, either in the Name of the Clerk to the said Commissioners or in the Names of any Three or more of the said Commissioners or Committee of Management (as the Case may be), from every such Contractor, for the due Performance of his Contract; and in case the same shall not be duly performed according to the true Intent and Meaning of such Contract, the said Commissioners (or the said Committee of Management, as the Case may require,) shall and may bring any Action at Law or Suit in Equity against the Person so neglecting to perform such Contract, for any Injury sustained on account of the Nonperformance thereof; and upon proving the signing of the said Contract, or the affixing of the Common Seal thereto, (as the Case may be,) and the Nonperformance thereof, the said Commissioners (or Committee, as the Case may be,) shall recover such Penalty or Damage as may be awarded, with full Costs of Suit.

Commis-
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for Breaches
of Contracts.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners or Committee to compound and agree with any Person or Party against whom the said Commissioners or Committee shall bring any Action or Suit, for any Penalty incurred by or on account of any Breach or Nonperformance of any Contract entered into under this Act, for such Sum as they shall think proper, so as the Sum compounded for be not less than the Injury sustained by the Breach or Nonperformance of such Contract, and the Costs and Expences occasioned by such Breach or Nonperformance.

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XIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners from Time to Time, as often as any of the Committee-men herein-after named or hereafter to be elected shall die, resign, or become incompetent to act, to nominate and appoint such and so many of the said Commissioners as shall be duly qualified according to the Directions of this Act to supply the Place of the Committee-man occasioning any such Vacancy; and the Persons so from Time to Time to be appointed, together with the Persons herein-after named, shall be and act as a Committee of Management of the Affairs of the said Commissioners; and such Committee shall have full Power and Authority to enter into and make Contracts or Agreements on behalf of the said Commissioners, and to hire and employ Workmen or Servants, and to bring Actions and prefer Bills of Indictment, and to execute and perform all other Matters and Things whatsoever in or about the Execution of this Act which the said Commissioners are themselves by this Act authorized to do, or such of the said Matters and Things as the said Commissioners shall think proper to entrust to the Care and Management of such Committee (save and except the appointing of Clerks, Treasurers, Collectors, and Surveyors, and the auditing and settling of the Accounts of the Treasurers, and the borrowing Money); and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, by an Order or Resolution for that Purpose, to remove any Member of such Committee, and to appoint some other in his Place, when and so often as such Commis-

Their Powers
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sioners shall think proper; and such Committee shall have full Power to meet from Time to Time, and to adjourn from Place to Place, as they shall think proper and as Occasion shall require; and all Powers and Authorities hereby vested in or which shall by the said Commissioners be entrusted to any such Committee, within the Intent and Meaning of this Act, shall and may be exercised by the major Part of the Members present at their respective Meetings, the whole Number present not being less than Five (except where any other Number is by this Act expressly required for any particular Purpose); and at all Meetings of such Committee One of the Members present shall be appointed Chairman; and the Chairman shall have the casting Vote in case of an equal Division, although he may have previously given One Vote.

XX. And be it further enacted, That *Addison John Cresswell Baker, Charles William Bigge, Ralph Henry Brandling, Frederick Ekins, Andrew Robert Fenwick, Thomas Fallowfield, Robert Hedley, William Lawson, Edward Otter, William Orde, Matthew Potts, and James Railston,* shall be the first Committee of Management, and shall continue in Office until others shall be chosen in the Place or Stead of such of them as shall die, resign, or become incompetent to act, or be removed from their Office, as herein-before mentioned.

First Committee of Management.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners and they are hereby empowered to design and build a good and substantial Bridge, of such Construction and Dimensions, and of such Materials, as the said Commissioners shall think proper, from the Land or Ground now forming the Site of a Messuage situate in *Bridge Street in Morpeth* aforesaid, belonging to *John Lumsden* and occupied by *William Nairn*, and the Yards and Buildings behind the same, and a Milldam adjoining, belonging to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Carlisle*, and in the Occupation of *Ralph Richardson*, over and across the said River *Wansbeck*, to the opposite Bank in the Township of *Morpeth* in the Parish of *Morpeth*, being a Garden belonging to and occupied with the House of Correction; and also to set out and make a proper and convenient Approach from the North End of the said intended Bridge to communicate with *Bridge Street in Morpeth* aforesaid, and also another proper and convenient Approach from the South End of the said Bridge to communicate with the Turnpike Road leading from the Town of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* to the said Town of *Morpeth*.

Commissioners to build Bridge and make Approaches.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That for the Purpose of this Act the said Commissioners, their Deputies, Servants, Agents, Surveyors, and Workmen, shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to dig and make Foundations in the said River, and on the Lands on each Side thereof, and to erect Dams in the said River, and to cut and level the Banks thereof, and to cut, remove, take and carry away all Beds of Gravel, Sand, Mud, and other Impediments whatsoever therein, and to make all necessary Changes and Alterations in the Weir or Milldam and Millrace or Watercourse belonging to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Carlisle*, and to enter into and upon the Houses, Lands, and Grounds of any Person,

Power to take Lands, &c.

Person, or Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate whatsoever, or of the Justices of the Peace of the said County, according to the Provisions and Directions of this Act, and to survey and take Levels of the same or of any Part thereof, and to set out and appropriate for the Purposes of this Act such Parts thereof as they are by this Act empowered to take or make use of, and there to bore, dig, cut, trench, embank, and sough, and also to remove, take, carry away, lay, and use, any Earth, Clay, Stone, Soil, Rubbish, Trees, Roots of Trees, Beds of Gravel or Sand, or any other Materials or Things which may be dug, raised, or gotten, in the Execution of this Act, out of the Lands or Grounds of any Person, or Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or of the said Justices, adjoining or contiguous to such Bridge or Approaches, which may be proper or necessary for making, maintaining, altering, or repairing, or carrying on the said Works, or which may obstruct the making, maintaining, or using the same, according to the Intent and Meaning of this Act; and also to make or construct, in, under, or upon the said Bridge and Approaches, or either of them, or upon the Lands adjoining the same, such and so many Landing Places, Engines, or other Machinery, Apparatus, and other Works and Conveniences, as the said Commissioners shall think proper for the Purposes of the said Undertaking; and also from Time to Time to alter, repair, or discontinue the same or any of them, and to substitute others in their Stead; and also to place, lay, work, and manufacture the Materials necessary for the making or maintaining and repairing the said Bridge and Approaches on the Lands or Grounds adjoining to the Place or Places where the said Works or any of them shall be made, erected, repaired, or done, and generally to do and perform all other Acts, Matters, and Things necessary or convenient for the making, maintaining, repairing, improving, and using the said Bridge and Approaches; they the said Commissioners, their Deputies, Agents, Servants, and Workmen, doing as little Damage as may be in the Execution of the several Powers to them hereby granted, and making full Satisfaction, in manner herein-after mentioned, to the Owners or Proprietors of and to all Persons interested in any Weirs, Milldams, Millraces, or Watercourses, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be taken, used, or injured, for all Damages to be by them sustained in or by the Execution of all or any of the Powers hereby granted; and this Act shall be sufficient to indemnify the said Commissioners, and all other Persons whomsoever, for what they or any of them shall do by virtue of the Powers hereby granted; subject nevertheless to such Provisions and Restrictions as are herein-after mentioned and contained.

Deficiencies
in Land Tax
to be made
good by the
Commis-
sioners.

XXIII. And whereas, by reason of the Exercise of the Powers by this Act granted, there may be Deficiencies in the Assessments for Land Tax in the Parish of *Morpeth*, in which the Bridge and other Works by this Act authorized are intended to be made; be it therefore enacted, That the said Commissioners shall, from and after they shall have become seised and possessed, by virtue of this Act, of any Premises charged with the Land Tax, and until the Works hereby authorized shall be completed and assessed to such Land Tax, unless the said Commissioners shall think fit to redeem the same

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under the Powers of the Acts for the Redemption of Land Tax, be subject and liable from Time to Time to pay and make good to or in aid of the said Parish of *Morpeth*, out of the Money to arise by virtue of this Act, all such Sums of Money as shall be deficient in the Assessments for Land Tax within the Parish of *Morpeth* aforesaid by reason or means of taking down or using, for the Purposes of this Act, any Premises liable to such Assessments, according to the Rental at which the same were valued or rated at the Time of the passing of this Act; and the Treasurer, Collector, or Receiver to be appointed under this Act is hereby required to pay all such Deficiencies, on Demand thereof, to the Collector or Collectors of the said Assessments.

XXIV. And whereas a Map or Plan describing the Lines of the Approaches to the said Bridge, and the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments through, over, or upon which the same are intended to be carried or made, together with a Book of Reference thereto, containing Lists of the Names of the Owners and Occupiers or reputed Owners and Occupiers of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, have been deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for the said County of *Northumberland*; be it therefore enacted, That the said Map or Plan and Book of Reference shall remain in the Custody of and shall be kept by the said Clerk of the Peace, and all Persons interested in any Manner in any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments shall at all reasonable Times have Liberty to inspect and peruse the same, and to have Copies of or Extracts from the same, paying to the said Clerk of the Peace the Sum of One Shilling for every such Inspection, and after the Rate of Sixpence for every One hundred Words of such Copies or Extracts; and the said Map or Plan and Book of Reference, or true Copies thereof, or of so much thereof as shall relate to any Matter which shall be in question, shall be and are hereby declared to be good Evidence in all Courts of Law or elsewhere.

Plan deposited with Clerk of the Peace to remain there, and to be Evidence.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, in making the said intended Approaches, shall not deviate more than One hundred Yards from the Lines described in the said Map or Plan, without the Consent in Writing of the Person or Persons or Party or Parties through, over, or upon whose Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments any such Deviation shall be made.

Not to deviate more than 100 Yards from Plan.

XXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Powers and Authorities hereby given for making the said Approaches shall not authorize the said Commissioners to pull down or take or use any Dwelling House or other Building, or to take or use any Orchard, Garden, Yard, or Paddock, Lawn, Shrubby, Plantation, planted Walk or Avenue to a House, or any Part thereof respectively, without the Consent in Writing of the Owners or Proprietors thereof or other Persons interested therein first had and obtained, except such as are mentioned in the Schedule to this Act annexed.

Not to take down Houses without Consent, except those mentioned in the Schedule.

XXVII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to make the said Approaches upon,

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in, over, or through any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments upon, in, over, or through which such Approaches are delineated on the said Map or Plan, although such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any of them, or the Situation thereof respectively, or the Names of the Owners or Occupiers thereof respectively, may happen to be omitted, mis-stated, or erroneously described in this Act, or in the Schedule thereto, or in the said Book of Reference, if it shall appear to any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County, in case of Dispute about the same, and be certified in Writing under their Hands, that such Omission, Mis-statement, or erroneous Description apparently proceeded from Mistake.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if the said Commissioners shall not within the Space of Five Years, to be computed from the passing of this Act, agree for or cause to be valued, and pay for, as herein-after mentioned, the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which they are hereby empowered to purchase as aforesaid, or so much thereof as they shall deem necessary or proper for the Purposes of this Act, then and from thenceforth all the Powers which are hereby granted to them for such Purpose only shall cease and be utterly void.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That after any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments intended to be taken or used for the Purposes of this Act shall have been set out and ascertained, it shall be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants in Tail or for Life, or for any other partial or qualified Estate or Interest, Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, and Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Purposes, Committees, Executors, and Administrators, and all Trustees and Persons whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of all Persons entitled in Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy after them, (if incapacitated,) and for and on behalf of their Wives, Wards, Lunatics, and Idiots respectively, and their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants, Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femmes Covert, or other Persons, and to and for all Femmes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed, or interested in their own Right, or entitled to Dower or other Interest therein, and for all other Persons whomsoever, who are or shall be seised or possessed of or interested in any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments as shall be so set out and ascertained for the Purposes aforesaid, to contract for, sell, and convey the same and every Part thereof unto the said Commissioners; and all such Contracts, Conveyances, and Assurances shall be made at the Expence of the said Commissioners, and shall be made according to the following Form, or as near thereto as the Number of the Parties and the Circumstances of the Case will admit; *videlicet*,

‘ I in consideration of the Sum of _____ to me
‘ [or, as the Case may be, into the Bank of *England* in the Name and
‘ with the Privy of the Accountant General of the Court of Exche-
‘ quer, *ex parte* the Commissioners of the *Morpeth Bridge*, pursuant to
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‘ the Act after mentioned,] paid by the Commissioners acting in the
 ‘ Execution of an Act of Parliament passed in the Tenth Year of the
 ‘ Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled [*here set*
 ‘ *forth the Title of this Act*], do hereby grant and alien to the said
 ‘ Commissioners and their Successors all [*describing the Premises to*
 ‘ *be conveyed*], together with all Ways, Rights, and Appurtenances
 ‘ thereunto belonging, and all such Estate, Right, Title, and Interest
 ‘ in and to the same and every Part thereof as I am or shall become
 ‘ seised or possessed of, or am by the said Act of Parliament capaci-
 ‘ tated or empowered to convey, to hold the Premises to the said
 ‘ Commissioners and their Successors for ever, according to the true
 ‘ Intent and Meaning of the said Act. In witness whereof I have
 ‘ hereunto set my Hand and Seal, the Day of
 ‘ in the Year of our Lord

And every such Conveyance and Assurance as aforesaid shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law to all Intents and Purposes, and shall operate to merge all Terms of Years attendant by express Declaration or by Construction of Law on the Estate or Estates, Interest or Interests, so thereby conveyed or aliened, and to bar and destroy all such Estates Tail, and all other Estates, Rights, Titles, Remainders, Reversions, Limitations, Trusts, and Interests whatsoever.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That all Bodies Corporate and other Parties herein-before capacitated or enabled to sell and convey any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and the respective Owners and Occupiers of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments through, in, or upon which the said Bridge and Approaches are intended to be made, may accept and receive Satisfaction for the Value of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or the Interest or Interests therein by them or him conveyed, and also Compensation for the Damages to be sustained in the Execution of the Powers of this Act, and also of or by reason of the severing or dividing the same Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and for and on account of any Damage, Loss, Inconvenience, or Prejudice which may be sustained by such Bodies or other Parties, in such gross Sums as shall be agreed upon between the said Owners (including Persons hereby capacitated as aforesaid) or Occupiers respectively, or any of them, and the said Commissioners; and in case the said Commissioners and such Parties respectively do not agree as to the Amount or Value of such Satisfaction and of such Compensation, the same respectively, or either of them, concerning which they cannot or do not so agree, shall be ascertained and settled by the Verdict of a Jury, if required, as herein-after is directed.

Satisfaction to be made for Lands taken for Purposes of Act.

XXXI. And for settling all Differences which may arise between the said Commissioners and the several Owners of or Persons interested in any Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which shall or may be taken, used, damaged, affected, or prejudiced by the Execution of any of the Powers hereby granted; be it further enacted, That if any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Trustee, or other Person so interested, entitled, or capacitated to sell or agree as aforesaid,

In case Parties refuse or are incapable to treat, the Value to be settled by a Jury.

said, shall differ or shall not agree with the said Commissioners as to the Amount of such Purchase Money or Satisfaction or other Compensation as aforesaid; or if any such Party shall refuse to accept such Purchase Money or Satisfaction or other Compensation aforesaid as shall be offered by the said Commissioners, and shall give Notice thereof in Writing to the said Commissioners within Twenty-one Days next after such Offer shall have been made, and the Party giving such Notice shall therein request that the Matter or Matters in dispute may be submitted to the Determination of a Jury; or if any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Trustee, or other Person interested, entitled, or capacitated to sell as aforesaid, shall, for the Space of Twenty-one Days next after Notice in Writing shall have been given to the principal Officer of such Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or to such Trustee or Person respectively, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, or with the Occupier of any Lands or other Hereditaments required for the Purposes of this Act, neglect or refuse to treat or shall not agree with the said Commissioners for the Sale and Conveyance of their respective Estates and Interests, or the respective Estates or Interests which he or she is capacitated or enabled to convey therein, or shall by reason of Absence be prevented from treating, or shall by reason of any Impediment or Disability not provided for by this Act be incapable of making such Agreement as shall be expedient for enabling the said Commissioners to proceed in making the said Bridge and Approaches, or shall not disclose and prove the State of the Title to the Premises of which he or she may be in Possession and claim to be entitled unto or interested in, or in any other Case where Agreement for Compensation for Damage incurred in or about forming the said Bridge and Approaches in the Execution of this Act cannot be made; then and in every such Case the said Commissioners may and shall and they are hereby empowered and required from Time to Time to issue a Warrant to the Sheriff of the County of *Northumberland*, or in case such Sheriff or his Under Sheriff shall be one of the said Commissioners, or enjoy any Office of Trust or Profit under them, or shall be anywise interested in the Matters in question, then to any of the Coroners of such County not interested as aforesaid, or if all the Coroners shall be so interested, then to some Person then living in the County, and free from personal Disability, who shall have filled the Office of Sheriff or Coroner in the said County, and not be interested as aforesaid, (a Person having more recently served either Office being always selected in preference to a Person having more anciently served the same Office,) commanding such Sheriff or Coroner or other Person to impanel, summon, and return, and the said Sheriff, Coroner, or other Person is hereby accordingly authorized and empowered and required to impanel, summon, and return, a Jury of at least Eighteen sufficient and indifferent Men qualified according to the Laws of this Realm to be returned for Trials of Issues in His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; and the Persons so to be impanelled, summoned, and returned are hereby required to appear before the said Sheriff, Under Sheriff, Coroner, or other Person, at such Time and Place as in such Warrant shall be directed or appointed, and to attend from Day to Day until discharged; and out of such Persons so to be impanelled, summoned, and returned a Jury of Twelve Men shall be drawn by the said Sheriff, Under Sheriff,
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or Coroner or other Person, or by some Person to be by him appointed, in such Manner as Juries for Trials of Issues joined in His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* are by Law directed to be drawn; and in case a sufficient Number of Jurymen shall not appear at the Time and Place so to be appointed as aforesaid, such Sheriff, Under Sheriff, Coroner, or other Person shall return other honest or indifferent Men of the Standers-by, or of others that can be speedily procured to attend that Service, being so qualified as aforesaid, to make up the said Jury to the Number of Twelve; and all Parties concerned may have their lawful Challenges against any of the said Jurymen, but shall not challenge the Array; and the Sheriff, Under Sheriff, Coroner, or other Person is hereby empowered and required to summon before him all Persons who shall be thought necessary to be examined as Witnesses touching the Matters in question or dispute, and may order and authorize the said Jury, or any Six or more of them, to view the Place or Places, Matter or Matters in controversy; and such Jury shall, upon their Oaths, or, being of the Society called *Quakers*, upon their solemn Affirmations, (which Oaths and solemn Affirmations, as well as the Oaths and solemn Affirmations of such Persons as shall be called upon to give Evidence, the said Sheriff, Under Sheriff, Coroner, or other Person is hereby empowered and required to administer,) inquire of, assess, and ascertain, and give a Verdict for the Sum or Sums of Money to be paid for the Purchase of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, except for such Interest or Interests therein as shall have been of Right purchased by the said Commissioners from any other Person or Persons, and also the separate and distinct Sum or Sums of Money to be paid by way of Recompence or Compensation either for the Damages which shall or may before that Time have been done or sustained as aforesaid, or for the future temporary or perpetual or for any recurring Damages which shall have been so occasioned as aforesaid, and the Cause or Occasion of which shall have been in part only removed by the said Commissioners, and which cannot or will not be further obviated, removed, or repaired by them; and the said Sheriff, Under Sheriff, Coroner, or other Person shall accordingly give Judgment for such Purchase Money, Recompence, or Compensation as shall be assessed by such Jury; which said Verdict, and the Judgment thereupon to be pronounced as aforesaid, shall be binding and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes upon all Bodies Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, and all other Persons whatsoever: Provided always, that not less than Seven Days Notice in Writing of the Time and Place at which such Jury are so required to be returned shall be given by the said Commissioners to the Party or Parties with whom any such Controversy shall arise, by leaving such Notice at the Dwelling House of such Person or Persons, or of the Clerk or Agent or head Officer of any such Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or with some Tenant or Occupier of the Premises intended to be valued, or respecting which, or any Damage to which, any such Question shall arise.

Notice of the Time and Place of Meeting of Jury to be given.

XXXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in ascer-

Value of Land and Damages to be assessed separately.

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this Act, the Jury shall also ascertain and assess the Compensation and Satisfaction to be made by the said Commissioners for any Damages which shall be sustained by any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or by any Persons, being respectively Owners, Occupiers of or interested in such Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments, for or by reason of severing or dividing the same from other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments whereof, wherein, or whereto such Body or Person as aforesaid shall be seised, possessed, interested, or entitled, and for or on account of the Injury, Loss, or Prejudice which shall or may accrue to or be sustained by any such Body or Person interested in such Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments, or any of them, by reason of making, using, repairing, or maintaining the said Bridge and Approaches, and other Works and Conveniences belonging thereto, or by reason of the Execution of any of the Powers given to the said Commissioners; such Damages and Compensation to be settled and ascertained separately and distinctly from the Value of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so to be taken and used as aforesaid.

Compensation Money to be apportioned.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Juries shall and they are hereby respectively empowered, if thereunto required, to settle what Shares and Proportions of the Purchase Money or Compensation for Damages which shall be assessed as aforesaid shall be allowed to any Tenant or other Person having a particular Estate, Term, or Interest in the Premises, for his Interest therein.

Verdicts to be recorded.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Verdicts and Judgments, being first signed by the said Sheriff, Under Sheriff, Coroner, or other Person presiding at the taking of such Verdict and pronouncing of such Judgment respectively, shall be kept by the Clerk of the Peace for the County in which the Matter in dispute shall have arisen among the Records of the Quarter Sessions for such County, and shall be deemed Records to all Intents and Purposes; and the same, or true Copies thereof, shall be allowed to be good Evidence in all Courts whatsoever; and all Persons shall have Liberty to inspect the same, paying for such Inspection the Sum of One Shilling, and no more, and also to have Copies thereof, paying for every Copy after the Rate of Sixpence for every One hundred Words.

Penalty upon Sheriff, &c. making Default.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That if such Sheriff or his Deputy, or any Coroner or other Person herein-before authorized and directed to act in the Stead of such Sheriff, shall make Default in the Premises, he shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds; and if any Person so to be summoned and returned upon such Jury as aforesaid shall not appear, or appearing shall refuse to be sworn, or, being of the Society of Persons called *Quakers*, to make his solemn Affirmation, or to give his Verdict, or shall in any other Manner wilfully neglect his Duty contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, or if any Person so to be summoned to give Evidence as aforesaid shall not appear on being paid or tendered a reasonable Sum for his Costs and Expences, or appearing shall refuse to be sworn, examined, or give Evidence, every Person

so offending, having no reasonable Excuse (to be allowed by the said Sheriff, Under Sheriff, Coroner, or other Person), shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, for the Benefit of the Party for whom or on whose Account such Jury or Witness shall be summoned, any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, to be levied, by virtue of any Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the County in which the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments shall be situate, or the said Inquisition shall be held, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person so offending, rendering to him the Overplus of the Money so to be produced, after such Penalty, and the Charges and Expences of such Distress and Sale, shall have been deducted.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That every such Jury and Juror as aforesaid shall also be liable and subject to the same Regulations, Pains, and Penalties as if such Jury and Juror had been returned for the Trial of any Issue joined in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; and all Persons who, in any Examination to be taken by virtue of this Act, upon their Oaths, or, being of the Society of Persons called *Quakers*, upon their solemn Affirmations, shall wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence before any such Jury, Sheriff, Under Sheriff, Coroner, or other Person, or before any Justice of the Peace acting as such in the Execution of this Act, shall and may be prosecuted for the same, and upon Conviction thereof shall be subject and liable to the Pains and Penalties to which Persons guilty of wilful and corrupt Perjury are by the Laws in being subject and liable.

Jurors to be under the same Regulations as those of the Courts at Westminster. Persons giving false Evidence subject to the Penalties of Perjury.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That in every Case where the Verdict of a Jury shall be given for a greater Sum than shall have been previously offered by the said Commissioners for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be used or taken by them for the Purposes of this Act, or as Compensation or Recompence for any Damage or Loss which may happen or arise in the Execution of any of the Powers hereby granted, all the Costs of summoning such Jury, and the Expences of Witnesses, shall be defrayed by the said Commissioners; and such Costs and Expences shall be settled and determined by the said Sheriff, Under Sheriff, Coroner, or other Person; and in case such Costs and Expences shall not be paid to the Party entitled to receive the same within Ten Days after the same shall have been demanded, then the same shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of any Goods and Chattels of the said Commissioners, or of the Treasurer of the said Commissioners, (unless such Treasurer shall pay such Costs and Expences out of any Monies received by him by virtue of this Act, and which he is hereby authorized to do,) under a Warrant to be issued for that Purpose by any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Northumberland*, which Warrant such Justice is hereby authorized and required to issue under his Hand and Seal on Application made to him for that Purpose by the Party entitled to receive such Costs and Expences; but if the Verdict of the Jury shall be given for an equal or less Sum than shall have been previously offered by the said Commissioners, in every such Case one Moiety of the

Expences of the Jury how to be paid.

the said Costs and Expences shall be defrayed by the Party with whom the said Commissioners shall have such Controversy or Dispute, and the other Moiety shall be defrayed by the said Commissioners; and the former Moiety of such Costs and Expences, having been ascertained and settled in manner herein-before mentioned, shall and may be deducted out of the Money to be determined or adjudged to be paid to such Party as aforesaid, as so much Money advanced to and for his Use, and the Payment or Tender of the Remainder of the Money so to be determined or adjudged shall be deemed and taken, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, to be a good Payment or Tender in satisfaction of the whole thereof: Provided always, that in all Cases where, by reason of Absence in Foreign Parts, or from any other Cause or Disability not herein-before provided for, any Person shall have been prevented from treating and agreeing as aforesaid, the whole of such Charges and Expences shall be borne and paid by the said Commissioners.

Persons
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Juries to
enter into
Bonds.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Parties with whom the said Commissioners shall have any such Controversy or Dispute shall at their own Costs (before the said Commissioners shall be obliged to issue their Warrant for the summoning of such Jury) enter into a Bond, with Two sufficient Sureties, to the Clerk or Treasurer of the said Commissioners, in the Penalty of One hundred Pounds, to prosecute their Complaint, and to bear and pay their Proportion (if any) of the Costs and Expences of summoning and returning such Jury and taking such Verdict, and of the summoning and of the Attendance of Witnesses, in case any Part of such Costs and Expences shall fall upon them, to be paid according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Notice of
Injury to be
given to
Commission-
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Complaint is
made.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall not be obliged, nor shall any Jury to be summoned by virtue of this Act be allowed, to receive or take notice of any Complaint to be made by any Body Corporate or Person for any Injury or Damage by them or him sustained or supposed to be sustained, or having been discovered to be sustained, by virtue or in consequence of the Execution of any of the Powers of this Act, unless Notice in Writing, signed by the chief Clerk or Treasurer or other proper Officer of such Body Corporate, or by such Person, stating the Particulars of such Injury and the Amount of the Compensation claimed in respect thereof, shall have been given by or on behalf of such Body or Person to the said Commissioners Ten Days at the least before such Complaint shall be made to the said Commissioners, and within the Space of Six Calendar Months after the Time such supposed Injury or Damage shall have been sustained, or the doing or committing thereof shall have ceased.

Power to
enter Lands
on Payment
or Tender of
Purchase
Money.

XL. And be it further enacted, That upon the Payment or legal Tender of such Sum of Money as shall have been contracted or agreed, for between the Parties, or assessed by any Jury in manner aforesaid, for the Purchase of any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or as a Recompence for the yearly Produce or Profits thereof, or as a Compensation for Damages as herein-before mentioned, to the Proprietor of such

such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or other Person interested therein or entitled to receive such Money or Compensation respectively, within One Calendar Month after the same shall be so agreed for, determined, or assessed, or if the Party so entitled or interested as aforesaid cannot be found, or shall refuse to receive the same, or shall refuse, neglect, or be unable to make or prove a good Title to or shall refuse to execute the necessary Conveyances of the Premises, or in case such Money shall be liable to be invested in the Purchase of other Hereditaments, then upon Payment of such Money into the Bank of *England*, as herein-after directed, for the Use of the Parties entitled thereto, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners immediately to enter upon such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and then and thereupon such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and the Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof, together with the yearly Profits thereof, and all the Estate, Use, Trust, and Interest of all or any Persons therein, shall thenceforth be vested in and become the sole Property of the said Commissioners to and for the Purposes of this Act; and such Payment or Tender or Investment shall not only bar all the Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand of such Persons as aforesaid, and operate as a Merger of all outstanding or other Terms of Years, but also shall extend to and be deemed and construed to bar the Dower of the Wife of every such Person, and all Estates Tail, and other Estates in Reversion and Remainder, or otherwise, of his, her, or their Issue, and of every other Person whomsoever therein: Provided nevertheless, that before such Payment, Tender, or Deposit in the Bank of *England* as aforesaid, it shall not be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Person acting under their Authority, to enter into or upon such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for any of the Purposes of this Act, without the Leave of the respective Owners or Occupiers thereof.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That every Tenant at Will, Lessee for a Year, and other Person, in Possession of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments through, in, or upon which the said Bridge and Approaches hereby authorized to be made are intended to pass or be made, and who shall have no greater Interest in the Premises than as Tenants at Will or Lessees for a Year or from Year to Year, shall deliver up Possession of such Premises to the said Commissioners, or to such Person as they shall appoint to take Possession of the same, at the Expiration of Six Calendar Months next after Notice to that Effect shall have been given by the said Commissioners to such Tenant or Lessee or Person in Possession, or left upon the said Premises, whether such Notice be given with reference to the Time of the Commencement of such Tenant's holding, or not, and whether such Notice be given before or after the said Premises shall be purchased by the said Commissioners, or at such other Time after the Expiration of Six Calendar Months as shall be required; and in case any such Tenant or Lessee or Person so in Possession as aforesaid shall refuse to give up such Possession as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to issue their Precept to the Sheriff of the County in which the said Premises shall be situate, to deliver Possession of the said Premises to such Person as shall in such Precept be nominated to receive the same; and the said Sheriff is hereby

Tenants at Will or for Years to quit Lands, &c. after Notice.

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required to deliver Possession of the said Premises accordingly, and to levy and satisfy such Costs as shall accrue from the Issuing and Execution of such Precept on the Person so refusing to give Possession, by Distress and Sale of his Goods.

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XLII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That when any such Tenant or Lessee shall be required to deliver up Possession of any Premises so occupied by him, before the Expiration of his Term or Interest therein, the said Commissioners shall and they are hereby directed to make or tender unto such Tenant or Lessee, before they shall issue their Precept to the Sheriff to give Possession of the Premises in the Occupation of such Tenant or Lessee as aforesaid, Satisfaction or Compensation for the Value of his unexpired Term or Interest in the said Premises; which Satisfaction or Compensation, in case of Difference, shall be ascertained and settled in the same Manner as any other Satisfaction or Compensation for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments taken or used by the said Commissioners is by this Act directed to be made and assessed.

Persons hold-
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XLIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Party shall claim any Satisfaction or Compensation for or in respect of any unexpired Term or Interest which he shall claim to be possessed of or entitled unto in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments through, in, or upon which the said Bridge and Approaches are intended to be made, under or by virtue of any Demise, Lease, or Grant thereof, the said Commissioners are hereby authorized to require such Party to produce or show the Lease or Grant in respect of which such Claim for Satisfaction or Compensation shall be made; and if such Lease, Demise, or Grant shall not be so produced or shown (as the Case may be), then the Party claiming such Compensation or Satisfaction shall be considered as holding only from Year to Year.

Mortgagees,
on Tender of
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XLIV. And be it further enacted, That all Persons having any Mortgage on any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be taken or used by virtue of this Act, not being in Possession thereof by virtue of such Mortgage, shall, on Tender of the Principal Money and Interest due thereon, and the just Costs (if any) then due, together with the Amount of Six Calendar Months Interest on the said Principal Money, by the said Commissioners, immediately convey, assign, and transfer such mortgaged Tenements or Hereditaments to the said Commissioners, or to such Persons as they shall appoint; and in case such Mortgagee shall have Notice in Writing from the said Commissioners that they will pay off and discharge the Principal Money and Interest which shall be due on the said Mortgage at the End or Expiration of Six Calendar Months, to be computed from the Day of giving such Notice, then at the End of such Six Calendar Months, on Payment of the Principal Money and Interest so due, together with any just Costs then due, such Mortgagee shall convey, assign, and transfer his Interest in the said mortgaged Tenements or Hereditaments to the said Commissioners, or as they shall direct; and in case such Mortgagee shall refuse to convey and assign as aforesaid on such Tender or Payment, then all Interest on every such Mortgage

Debt shall from thenceforth cease and determine: Provided always, that in case the Sum due upon any such Mortgage shall amount to more than the real Value of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be taken for the Purposes of this Act, or otherwise of the Estate or Interest therein mortgaged, and which shall be ascertained in manner herein-before directed, then the said Commissioners shall not be liable to pay to such Mortgagee more than the real Value so ascertained as aforesaid of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Estate or Interests so mortgaged, or than the Residue thereof after such Allowance and Payment thereout as herein-before directed to any Lessee or Tenant occupying or holding the Estate or Interest so in Mortgage: Provided also, that in case any such Mortgagee shall neglect or refuse to convey or assign as aforesaid, then upon Payment of the Principal Money and Interest, and the Costs (if any) due on any such Mortgage as aforesaid, into the Bank of *England*, at the End of Six Calendar Months from the Day of giving such Notice as aforesaid, or, in lieu of such Notice and in addition to the said other Monies, Six Calendar Months Interest in advance, for the Use of such Mortgagee, the Cashier of the said Bank shall give a Receipt for the said Money in like Manner as is by this Act directed in case of other Payments into the said Bank; and thereupon all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand of such Mortgagee, or of all Persons in Trust for him, shall vest in the Commissioners, and they shall be deemed to be in the actual Possession of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments and Estate comprised in such Mortgage, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever: Provided also, that if any such Mortgage shall comprise any other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments than those which shall be so taken by the said Commissioners, such Mortgagee shall, upon Payment or Tender of the Sum so ascertained to be the Value of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments as aforesaid, forthwith convey, assign, and transfer his Interest in such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to the said Commissioners; and in default of such Conveyance, Assignment, or Transfer, and on Payment of such Money into the Bank of *England* for the Use of such Mortgagee, the Cashier of the said Bank shall give such Receipt as above mentioned, and thereupon all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand of the said Mortgagee, and of all Persons in Trust for him, in the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, the Value whereof or of the Estate or Interest therein mortgaged shall have been so ascertained and paid into the Bank as aforesaid, shall vest in the said Commissioners, and they shall be deemed to be in the actual Possession thereof to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and such Sums of Money shall be deducted from the Amount of the Money due to such Mortgagee by virtue of such Mortgage.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where a Part only of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments subject to any Mortgage shall be required for the Purposes of this Act, and the Mortgagee thereof shall not consider the remaining Parts of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be a sufficient Security for the Money charged thereon, or shall not be willing to release the Part required for the Purposes of this Act from the Principal or Mort-

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Mortgage Money, and all Interest due or to become due thereon, and all Costs, then and in every such Case the Price or Value of such Part of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments as shall be so required for the Purposes aforesaid, or (as the Case may be) of the Interest therein mortgaged, and also the Compensation, if any, for any Damage done, shall be settled and agreed upon by and between such Mortgagee and the Person entitled to the Equity of Redemption of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, on the one Part, and the said Commissioners on the other Part; and in case of any Difference between them, then such Price or Value and Compensation shall be ascertained or assessed by the Verdict of a Jury in the same Manner as in other Cases of Difference; and the Amount of such Price or Value and Compensation, being so settled and agreed upon or ascertained and assessed as aforesaid, shall be paid to such Mortgagee in satisfaction of his Claim, so far as the same will extend, or in case of his neglecting or refusing to release, convey, or assign as herein-before directed, then into the Bank of *England* as by this Act is provided; and such Payment to the Mortgagee, or into the Bank as last aforesaid, shall be and be accepted and taken in satisfaction of the Claim of such Mortgagee, as far as the same will extend, and also in full Discharge and Exoneration of such Part of the mortgaged Lands as shall be so taken and used from all Principal and Interest and other Money secured or due thereon: Provided nevertheless, that notwithstanding any thing herein-before contained, such Mortgagee shall have, retain, and be entitled to such and the same Powers, Remedies, and Means for recovering and compelling Payment of his Mortgage Money, or the Residue thereof (as the Case may be), or the Interest thereof respectively, upon and out of the Residue of the mortgaged Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments not required for the Purpose aforesaid, as he would otherwise have had or been entitled to for recovering or compelling Payment thereof upon or out of the whole of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments originally comprised in such Mortgage.

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XLVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be paid, or be agreed or awarded to be paid, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act, which any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, Tenant for Life or in Tail, or Feoffee in Trust, Executor, Administrator, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee for or on behalf of any Infant, Idiot, Lunatic, Feme Covert, or other Cestuique Trust, or any Person whose Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are limited in strict or other Settlement, or any Person under any other Disability or Incapacity, shall be entitled unto, interested in, or hereby capacitated to convey, then such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, to be placed to the Account there "*ex parte* the Commissioners of *Morpeth Bridge*," pursuant to the Method prescribed by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty

Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the better securing Monies and Effects paid into the Court of Exchequer at Westminster on account of the Suitors of the said Court, and for the Appointment of an Accountant General and Two Masters of the said Court, and for other Purposes*, and the General Orders of the said Court, and without Fee or Reward; and shall when so paid in there remain until the same shall, by Order of the said Court made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Party or Parties who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, be applied, either in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land Tax, or in or towards the Discharge of any Debt or such other Incumbrance affecting the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting any other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, as the said Court shall authorize to be purchased or paid; or such Part thereof as shall be necessary; or until the same shall, upon the like Application, be laid out, by Order of the said Court; in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed, limited, and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Lands, Tenements, or 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 or 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 said Court upon Application thereto, be invested by the Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, or in Government or Real Securities; and in the meantime and until such Annuities or Securities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends or Interest and annual Produce thereof shall from Time to Time be paid, by the Order of the said Court, to the Party or Parties who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to be purchased, conveyed, and settled.

XLVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the respective Parties for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of their respective Husbands, Guardians, or Committees, in case of Coverture, Infancy, Idiocy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, with the Approbation of the said Commissioners, signified in Writing under their Hands, be paid into the said Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privy of the said Accountant General; and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in

Application of Compensation Money when less than 200*l.* and amounting to 20*l.*

manner herein-before directed ; or otherwise the same may be paid, at the like Option and with the like Approbation, to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the respective Parties exercising such Option, and such Nomination to be approved of by the said Commissioners, such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands or Common Seals of the nominating and approving Persons ; and the Money so paid to such Trustees, and the Dividends and Profits so arising thereon and therefrom, shall be by such Trustees applied in like Manner as is herein-before directed with respect to the Money so to be paid into the Bank in the Name of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, but without being required to obtain any Order of the said Court touching the Application thereof.

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XLVIII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That where such Money so agreed or awarded to be paid as aforesaid shall be less than Twenty Pounds, the same shall be paid to the respective Parties who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid, for their own Use and Benefit ; or in case of Coverture, Infancy, Idiotcy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, then such Money shall be paid to their Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or Trustees, to and for the Use and Benefit of the Parties respectively entitled thereto.

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XLIX. And be it further enacted, That in case any Party to whom any Money shall be awarded for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used by virtue of this Act, shall refuse to accept the same, or shall refuse, neglect, or be unable to make and prove a good Title to the Premises, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, or if any Party to whom such Money shall be awarded as aforesaid shall be absent from *England* or cannot be found, or if any Party entitled unto or to convey such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, be not known or discovered, or be not shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, or be absent from *England*, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to order the Money so awarded as aforesaid to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the said Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, (describing them, so far as such Commissioners can do so,) subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court ; which said Court, on the Application of any Party making claim to such Money or any Part thereof, by Petition, shall and is hereby empowered, in a summary Way of Proceeding or otherwise, as to such 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 Estates, Titles, or Interests of the Party making claim thereto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable ; and the Cashier of the Bank of *England* who shall receive such Money is hereby required to give a Receipt

for such Money, mentioning and specifying therein for what and for whose Use (described as aforesaid) the same is received, to the said Commissioners, or to such Person paying any Money into the Bank of *England* under or pursuant to this Act.

L. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Party to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privy of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, Title, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased, taken, or used in pursuance of this Act, or to any Annuities or Securities to be purchased with any such Money as aforesaid, or to the Dividends or Interest of any such Annuities or Securities, the Party who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Parties, or under or consistently with the Possession of such Parties, shall be deemed and taken to have been 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; and the Dividends or Interest of the Annuities or Securities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Annuities or Securities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made to appear to the Satisfaction of the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some and what other Person was lawfully entitled to such or to some and what Part of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some and what Estate or Interest therein.

Persons in Possession presumptively entitled.

LI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where, by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of any Person or Corporation entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the Bank of *England*, or to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, 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 such Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said Commissioners out of the Monies to be received by virtue of this Act, and the said Commissioners shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Court of Exchequer may order the Expences of Purchases to be paid by the Commissioners.

LII. And whereas, by means of the Purchases which the said Commissioners are empowered and required to make by virtue of this Act, they may happen to be seised of more Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments than will be necessary for effecting the Purposes of this Act, or of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments not wanted or not applicable to the Purposes hereof; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to sell and convey any

Power to sell Lands not wanted by Commissioners.

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any Part of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate or Interest purchased by the said Commissioners in such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, either together or in Parcels, by public Auction or private Contract, as they shall find most convenient or deem most advantageous, to such Persons as shall be willing to contract for and purchase the same; and such Conveyances from the said Commissioners shall be valid and effectual, any thing in this Act contained, or any other Law, Statute, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that the said Commissioners, before they shall sell and dispose of any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall first offer to sell the same to the Person or the Persons successively, in such Order as the Commissioners shall deem meet, whose Lands or Premises shall immediately adjoin the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so proposed to be sold as aforesaid; and such Person or Persons, in case he, she, or they shall be desirous of purchasing the same, (the Preference in Pre-emption of such Persons, if more than One, being according to the Order of making such Offers,) shall signify such his, her, or their Desire and Intention in that Behalf to the said Commissioners within One Calendar Month after such Offer of Sale shall have been made; and in case such Person or Persons shall refuse or decline to avail himself, herself, or themselves of such Offer, or shall neglect or omit to signify his, her, or their Desire and Intention to purchase such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments for the said Space of One Calendar Month, then and in every such Case an Affidavit made and sworn before a Master or Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery, or before One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Northumberland*, by some Person not interested in the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, stating that such Offer was made by or on behalf of the said Commissioners, and that such Offer was refused or declined, or was not accepted or agreed to, by the Person or Persons to whom the same was made, within the Space of One Calendar Month from the Day or Time of making the same, shall in all Courts whatsoever be sufficient Evidence and Proof that such Offer was made, and was refused or declined, or was not accepted and agreed to within the Time aforesaid, by the Person or Persons to whom such Offer was made (as the Case may be); and in case such Person or Persons shall be desirous of purchasing the same, and he, she, or they and the said Commissioners shall differ or not agree with respect to the Price thereof, then and in such Case the Price or Prices thereof shall be ascertained by a Jury in the Manner by this Act directed with respect to the disputed Value of Premises to be purchased by the said Commissioners in pursuance thereof; and the Expence of hearing and determining such Difference shall be borne and paid in like Manner as in and by this Act is directed with respect to Purchases made by the said Commissioners, *mutatis mutandis*; and the Money produced by the Sale or Sales which may be made by the said Commissioners of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments as aforesaid, shall be applied to the Purposes of this Act.

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LIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Money which shall arise from the Sale of any such Lands;

Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Interest belonging to the said Commissioners therein, or of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments authorized by this Act to be sold by the said Commissioners, or upon Payment of any Money under this Act, it shall be lawful for the Treasurer for the Time being to the said Commissioners, to sign and give Receipts for the Money so paid, which Receipts shall be sufficient Discharges to all Persons for the Purchase Money for such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments or Interests as shall be sold, or for so much thereof and for such Sum of Money as in such Receipts respectively shall be expressed to be received; and such Persons shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any Loss, Misapplication, or Nonapplication of such Purchase Money or other Monies, or any Part thereof.

Money, to give Receipts.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That in every Conveyance to be made by the said Commissioners under or in pursuance of this Act the Word "grant" shall operate as and be construed and adjudged in all Courts of Judicature to be express Covenants to or with the Grantee or Grantees therein, and the Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns of such respective Grantees, according to the Quality or Nature of such Grantees therein, and the Estate or Interest therein expressed to be thereby conveyed by or from the said Commissioners, for themselves and their Successors, that they the said Commissioners, notwithstanding any Act or Default done by them, were at the Time of the Execution of such Conveyance seised or possessed of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments or Premises thereby granted for an indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple, free from all Incumbrances done or occasioned by them, or otherwise for such Estate or Interest as therein expressed to be thereby granted, that the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, his, her, or their Heirs and Assigns, Successors and Assigns, or Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, as the Case may be, shall quietly enjoy the same against the said Commissioners, their Successors and Assigns, and all claiming under them, and be indemnified and saved harmless by the said Commissioners and their Successors from all Incumbrances committed by the said Commissioners, and also for further Assurance of such Premises by the said Commissioners, their Successors and Assigns, and all claiming under them, unless, except, and so far as the same shall be restrained and limited by express particular Words contained in such Conveyance; and such respective Grantees, and their Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, according to their respective Qualities or Nature, and the Estate or Interest expressed to be conveyed, shall and may, in any Actions to be brought, assign Breach or Breaches thereupon as they respectively might do in case such Covenants were expressly inserted in such Conveyance.

The Word "grant," in Conveyances from Commissioners, to operate as Covenants for Title.

LV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and for such Persons as they shall respectively appoint, to search for, dig, gather, take, and carry away any Materials for making, preserving, and protecting the said Bridge, or the Embankments and Approaches thereto, out of the Lands of any Person or Persons where the same may be had or found, in any Parish, Hamlet,

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or Place in which any Part of such Bridge or Approaches shall be situate, or in any adjoining Parish, Hamlet, or Place, (such Lands not being a Garden, Orchard, Yard, Park, Paddock, planted Walk or Avenue to any House, or any Piece of Ground planted and set apart as a Nursery for Trees,) making or tendering such Satisfaction for such Materials, and for the Damage done to the Owners or Occupiers of the Lands whence the same shall be dug, gathered, and carried away, or over which the same shall be carried, as the said Commissioners shall judge reasonable; and to land on and carry through and over any inclosed Lands or Grounds (not being a Garden, Orchard, Yard, Park, Paddock, planted Walk or Avenue to a House, or any Piece of Ground planted and set apart as a Nursery for Trees,) any Stone or other Materials for making and protecting the said Bridge and Approaches, paying or tendering for the Damage done in landing on or going through or over any inclosed Lands or Grounds for or with such Materials, and also for such Materials, such Sums as they the said Commissioners and the Owners and Occupiers of the said Lands shall agree upon; and in case of any Difference between such Commissioners and the Owners and Occupiers of such Lands, or any of them, concerning such Payments and Damages as aforesaid, any One or more Justices of the Peace for the County or Place from whence such Materials shall have been taken shall be situate, on Ten Days Notice thereof being given in Writing by either Party to the other, shall hear and determine the Matter and Amount of such Payments and Damages, and the Costs attending the hearing and determining the same.

Notice to be given before Materials are taken from private Grounds.

LVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Commissioners, or for any other Person acting under the Authority of this Act, to dig, gather, get, take or carry away any such Materials out of and from any inclosed Land or Ground, until Notice shall have been given to the respective Owners or Occupiers of the Premises from which such Materials are intended to be taken, or their known Agents, or left at the House or last usual Place of Abode of such Owners or Occupiers, to appear before any One or more Justices of the Peace acting for the County or Place as aforesaid, to shew Cause why such Materials should not be taken therefrom; and in case any such Owner or Occupier or Agent shall attend pursuant to such Notice, but shall not shew sufficient Cause to the contrary, such Justices shall, if they think proper, authorize the Person or Persons so employed by the said Commissioners as aforesaid to dig, get, gather, take and carry away such Materials at such Times as the said Justice or Justices shall deem proper; and if any such Owner or Occupier or Agent shall neglect or refuse to appear, the said Justice or Justices shall and may (upon Proof on Oath of the Service of such Notice) make such Order therein as they shall think fit, as fully and effectually as if such Owner or Occupier, or his or her Agent, had attended.

Pits or Holes to be filled up.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Persons employed under the Powers of this Act shall, by searching for, digging, or getting any Gravel, Sand, Stones, Chalk, Clay, or other Materials as aforesaid, make any Pit or Hole in any Lands or Grounds, Rivers or

Brooks as aforesaid, wherein such Materials shall be found, such Person shall forthwith cause the same to be sufficiently fenced off, and such Fence to be supported and repaired during such Time as the said Pit or Hole shall remain open, and shall, within Three Days after such Pit or Hole shall be open or made, where no Materials shall be found, cause the same to be filled up, levelled, and covered with the Turf or Clay which was dug out of the same; and, where such Materials shall be found, within Seven Days after having dug up sufficient Materials in such Pit or Hole, if the same is not likely to be further useful, shall cause the same to be filled up, sloped down, or fenced off, and so continued; and if the same is likely to be further useful, such Person or Persons so employed shall sufficiently secure the same by Fences, to prevent Accidents to Persons or Cattle; and in case any such Person shall neglect to fill up, slope down, or fence off such Pit or Hole in the Manner and within the Time aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds for every such Default; and in case such Person shall neglect to fence off such Pit or Hole, or to slope down the same, as herein-before is directed, for the Space of Twenty-four Hours after he shall have received Notice for either of those Purposes from any Justice of the Peace, or from the Owner or Occupier of such several Grounds, River, or Brook, and such Neglect and Notice shall be proved upon Oath before any of the said Justices of the Peace, such Person shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds nor less than Forty Shillings for every such Neglect, to be determined and adjudged by such Justice; and such Penalty shall be laid out and applied in the fencing off, filling up, and sloping down such Pit or Hole, in such Manner as the said Justice shall direct and appoint; which Forfeiture, in case the same be not forthwith paid, shall be levied as other Forfeitures are herein-after directed to be levied.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully or maliciously damage the said intended Bridge, or any Part thereof, or the Embankments, Mounds, or other Works, or shall wilfully or maliciously, or without Authority from the said Commissioners, or from any of their Agents, Surveyors, or other Persons acting under the Authority of this Act, remove or take away any Work, Material, or Thing thereunto belonging, or in any way direct or procure the same to be done, or shall be aiding or assisting therein, whereby the said Bridge or Embankments or other Works as aforesaid may be damaged, he shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, and also the Amount of the Damage done, and the Value of any Materials or Things so taken therefrom, and the Expence of repairing the same.

For preventing wilful Damage to Bridge.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall ride upon any Footpath by the Side of the said Bridge or of either of the said Approaches, or shall lead or drive any Horse, Beast, Cattle, Swine, or Carriage of any Description, or run or carry thereon any Wheelbarrow, Truck, Sledge, or any single Wheel of any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage apart therefrom, or roll any Cask or Tub upon any such Footpath, or shall cause any Injury or Damage to be done to the same, or the Walls, Posts, Rails, or Fences thereof; or shall haul or draw,

To prevent Nuisances on the Bridge and Approaches.

draw, or cause to be hauled or drawn, upon any Part of such Bridge or of either of the said Approaches, any Timber, Stone, or other Thing, otherwise than upon wheeled Carriages, or shall suffer any Timber, Stone, or other Thing which shall be carried principally or in part upon Wheel Carriages, to drag or trail upon such Bridge or either of the said Approaches, to the Prejudice thereof; or if any Person shall leave any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage upon such Bridge or either of the said Approaches, or on the Side or Sides thereof, without some proper Person in the sole Custody or Care thereof, or longer than may be necessary to load or unload the same, (except in Cases of Accident,) or shall not place such Waggon, Wain, Cart, or Carriage during the Time of loading or unloading the same, or of taking Refreshment, as near to one Side of the said Bridge or Approaches as conveniently may be, either with or without any Horse, Beast, or Cattle harnessed or yoked thereto, or shall wilfully obstruct the Passage of any Passenger, or any Carriage, Horse, Beast, or Cattle thereon; or shall lay any Timber, Hay, Stone, Straw, Dung, Manure, Soil, Ashes, Rubbish, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever upon any Part of such Bridge or of either of such Approaches, to the Annoyance, Interruption, or personal Danger of any Person travelling thereon; or shall suffer any Water, Filth, Dirt, or other offensive Matter or Thing whatsoever to run or flow into or upon such Bridge, or either of such Approaches, from any Premises adjacent thereto; or if the Driver of any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage shall, on the said Bridge or either of the said Approaches, ride on the Shafts or in or upon any Part of such Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, without proper Reins to the Horses or Cattle drawing the same; or if any Person riding any Horse, Beast, or Cattle, or driving any sort of Carriage, shall ride or drive the same furiously, so as to endanger the Person of any Passenger; or if the Driver of any Carriage meeting any other Carriage shall not keep his or her Carriage on the Left or near Side of the Road, or shall in any Manner wilfully prevent any Person from passing him or her in any Carriage under his or her Care on the said Bridge or on either of the said Approaches, or by Negligence or Misbehaviour prevent, hinder, or interrupt the free Passage of any Carriage of any of His Majesty's Subjects on the said Bridge or Approaches, or either of them, or shall suffer any Stage Coach, Diligence, Post Chaise, or other Carriage let to Hire to remain longer than may be necessary for the taking up and setting down of any Passenger; or if any Person shall allow any Oxen, Sheep, Lambs, Calves, Swine, or other Cattle or Beast to remain longer upon the said Bridge or Approaches than whilst passing along the same; or shall discharge any Fire-arms (except in case of Necessity for Self-defence), or make any Bonfire, or set fire to or throw any Fireworks; or shall by loitering or remaining on such Bridge or Approaches, or either of them, (without some reasonable Cause,) or in any other Manner, obstruct or impede the free Passage of such Bridge or Approaches, or either of them; every Person offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, or the Owner or Proprietor of any such Horse, Beast, Cattle, Carriage, Goods, Matter, or Thing, (as the Case may be,) in any Instance in which the Party actually offending cannot be found, shall for each and every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds over and above the Damages occasioned thereby; and

and it shall be lawful for any Officer appointed by virtue of this Act, and for any Constable, to take away and remove any of the before-mentioned Obstructions and Nuisances, in case the Party occasioning the same shall not remove the same within a reasonable Time after having been required so to do by any Person whomsoever.

LX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, as soon as conveniently may be after a Passage shall have been made over the said intended Bridge, to erect or build, upon or across the said Bridge, and upon or across the said Approaches or either of them, or any Part or Parts thereof respectively, or upon the Sides of such Approaches or either of them, or of any Part thereof, when, where, and as they shall judge necessary, any Toll Gates or Toll Bars and Toll Houses, with Outhouses and Conveniences thereto, and from Time to Time to alter or take down and rebuild, or to discontinue and remove, the same or any of them, as they the said Commissioners shall think proper; and to take thereat any Tolls not exceeding the following; (that is to say,)

Power to erect Toll Gates, and take Tolls.

For every Ass, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of One Tolls.
Halfpenny:

For every Ass, drawing, the Sum of One Penny Halfpenny:

For every Horse, Beast, or Cattle, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of Three-pence:

For every Horse, Beast, or Cattle, drawing singly any Chaise, Calash, Gig, Whiskey, Chair, Caravan, Cart, Dray, Truck, Hearse, or other Carriage having Two Wheels only, the Sum of Sixpence:

For every Horse, Beast, or Cattle, drawing singly any Chaise, Calash, Gig, Whiskey, Chair, Caravan, Cart, Dray, Truck, Hearse, or other Carriage having more than Two Wheels, the Sum of Nine-pence:

For every Horse, Beast, or Cattle, drawing any Coach, Chariot, Chaise, Berlin, Landau, Phaeton, Waggon, Timber Carriage, Wain, Cart, Dray, Truck, Hearse, or other Carriage having Two Wheels only, where drawn by more than One Horse or other Beast of Draught, the Sum of Sixpence:

And for every Horse, Beast, or Cattle, drawing any Coach, Chariot, Chaise, Berlin, Landau, Phaeton, Waggon, Timber Carriage, Wain, Cart, Dray, Truck, Hearse, or other Carriage with more than Two Wheels, where the Horses, Beasts, or Cattle drawing the same shall be more than One, the Sum of Nine-pence:

For every Bull, Ox, Cow, Steer, or Heifer, the Sum of One Halfpenny:

For every Sheep or Lamb, Calf, Boar, Sow, Hog, or Pig, the Sum of One Farthing.

LXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Toll shall be demanded or taken for any Horse belonging to His Majesty, or attending any of the Royal Family, or returning after having so attended; or for any Horse, Beast, or Cattle of any Description employed in conveying or guarding Mails of Letters and Expresses under the Authority of His Majesty's Postmaster General, either when employed in conveying or guarding such Mails or Expresses, or in returning from conveying or guarding the same; or for any

Exemptions.

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Horse, Beast, or Cattle attending Soldiers, upon their March or upon Duty, with their Arms and Baggage, and returning after having been so employed; or for any Horse or other Cattle drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage which shall be employed in conveying any Ordnance, Commissariat, or other Public Stores of or belonging to His Majesty or to or for the Use of His Majesty's Forces; or for any Horse, Beast, or Cattle furnished by or for or belonging to any Corps of Yeomanry or Volunteer Cavalry, and ridden by them in going to and returning from the Place appointed for and on the Days of Exercise, provided that such Persons be dressed in the Uniforms of their respective Corps, and have their Arms, Furniture, and Accoutrements according to the Regulations provided for such Corps respectively, at the Time of claiming such Exemption as aforesaid; or for any Horse, Beast, or Cattle, drawing any Coach, Berlin, Landau, Chariot, Calash, Chair, or other Carriage, or ridden by any Person, going to or returning from any Election of any Knight or Knights of the Shire to serve in Parliament for the said County of *Northumberland*, on the Day or Days of such Election, or on the Day before or the Day after such Election shall begin or be concluded; or for any Horse, Beast, or Cattle conveying Vagrants sent by legal Passes, or Prisoners sent by any legal Warrant, or returning having been so employed; or for any Horse, Beast, or Cattle belonging to any free Burgess of the said Town of *Morpeth*, or to any free Brother of any of the incorporated Companies of the said Town of *Morpeth*, or belonging to the Widows or Widow of such free Burgesses or free Brothers, such Horses, Cattle, or Beasts going to depasture upon the Common situate near the said Town called or known by the Name of the *Low Common*, or returning from depasturing thereon; or for any Horse, Beast, or Cattle employed in drawing any Cart with or going empty for any Lime, Dung, Compost, or Manure to be employed in Husbandry for the manuring or improving of Lands; or for any Horse, Beast, or Cattle going to or returning from Plough or Harrow, or to or from any Pasture within Seven hundred Yards from the said Bridge, or Milch Cows going to or returning from Pasture within the last-mentioned Distance; or for any Horse, Beast, or Cattle employed by any Person going to or returning from his or her proper or Parochial Church or Chapel, or of or from any other Person or Persons going to or returning from his, her, or their usual Place of Religious Worship tolerated by the Law, and duly licensed, on *Sundays*, or on any Day on which Divine Service is by Authority ordered to be celebrated; or employed in or attending the Funeral of any Person who shall die in the Parish of *Morpeth*, and be buried in the Churchyard of that Parish, or in the Churchyard of any adjoining Parish, or any Burying Ground within the said Parish of *Morpeth*, or returning therefrom; or by any Rector, Vicar, Curate, officiating Minister, or the Chaplain to His Majesty's Gaol at *Morpeth* aforesaid, going to visit or returning from visiting any sick Parishioner or Inhabitant, or other his clerical Duty within his Parish; and if any Person shall claim or take the Benefit of any of the Exemptions aforesaid, not being entitled to the same, he shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every such Offence: Provided always, that when any Sheep or Cattle brought to *Morpeth*, to be sold openly in the public Market there, shall pass from the North to the South

Side of the said River *Wansbeck*, through any of the Toll Gates or Toll Bars to be erected under the Authority of this Act, on the Day next before such Market Day, for the Purpose of being depastured during the Night only in any Field on the South Side of the said River, within Five hundred Yards of such Toll Gate or Toll Bar, the Collector of the said Tolls shall give to the Person in whose Care such Sheep or Cattle shall be, after having paid the Toll thereon, a Ticket denoting the Numbers of such Sheep or Cattle, and the Name of the Owner thereof, and of the Person paying the said Toll, and the Amount of Toll paid; and if the Person who shall have paid the said Toll shall bring back such Sheep or Cattle on the following Day, for the Purpose of exposing the same in the Market at *Morpeth* for Sale, and shall also produce and give up such Ticket, the Collector of the said Tolls shall pay and return to such Person the Amount of Toll paid by him the Day before for and in respect of such Cattle or Sheep: Provided always, that Toll shall be paid in respect of such Sheep or Cattle for passing through such Toll Gates after such Sheep or Cattle shall have been actually sold.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That for or in respect of all Coaches, Waggon, Carts, or other Carriages, not drawn by Horses or other Beasts, but propelled or moved by Steam, the Sum of Ninepence shall be payable and be paid for each Wheel whereon the same shall run.

Steam Carriages to pay 9d. for each Wheel.

LXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no more than One full Toll shall be taken for or in respect of the same Horses, Beasts, or Cattle, in any One Day, for passing and repassing any Number of Times through all the several Toll Gates or Tolls Bars to be erected on the said Bridge and Approaches.

No more than One full Toll to be taken in One Day.

LXIV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the Tolls hereby made payable shall be paid for or in respect of all Horses, Beasts, or Cattle drawing any Stage Coach, Stage Waggon, Van, Caravan, Cart, or other Stage Carriage carrying Passengers or Goods for Hire or Reward, for every Time of passing or repassing over or along the said Bridge and Approaches.

Stage Coaches, &c. to pay Toll each Time of passing.

LXV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the Tolls hereby made payable shall be paid for or in respect of all Horses, Beasts, or Cattle drawing any Post Chaise or other Carriage, for each Time of passing or repassing over or along the said Bridge and Approaches whenever a new Hiring thereof shall take place.

Post Chaises on each new Hiring.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That where any Horse, Beast, or Cattle shall have passed through any of the said Toll Gates or Toll Bars not drawing any Carriage, and a Toll shall have been paid on such Horse, Beast, or Cattle, at such Toll Gate or Toll Bar, and the same Horse, Beast, or Cattle shall return drawing any Carriage on the same Day, or within Twenty-four Hours after their having first passed through such Gate or Bar, the Toll paid on such Horse, Beast, or Cattle, on originally passing, shall be deducted from the Toll payable on the same when drawing the Carriage to which it shall be attached

Horses having passed through a Gate, and returning drawing a Carriage, the Toll paid on the Horses to be deducted.

attached on its Return, so that no higher Toll shall in the whole be taken than if such Horse, Beast, or Cattle had in the first Instance passed through such Toll Gate or Toll Bar drawing the same Carriage.

Tolls to be
paid upon
Carriages
affixed to
others.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That when any Coach, Chariot, Chaise, or any other Carriage whatsoever with Four Wheels, shall pass through any Toll Gate or Toll Bar erected by virtue of this Act, affixed, tied, or secured to any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, the same Toll and no more shall be demanded and taken for or in respect of such Coach, Chariot, Chaise, or other Carriage, as if the same had passed through drawn by Two Horses; and when any Chair, Cart, or other Carriage whatsoever, with Two Wheels only, shall pass through any such Toll Gate or Toll Bar, so affixed, tied, or secured to any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage as aforesaid, the same Toll and no more shall and may be demanded and taken for or in respect of such Chair, Cart, or other Carriage with Two Wheels only, as if the same had passed through drawn by One Horse only; and when any Horse shall be fastened to but not used in drawing any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, such Horse shall not be liable to a higher Toll than a single Horse: Provided always, that if any Coach, Chariot, Chaise, Chair, Cart, or other Carriage, so affixed, tied, or secured to any Waggon or Cart, shall have any Goods conveyed therein other than the Harness thereto belonging, and such Articles of Package as may be necessary for the Protection of such Carriages, the same shall be liable to the whole Toll hereby imposed, each Carriage with Four Wheels paying the same as if drawn by Two Horses, and each Carriage with Two Wheels paying as if drawn by One Horse.

Company to
put up Table
of Tolls, and
provide
Tickets if
necessary.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That within Seven Days after any Toll Gate shall have been erected by virtue of this Act, the said Commissioners shall and they are hereby required to cause to be put up and continued at every such Toll Gate a Table, painted in distinct and legible Characters, either in Black Letters on a White Ground or White Letters on a Black Ground, containing at the Top thereof the Name of the Gate at which the same shall be put up, and also a List of all the Tolls payable at such Gate, and to renew such Boards whenever any of the Letters or Figures thereof shall be worn out or obliterated; and in case there shall at any Time or Times be more than One Gate, the said Commissioners shall provide Tickets, denoting the Payment of the Toll, and on such several Tickets shall be named and specified the Name of the Gate at which the same shall respectively be delivered, and also the Names of the several Gates freed by such Tickets, One of which Tickets shall be delivered to every Person paying Toll; and on the Production of such Ticket at any Gate or Gates therein mentioned to be cleared as aforesaid by the Payment of the Toll at the Gate where such Ticket was delivered, the Persons producing the same shall pass through the Gate or Gates therein mentioned without paying any further additional Toll.

No Tolls to
be taken but
whilst Boards
are affixed.

LXIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Commissioners to demand or take any Tolls for or in respect of any Horse, Beast, or Cattle, or Carriage, but for and during

during such Time as the Board on which such Tolls shall be so painted as aforesaid shall remain fixed to every Toll Gate or Toll Bar on the said Bridge and Approaches as aforesaid.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully pull down, deface, or destroy any Board whereon any Tolls may have been painted as aforesaid, or shall concur or aid therein, he shall on Conviction forfeit and pay to the said Commissioners a Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every such Offence.

Penalty on wilfully destroying Board, &c.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person subject to the Payment of any of the said Tolls shall, after Demand thereof made by any Collector or other Person to be appointed to receive the same, neglect or refuse to pay the same, it shall be lawful for such Collector or Person to stop and prevent the Passage of any Person so refusing, or of any Horse, Beast, or Cattle, or Carriage, for or in respect of which any such Tolls ought to be or to have been paid, and to detain the same until such Payment shall be made, and to seize and detain any Horse, Beast, or Cattle, together with their Bridles, Saddles, Gears, Harness, or Accoutrements, except the Bridle or Réins by which such Horse or other Beast shall be guided or restrained, or any Carriage drawn by such Horse, Beast, or Cattle; and if such Tolls, and the reasonable Charges of such Seizure and Distress, shall not be paid within Three Days after such Seizure and Distress made, the Collector or Person seizing and distraining as aforesaid shall or may sell the Horse, Beast, Cattle, Carriage, or Things so seized or distrained, or any Part thereof, returning the Overplus, if any, and so much of such Carriage or Thing as shall remain unsold, upon Demand, to the Owner thereof, after such Tolls, and all reasonable Charges occasioned by such Seizure, Distress, and Sale, shall be deducted.

Persons may be stopped on refusing to pay Tolls.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall forcibly attempt to pass over the said Bridge, or through any of the said Toll Gates, or Toll Bars, without having paid the said Tolls, or shall assault, interrupt, or obstruct any Person employed in the Collection of the said Tolls, or shall take off any Horse or any other Beast from any Gig, Chaise, Coach, Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage whatsoever, before arriving at any of the Toll Gates to be erected by virtue of this Act, and afterwards shall put on or add the same or any of them, after having passed the said Toll Gates, or afterwards add or put to any Gig, Chaise, Coach, Cart, Waggon, or other Carriages, after having passed the said Toll Gates, any other Horses or other Beast, and shall thereby evade or endeavour to evade the Payment of any Part of the said Tolls, or shall forge, counterfeit, or alter, or deliver to or receive from any other Person, any Note or Ticket, with the Intent to evade the Payment of any Part of the said Tolls, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every such Offence.

Penalty on evading Tolls.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Dispute shall happen respecting the demanding or taking or the Payment of Tolls, or the Amount of Toll due, or the Charges of keeping or selling

Settling Disputes concerning Tolls.

selling any Distress, it shall be lawful for the Person distraining to retain such Distress, or the Money arising from the Sale thereof, as the Case may be, until the Amount of the Toll due, and the Charges of keeping and selling the Distress, and until such Dispute shall be heard and determined by some Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Northumberland*, who, upon Application made to him for that Purpose, shall examine the Matter upon Oath of the Parties or other Witness or Witnesses, and shall determine the Amount of the Toll due, and other Matters in dispute between the Parties, and may also award such Costs to be paid by either Party to the other, as to such Justice shall seem reasonable; all which Costs, in case the same shall not be forthwith paid, shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so directed to pay the same, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice, which Warrant every such Justice is hereby empowered to issue; and the Overplus, if any, after Payment of such Costs, and the Costs of such Distress and Sale, shall be returned, upon Demand, to the Person or Persons whose Goods and Chattels shall have been distrained and sold.

For punish-
ing Toll Col-
lectors mis-
behaving.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That every such Toll Collector shall and he is hereby required to place his Christian and Surname, painted on a Board in legible Characters, in the Front or on some other conspicuous Part of the Toll House or Toll Gate whereat he shall be on Duty, immediately on his coming on Duty, each of the Letters of such Names to be at least Two Inches in Length and of a Breadth in proportion, and painted either in White Letters on a Black Ground or in Black Letters on a White Ground, and shall continue the same so placed during the whole Time he shall be on Duty; and if any Collector of such Tolls shall not place such Board as aforesaid, and keep the same there during the Time he shall be on Duty as aforesaid, or shall demand or take a greater or less Toll from any Person than he shall be authorized to do by virtue of this Act, or of the Orders and Resolutions of the said Commissioners made in pursuance thereof, or shall demand or take a Toll from any Person who shall be exempt from the Payment thereof, and shall claim such Exemption, or shall refuse to permit or suffer or shall not permit or suffer any Person to read or shall in anywise hinder any Person from reading the Inscription on the Board to be affixed and placed as aforesaid, or shall refuse to tell his Christian or Surname to any Person who shall demand the same on having paid the said Toll, or shall in answer to such Demand give a false Name or Names, or upon the legal Toll being paid or tendered shall unnecessarily detain or wilfully obstruct or prevent any Passenger from passing through any Toll Gate or Toll Bar, or shall make use of any scurrilous or abusive Language to any Treasurer, Surveyor, or other Officer, or any Passenger, then and in every such Case every such Toll Collector shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every such Offence.

Tolls may be
reduced.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall have full Power from Time to Time to lower or reduce all or any of the said Tolls, and again to raise the same to such Amount as they shall

shall think proper, not exceeding the respective Sums by this Act authorized to be received: Provided always, that no Reduction of any such Tolls shall be made or take place unless Three Fifth Parts in Value of the Persons to whom Money may at that Time be owing on the Credit of this Act shall assent thereto.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners from Time to Time to compound and agree, by the Year or otherwise, with any Person (except Common Carriers, Innkeepers, Hackney-men, or Postmen) travelling through the Toll Gates or Toll Bars erected by virtue of this Act, with any Coach, Berlin, Chariot, Chaise, Calash, Chair, Waggon, Wain, or other Carriage, Horse, Mule, Ass, or other Cattle, for any Sum of Money in lieu and Payment of any of the Tolls to be collected at the said Toll Gates, such respective Compositions to be paid wholly in advance.

Tolls may be compounded for.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to lease or demise all or any of the said Tolls for any Term of Years not exceeding Three Years at any One Time, for such Rents, payable at such Times and under such Covenants as they shall think fit, the said Commissioners taking such sufficient Security from the Persons to whom such Tolls shall be leased or demised, for the Payment of such Rent and Performance of such Covenants, as they shall think fit, which Rent shall be applied for the Purposes of this Act.

Tolls may be leased.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any of the Tolls arising by virtue of this Act shall be demised or let to farm to any Person in any Manner whatsoever, and the Lessee or Farmer thereof shall neglect or refuse to perform the Terms and Conditions on which the same shall be so demised or let, or any of them; or in case all or any Part of any Rent agreed to be paid by such Lessee or Farmer shall be in arrear or unpaid for the Space of Three Days next after any Day on which the same ought to be paid pursuant to the Lease, Agreement, or Contract for demising or letting the same Tolls; or in case any temporary or other Collector of the said Tolls or any of them shall be discharged from his Office by virtue of this Act, or shall die, abscond, or absent himself, and any such Collector who shall be so discharged, or the Wife, Widow, or any of the Children or Family, or any Representative of any such Collector who shall die or abscond, absent himself, or be discharged, or any other Person, being in Possession thereof, shall refuse to deliver up or shall not deliver up Possession of any Toll House or other Building, with the Appurtenances thereto respectively belonging, to be erected, built, constructed, or set up by virtue of this Act, for or within the Space of Twenty-four Hours after Demand thereof made in Writing, given or left at such Toll House or Building, or at any of such Toll Houses or Buildings which shall be or have been in the Possession or Occupation of such Collector or other Person, such Demand in Writing to be signed by any Two or more of the said Commissioners, or by any Two or more of the said Committee of Management, although not assembled at a Meeting, or by the Clerk for the Time being of the said

For Recovery of Toll Houses in certain Events.

said Commissioners ; or in case any such Lease, Agreement, or Contract shall in any Manner become void or voidable ; then and in any of the said Cases it shall be lawful for any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Northumberland*, upon Application made by the said Commissioners, or by the Clerk for the Time being of the said Commissioners, by Warrant under the respective Hands and Seals of such Justices, to order any Constable or other Peace Officer, with such Assistance as shall be necessary, to enter upon and take Possession of every or any such Toll House or other Buildings, with the Appurtenances thereto belonging, and to remove and put such Lessee or Farmer or other the Person or Persons who shall be found therein, together with his or their Goods, from or out of the same and the Possession thereof, and from the Collection of such Tolls, and to put the said Commissioners or their Agent, or their new Lessee, Farmer, or Collector, into Possession thereof ; and thereupon it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, if they shall see fit, to vacate and determine the Lease, Contract, or Agreement, if any, which was previously subsisting, and the same shall accordingly be utterly void to all Intents and Purposes, save as to the Covenants and Agreements for Payment of the Rent or Rents thereby reserved, or other unperformed or broken Obligations, Covenants, or Agreements on the Lessee's Part ; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners or Committee in every such Case, either during such Proceedings or on the Termination thereof, again to demise or let to farm the said Tolls to any other Person, or to cause them to be collected in such and the same Manner as if no former Demise, Contract, or Agreement had been made relative thereto.

Names of
Subscribers
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Receipts to
be given, &c.

LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That a Book shall be kept by the Clerk to the said Commissioners, in which shall be fairly entered the Names and proper Additions of the several Subscribers towards building and making the said Bridge and Approaches, and other Works by this Act authorized, and the Sums by them respectively subscribed, which Book may be inspected by every such Subscriber, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, at all seasonable Times, without paying any thing for the same ; and every such Subscriber shall, upon Payment of the Money to be by him advanced, receive of the Treasurer a Receipt signed by him for the same, and also an Order for Payment of all Interest to become due upon such Subscription, and for Repayment of the Principal Money therein expressed to have been subscribed, bearing even Date with the said Receipt, all which said Orders shall be signed by the said Commissioners or by any Five or more of them ; and after the signing thereof the same shall be valid and effectual in the Law, according to the Purport and true Meaning thereof and of this Act, and shall entitle the respective Subscribers to whom the same shall be given, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to their proper Proportions of such Interest, and to the Repayment of the Principal Money, as herein-after mentioned, for which such Orders shall be respectively made.

Compelling
Payment of
Subscrip-
tions.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons who have subscribed or shall subscribe for the advancing and paying of any Money towards carrying this Act into execution, and their several
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and respective Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, shall and are hereby required to pay the respective Sums so subscribed to the Treasurer of the said Commissioners, at such Times and in such Parts and Proportions as the said Commissioners shall order and direct; and if any Person shall neglect or refuse to pay the same as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to sue for and recover the same, in the Name of their Treasurer, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

LXXXI. And whereas the Money subscribed or to be subscribed as aforesaid may be insufficient for the Purposes of this Act; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to borrow and take up, at Interest, on the Credit of the Tolls arising by virtue of this Act, such further Sum or Sums of Money as they shall from Time to Time think fit; and they are hereby empowered to demise or mortgage the Tolls granted by this Act, or any Part or Parts thereof, and the said Bridge and other Works hereby authorized, (the Costs and Charges of such Mortgages to be paid out of such Tolls,) as a Security to any Person, or his Trustees, who shall advance such further Sum or Sums of Money; and every such Mortgage may be in the Words or to the Effect following:

Power to
borrow
Money, and
to mortgage
the Tolls.

‘ BY virtue of an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act,*] we, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscribed and set, being _____ of the Commissioners for executing the said Act, in consideration of the Sum of _____ to the Treasurer of the Commissioners in hand paid by *A. B.*, do grant, bargain, sell, and demise unto the said *A. B.*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, such Proportion of the Tolls and other Property and Effects created by the said Act as the Sum of _____ doth or shall bear to the whole Sum now due and owing or hereafter to be advanced on the Credit thereof, to be had and holden from this _____ Day of _____ until the said Sum of _____ with Interest at the Rate of _____ *per Centum per Annum*, to commence and be computed from the _____ Day of _____ shall be paid and satisfied. Given under our Hands and Seals, this _____ Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord _____.

Form of
Mortgage.

And Copies of all such Mortgages shall be entered and numbered progressively in a Book or Books to be kept and provided for that Purpose by the Clerk to the said Commissioners; and all Persons to whom any Mortgage shall be made as aforesaid; or who shall be entitled to the Money thereby respectively secured, may from Time to Time transfer their Right, Title, Interest, or Benefit in and to the said Mortgage, and the Principal Monies and Interests thereby secured, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, by Indorsement on the Back of such Mortgages in the Words or to the Effect following:

Power to
transfer
Mortgages.

[*Local.*]

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‘ I do

Form of Transfer of Mortgage.

‘ I do hereby transfer this Mortgage, with my Right and Title to
‘ the Principal Monies thereby secured, and all the Interest now
‘ due or hereafter to grow due upon or in respect thereof, unto *C.D.*,
‘ his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Dated this
‘ Day of in the Year of our Lord
‘ Witness *E. F.* *A. B.*

Transfers to be registered.

Which said Transfer shall be produced and notified to the said Clerk, who shall cause an Entry and Memorial to be made thereof in the before-mentioned Book or Books, containing the Number, Date, Names of the Parties, and Sums of Money therein transferred, for which the said Clerk shall be paid the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence and no more, which said Book or Books shall and may, at all reasonable Times, be perused and inspected without Fee or Reward; and after such Entry made, but not till then, every such Transfer shall entitle such Assignee, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit thereof and Payment thereon, and such Assignee may in like Manner transfer the same again, and so *toties quoties*; and it shall not be lawful for any Person making such Transfer to make void, release, or discharge the original Security on any Monies due thereon, or any Part thereof; and all Persons who shall subscribe or contribute any Money for the Purposes of this Act as herein-before mentioned, or who shall be possessed of or entitled to any such Mortgage, shall, in proportion to the Sum or Sums so subscribed or contributed, or by such Mortgage secured, be respectively Creditors on the Tolls and other Property and Effects created by this Act, in equal Degree one with another, and shall have no Preference in respect to the Priority of subscribing or contributing their Money, or of the Dates of their Securities.

**Com-
missioners may
raise Money
upon Bond.**

LXXXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to borrow and take up at Interest, from any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, who shall be willing to lend the same, such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think proper, at such Rate of Interest as may be agreed upon, not exceeding Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, and to secure the Repayment thereof, with Interest, by Bonds under the Hands of any Nine or more of the said Commissioners, payable at such Day or Days as the said Commissioners and the Person or Persons lending such Money shall agree upon; and all and every the Person or Persons to whom such Bond or Bonds shall be given shall be equally entitled to be paid out of the Tolls or other Effects of the said Commissioners, according to the respective Sums in such Bonds respectively mentioned, and thereby intended to be secured, without any Preference by reason of the Priority of Date thereof; and an Entry or Memorial of every such Bond, containing the Number and Date thereof, and the Name or Names of the Person or Persons, with his, her, or their proper Additions, to whom the same shall have been made or given, and of the Sum borrowed, together with the Rate of Interest to be paid thereon, shall, within Thirty Days next after the Date thereof, be entered in a Book or Books to be kept by the Clerk to the said Commissioners;

missioners; and all and every the Person and Persons to whom any such Bond or Bonds shall have been made and given as aforesaid, or who shall be entitled to the Monies due thereon, shall and may from Time to Time transfer his, her, or their Interest therein to any Person or Persons whomsoever; which Transfer shall or may be in the Words or to the Effect following; that is to say,

‘ I [or We]	of	Form of
‘ in consideration of the Sum of		Transfer of
‘ paid by	of	Bond.
‘ a certain Bond, Number		
‘ missioners of the <i>Morpeth Bridge</i> , with	do hereby transfer	
‘ bearing Date the	entered into by the Com-	
‘ for securing the Sum of	of	
‘ the Rate of	Day of	
‘ Right, Interest, and Property therein, to	with Interest after	
‘ of	<i>per Centum per Annum</i> , and all my [or our]	
‘ Assigns. Dated this	his [or her] Executors, Administrators, and	
‘ Year of our Lord	Day of	
	in the	

And every such Transfer shall be produced to the said Clerk, who shall cause an Entry or Memorial thereof to be made in the same Manner as of the original Bond or Bonds, for which the said Clerk shall be paid such Sum as the said Commissioners shall appoint, not exceeding Two Shillings and Sixpence; and after such Entry made, every such Transfer shall entitle such Assignee or Assignees; his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the full Benefit thereof, and to sue the said Commissioners at Law for Payment thereof, in his, her, or their own Name or Names; and it shall not be in the Power of any Person who shall have made such Transfer to make void or release the said Bonds so transferred, or any Sum of Money thereon due or thereby secured, or any Part thereof.

Such Trans-
fers to be
registered.

LXXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners and they are hereby empowered, from Time to Time, to pay off and discharge all or any of the said Bonds before the Days respectively appointed for Payment thereof, upon giving Three Calendar Months Notice to the Holder or Holders of the said Bonds respectively of their Intention so to do.

Power to pay
off Bonds.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the several Tolls by this Act granted, and all other Monies to be received by the said Commissioners, or to arise under this Act, shall be vested in the said Commissioners, and shall be by them applied in manner herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,) in the first place, in paying all the Costs, Charges, and Expences incurred in preparing and obtaining this Act; and, in the next place, in defraying the Expences of building and making the said Bridge and Approaches, and of maintaining the same in proper Repair, so long as the Tolls hereby granted shall continue to be payable, and all other Expences relating or incident thereto; and, in the next place, in paying to every Person who shall have subscribed and advanced any Money for the Purposes of this Act,

Directing
Application
of the Tolls,
&c.

or

or to any Mortgagee or Bondholder under this Act, the Interest to which they respectively shall be entitled, at and after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*; and the Remainder of such Tolls and other Monies shall from Time to Time be laid out in the Names of Three of the said Commissioners in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities, or other Government Stocks or Funds, and the Income resulting therefrom shall be permitted to accumulate at Compound Interest until such Money and Accumulations shall be sufficient to pay to every such Subscriber and Mortgagee and Bondholder as aforesaid the full Amount of his or her Subscription or Mortgage or Bond; and when and so soon as the whole of the Money so subscribed and advanced or borrowed, together with all Interest thereon, shall have been repaid, the Tolls hereby granted shall cease and determine; provided that if the said Commissioners shall think proper, when they are enabled by such Surplus and Accumulations as aforesaid to pay off to each of the said Subscribers or Mortgagees or Bondholders One Half Part of each Subscription or Mortgage or Bond, with Interest thereon to the Time of Payment, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners so to do; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Bridge to
be a public
Bridge.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That after the said Bridge shall have been completed the same shall be a public Bridge, and all Persons, with or without Horses, Cattle, or Carriages, shall have free Liberty, upon Payment of the Tolls by this Act granted, or without any Payment after the said Tolls shall have ceased as herein-before mentioned, to pass over the same without any Interruption whatsoever; but such Bridge shall not be deemed or taken to be a County Bridge, so as to subject the said County of *Northumberland* to repairing the same or any of the Approaches thereto by this Act authorized to be made as aforesaid.

Bridge not to
be rated.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said intended Bridge, or the Tolls and Duties to be collected thereon, shall not be rated or assessed for or towards the Payment of any County, Township, or Parochial Rate, Tax, or Assessment whatsoever.

Old Bridge
may be taken
down.

LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That after the said intended Bridge shall have been completed, and as soon as the same shall be opened to the Public for Carriages and Passengers to pass over the same, it shall be lawful for the Corporation of the Bailiffs and Burgesses of the said Borough of *Morpeth*, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, if they shall think proper so to do, to pull down the said present Bridge over the said River, and to sell and dispose of the Stone and Materials belonging thereto, and apply the Monies arising therefrom to the Use of the said Corporation.

Power to
stop up old
Bridge.

LXXXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That as soon as the said intended Bridge shall be built and completely furnished and made commodious and opened to the Public for the Passage of Passengers, Carriages, and Cattle over the same, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners and they are hereby required to stop up the said

said present Bridge, and also all Fords across the said River *Wansbeck*, within Seven hundred and fifty Yards from the East Side of the intended Bridge, and within Seven hundred Yards from the West Side of the said intended Bridge, following the Course of the River in each Case, except the Ford herein-after mentioned, called the *Low Stanners Ford*, so as to prevent Carriages, Horses, or Cattle from passing over or through the same or any of them, and to keep the same stopped up until the Tolls upon the said intended Bridge shall have ceased.

LXXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That after the said intended Bridge shall be fully completed and opened to the Public as aforesaid, if any Persons shall drive or take or attempt to drive or take, or cause to pass, any Horse, Mare, Gelding, Mule, Ass, Beast, Sheep, Swine, Calf, Lamb, or any Cattle whatsoever, or any Cart, Coach, Waggon, or any Carriage whatsoever, over or along the said present Bridge, whether the same shall have been stopped up as aforesaid or not, every Person so offending shall forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings for every such Horse, Mare, Gelding, Mule, Ass, Beast, Sheep, Swine, Calf, Cart, Coach, Waggon, or Carriage; and if any Person shall make any Ford through or Bridge over the said River, within the Distance of Seven hundred and fifty Yards from the East Side of the said intended Bridge, or within Seven hundred Yards from the West Side of the said Bridge, following the Course of the River in each Case, every such Person shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Pounds for every such Offence; and every Person who shall take or drive or cause to pass any Horse, Mare, Gelding, Mule, Ass, Beast, Swine, Sheep, Calf, or other Cattle, or any Coach, Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage whatsoever, through or over any Ford whatsoever, or over or along any Bridge whatsoever, within such respective Distances, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every Horse, Mare, Mule, Gelding, Ass, Beast, Sheep, Swine, Calf, Coach, Cart, Waggon, and Carriage whatsoever, which he, she, or they shall take, drive, or cause to pass through, over, or along such Ford or Bridge.

Penalty for using old Bridge, or any other Bridge or Ford.

XC. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prevent any of the Tenants of or Persons occupying the Lands now the Property of or belonging to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Carlisle*, and lying on the South Side of the said River, at or within the Places called *Stob Hill Park House*, *Hepscot*, and *Shadfin*, all in the Parish of *Morpeth*, or any Person or Persons occupying Lands on both Sides of the River and adjoining thereto, from using or passing over the Ford called the *Low Stanners Ford*, and leading from a certain Piece of waste Ground called the *Low Stanners*, on the North Side of the said River *Wansbeck*, into a Lane leading to the Lands now of the said Earl of *Carlisle*, at or within the said Places called *Stob Hill Park House*, *Hepscot*, and *Shadfin*, in going to or coming from the said Lands, but that it shall at all Times be lawful for the said Earl of *Carlisle*, his Heirs and Assigns, and all Persons and Person who may at any Time hereafter become possessed of or entitled to the said Lands, or any

Saving the Right of Persons holding certain Lands under the Earl of *Carlisle*, to use the *Low Stanners Ford*.

Parts or Part thereof, his, her, or their Agents, Workmen, and Servants, and the Tenants or Occupiers of such Lands, or of any Part thereof, his, her, or their Agents, Workmen, and Servants, and to and for all other Persons occupying Lands on both Sides of the River and adjoining thereto, and their respective Agents, Workmen, and Servants, to use and pass over the said Ford, either on Foot or with Horses, Beasts, or Cattle and Carriages, for the Purpose of going to or coming from the said Lands only, but to or from no other Place, and for such Purposes to use and pass over the said Ford at all Times as freely as if this Act had not been passed: Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein-before contained shall extend or be construed to extend to give to or confer upon any Person or Persons whomsoever any Right or Privilege to which they are not at present by Law entitled, of using or passing along or upon the Lane herein-before described, without the Consent of the said Earl of *Carlisle* or of the Proprietor for the Time being of such Lane.

Saving to the Earl of *Carlisle* the Right to erect a Bridge for Carriage of Coal or Stones from his Estates in *Durham* and *Northumberland* to *Morpeth*.

XCI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prevent the said Earl of *Carlisle*, his Heirs or Assigns, who shall be entitled to the Lands and Estates of which the said Earl is now possessed or entitled unto, situate at *Netherton* in the County of *Durham*, or any other Part of his Estates situate on the South Side of the said River *Wansbeck* within the said County of *Northumberland*, to erect or build any Bridge or Bridges over the said River: Provided always, that such Bridge or Bridges shall be used only for the Purpose of bringing Coal or Stones in Coal Waggon from the said Estates now belonging to the said Earl of *Carlisle* in the said Counties of *Durham* and *Northumberland*, to or towards the Town of *Morpeth* and no further, and for the Waggon, Horses, and Men employed in bringing the same to repass empty thereby; and if any Person shall take or drive or cause to pass over the said Bridge any Horse, Mare, Mule, Gelding, Ass, or Beast, or any Cart or Waggon or other Carriage, excepting for the Purposes aforesaid, or shall drive or cause to pass over the same any Beast, Sheep, Swine, or Cattle, such Person shall for every Horse, Mare, Gelding, Mule, Ass, Beast, Sheep, Swine, Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage which he or she shall drive, take, or cause to pass over the same, forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings; and if any Waggonman, Staithman, Overman, or Superintendent employed in the Carriage of Coal or Stones over the said Bridge or Bridges as aforesaid, or in the Return empty and unladen of the Waggon, Horses, or Beasts employed in carrying the same as aforesaid, shall permit any other Matter or Thing whatsoever to be put in or upon the said Horses, Waggon, or Beasts so employed or returning as aforesaid, besides Coal or Stone, so to be carried as aforesaid, for the Purpose of being conveyed over or along the said Bridge, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings for every such Offence.

Compensation to be paid by Commissioners may be levied

XCII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That whenever any Money shall be ordered by any Justice of the Peace to be paid by the said Commissioners in pursuance of the Directions of this Act, as or by way of Compensation or Satisfaction for any Materials, Costs,

Damages,

Damages, or Injury of any Nature or Kind whatsoever done or committed by the said Commissioners, or by any Person acting by or under their Authority, or for any Penalty or Forfeiture incurred by the said Commissioners, such Money, together with the reasonable Costs and Expences of hearing and determining the Matter, shall forthwith be paid by the Treasurer to the said Commissioners, out of any Monies then in the Hands of such Treasurer, to the Party entitled to receive the same; and if the same shall not be so paid within Ten Days after Demand in Writing shall have been delivered to the Clerk or Treasurer to the said Commissioners for the Time being, the Amount of such Compensation or Satisfaction, Penalty or Forfeiture, and Costs and Expences as aforesaid, shall and may be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels vested in the said Commissioners by virtue of this Act, or of the Goods and Chattels of their Treasurer for the Time being, together with the Costs and Expences of such Distress and Sale, under a Warrant to be issued by some Justice of the Peace, which any such Justice is hereby authorized and required to grant, upon Application made to him for that Purpose by the Party entitled to receive such Compensation or Satisfaction, Penalty or Forfeiture as aforesaid: Provided nevertheless, that every such Treasurer shall be reimbursed, out of the Monies to arise or be collected by virtue of this Act, all such Costs and Expences as he shall incur or become chargeable with in respect of any Distress and Sale of his Goods and Chattels to be so made for the Recovery of such Compensation or Satisfaction, Penalty or Forfeiture as aforesaid.

by Distress of
Goods vested
in them un-
der this Act.

XCIII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted or imposed by this Act, or by virtue of any Rule or Order made in pursuance thereof, (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not herein particularly directed,) may in case of Nonpayment thereof be recovered in a summary Way upon the Adjudication and Order of some Justice of the Peace for the County of *Northumberland*, on Complaint to him for that Purpose exhibited, and be levied, as well as the Costs and Expences, if any, attending such Adjudication, Recovery, and Levy, on Nonpayment, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Person liable to pay the same, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice, who is hereby authorized and required to summon and examine any Witness upon Oath or Affirmation of and concerning such Offence, Matter, and Thing, and to hear and determine the same; and the Overplus, if any, of the Money so recovered or levied, after discharging such Penalty or Forfeiture, and Costs and Expences as aforesaid, shall be rendered to the Owner of the Goods and Chattels so seized and distrained; all which Penalties and Forfeitures not herein directed to be otherwise applied shall be paid to the said Commissioners or their Treasurer, to be applied for the Purposes of this Act, as the said Commissioners shall order and direct, unless the Penalty or Forfeiture shall be incurred by the said Commissioners, in which case the same shall be paid to the Informer; and it shall be lawful for the said Justice to order any Offender so convicted to be detained in safe Custody until Return can be conveniently made to such

Recovery and
Application
of Penalties.

such Warrant of Distress, unless such Offender shall give sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of such Justice for his Appearance before the said Justice, or before some other Justice having Jurisdiction, on such Day as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant of Distress, such Day not being later than Seven Days from the Day of taking any such Security, and which Security the said Justice is hereby empowered to take by way of Recognizance or otherwise; but if upon the Return of such Warrant it shall appear that no sufficient Distress can be had whereupon to levy the Penalty or Forfeiture, and Costs and Expences as aforesaid, and the same shall not be forthwith paid, or in case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of any such Justice, upon the Confession of the Offender or otherwise, that he has not sufficient Goods and Chattels whereupon such Penalty or Forfeiture, Costs and Expences, could be levied if a Warrant of Distress were issued, such Justice shall not be required to issue such Warrant of Distress, but in such Case such Justice shall and he is hereby empowered and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender to the Common Gaol of *Morpeth*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, or until such Offender shall have paid such Penalty or Forfeiture, and all Costs and Expences attending the Proceedings, to be ascertained by such Justice, or shall otherwise be discharged by due Course of Law: Provided always, that in all Cases where the Penalty or Forfeiture imposed by this Act shall exceed the Sum of Forty Shillings, no Proceeding shall be had and taken for the Recovery thereof before a less Number than Two Justices.

Damages
and Charges,
in Cases of
Dispute, to
be settled by
a Justice.

XCIV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where Damages or Charges are by this Act directed to be paid, and the Manner of ascertaining the Amount thereof is not specified or provided for, such Amount, in case of Nonpayment, or of any Dispute respecting the same, shall be ascertained and determined by some Justice of the Peace; and where by this Act any Damages or Charges are directed or authorized to be paid, in addition to any Penalty for any Offence, the Amount of such Damages or Charges, in case of Nonpayment, or of any Dispute respecting the same, shall be ascertained and determined by the Justice by or before whom any Offender shall be convicted of such Offence; and such Justices respectively are hereby authorized and required, on Nonpayment of the Damages in any of the Cases aforesaid, to levy such Damages and Charges by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, in manner directed by this Act for the levying of any Penalties or Forfeitures.

Justices may
proceed by
Summons in
the Recovery
of Penalties.

XCV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases in which by this Act any Penalty or Forfeiture is made recoverable by Information before a Justice of the Peace, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace to whom Complaint shall be made of any Offence against this Act to summon before him the Party complained against, and on such Summons to hear and determine the Matter of such Complaint, and on Proof of the Offence to convict the Offender, and to adjudge him to pay the Penalty or Forfeiture incurred, and to proceed to recover the same, although no Information in Writing shall have been

been exhibited before him; and all such Proceedings by Summons without Information in Writing shall be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, as if an Information in Writing were exhibited.

XCVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any of the said Commissioners, or for any Officer or Person acting in the Execution of this Act, and for such other Persons as they respectively shall call to their Assistance, without any other Warrant or Authority than this Act, to seize and detain any Persons who shall commit any Offence against this Act, and whose Names and Addresses shall be unknown to such Commissioners, Officers, or other Persons as aforesaid, and take them before some Justice of the Peace where the Offence shall be committed, and such Justice is hereby empowered and required to proceed immediately to the hearing and determining of the Complaint.

Offenders whose Names are unknown to be taken up.

XCVII. And be it further enacted, That all Justices of the Peace before whom any Person shall be informed against or convicted for or in respect of any Offence against this Act, shall and may cause the Information and Conviction respectively to be drawn up according to the following Forms, or in any other Forms to the same Effect, as the Case may require; (that is to say,)

Forms of Information and of Conviction of Offenders.

‘ to wit. } BE it remembered, That on the Day of Form of Information.
 ‘ A. B. of informeth me, One of
 ‘ His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace for that
 ‘ of [here describe the Offence, with the Time
 ‘ and Place,] contrary to an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the
 ‘ Reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled [insert the
 ‘ Title of this Act], which hath imposed a Forfeiture of
 ‘ for the said Offence. Taken the Day of
 ‘ before me .’

‘ to wit. } BE it remembered, That on [Time of Conviction] at Form of Conviction.
 ‘ A. B. was convicted before me, C. D., One
 ‘ of His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace for for that
 ‘ the said A. B. on at did [here state the
 ‘ Offence]; contrary to an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign
 ‘ of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled [here set forth
 ‘ the Title of this Act]; and I do therefore adjudge that the said A. B.
 ‘ has forfeited for the said Offence the Sum of or
 ‘ shall be committed to [Place of Imprisonment] for the Space of
 ‘ . Given under my Hand and Seal, the Day and
 ‘ Year first above written.’

XCVIII. And be it further enacted, That when any Distress shall be made for raising Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party making the same be deemed a Trespasser, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Summons or Conviction, Warrant of Distress, or other Proceeding relating thereto, nor shall the Party distraining be deemed a Trespasser *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards

Distress not unlawful for Want of Form.

afterwards committed by him, but the Party aggrieved by such Defect or Irregularity may and shall recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage in an Action on the Case.

Appeal.

XCIX. And be it further enacted, That all Persons who may think themselves aggrieved by any Order or Judgment made or given in pursuance of any Rule or Order of the said Commissioners, or by any Order, Judgment, or Determination of any Justice relating to any Matter or Thing in this Act mentioned or contained, may, within Four Calendar Months next after such Order, Judgment, or Determination shall have been made or given, appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the next General or Quarter Sessions to be held for the County wherein the Cause of Appeal shall arise, or in case the same shall have arisen within Ten Days preceding such Sessions, then such Appeal may be brought at the next following or ensuing Sessions, first giving Ten Days Notice in Writing of such Intention to appeal, and of the Grounds and Nature thereof, to the Party against whom such Complaint is intended to be made, or to the Clerk to the said Commissioners, and forthwith after such Notice entering into Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace, with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal, and abide the Order and Award of the said Justices therein; and the said Justices shall in a summary Way either hear and determine such Complaint at such General or Quarter Sessions, or, if they think proper, adjourn the Hearing thereof to the following General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for such County; and the said Justices may, if they see Cause, mitigate any Penalty or Forfeiture, or may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of such Rule, Order, or Determination, and may also order any such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured as they shall judge reasonable; and may also order such Costs to be paid to the Party aggrieved by the Party aggrieving as they shall think reasonable.

Commissioners and Officers to be competent Evidence.

C. And be it further enacted, That in all Actions and Proceedings whatsoever relating to or concerning the Execution of this Act, none of the said Commissioners, or of the said Committee of Management, or their Clerks, Collectors, or other Officers or Servants, shall be deemed incompetent to give Evidence by reason of their filling or holding any Office under or by virtue of this Act.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form.

CI. And be it further enacted, That no Proceedings to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender against this Act, or any Order made or any other Matter or Thing done or transacted in or relative to the Execution of this Act, shall be vacated or quashed for Want of Form, or to be removed or removable by Certiorari or any other Writ or Process whatsoever into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*.

Limitation of Actions.

CII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person for any thing arising out of this Act, until Fourteen Days Notice of the Intention to commence

such Action or Suit shall have been given in Writing to the Clerk to the said Commissioners, nor after sufficient Satisfaction has been made or tendered to the Party aggrieved, nor after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed for which such Action or Suit shall be so brought or instituted; and every such Action shall be brought and tried where the Cause of Action shall have arisen, and not elsewhere, and the Defendant in such Action may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and every special Matter in Evidence at any Trial which shall be had thereupon; and if the Matter or Thing shall appear to have been done consistently with the Directions and Provisions of this Act, or that such Action or Suit was commenced before or after the Times herein-before prescribed, or that sufficient Satisfaction was made or tendered as aforesaid, or that such Action was laid in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find a Verdict for the Defendant.

CIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall be summoned by any Justice of the Peace, or by any other Person having due Authority, as a Witness to give Evidence touching any Matter contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, or touching any other Matter or Thing relating to this Act, either on behalf of the Prosecution or on behalf of the Person accused, and such Person shall refuse or neglect to appear at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, after having been paid or tendered a reasonable Sum of Money for his Costs and Expences, without a sufficient Excuse being given for such Nonappearance, or appearing shall refuse or decline to be examined or to give Evidence touching the Matter in question, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, to be recovered as any other Penalty and Forfeiture may by this Act be recovered.

Penalty on
Persons not
appearing, or
refusing to
be examined
as Witnesses.

CIV. And be it further enacted, That no Plaintiff shall recover in any Action for any Irregularity, Trespass, or other wrongful Act committed or done in the Execution of this Act, if Tender of sufficient Amends shall have been made, by or on behalf of the Party who shall have committed or done any such Irregularity, Trespass, or other wrongful Act, before such Action brought; and in case no Tender shall have been so made, it shall be lawful for the Defendant in any such Action, by Leave of the Court where such Action shall depend, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum of Money as he shall think fit, whereupon such Proceedings, Order, and Adjudication shall be made, had, and given in and by such Court as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Plaintiff not
to recover in
any Action
after Tender
of Amends.

CV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where it may be necessary for any Person to serve any Notice or other Proceeding upon the said Commissioners, Service thereof respectively upon the Clerk of the said Commissioners, or left at the Office of such Clerk, or at his last or usual Place of Abode, or upon any of the said Committee of Management acting in the Execution of this Act, or left

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New Bridge
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at their respective last or usual Places of Abode, shall be deemed sufficient Service of the same upon the said Commissioners; and in all Cases where it may be necessary for the said Commissioners, or for the said Committee of Management, to give any Notice to any Person or Body whomsoever under the Provisions of this Act, such Notice shall be in Writing or in Print, and be signed by any Three or more of the said Commissioners, or by any Three or more of the said Committee of Management, or by the Clerk to the said Commissioners for the Time being, and shall be delivered to such Person, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, or be delivered to some Member of such Body, or be left at his last or usual Place of Abode; or to some Clerk or other Officer of such Body, or be left at the Office of such Clerk or Officer, or at his last or usual Place of Abode, except in Cases in which any other Mode of giving such respective Notices is by this Act particularly directed; and in all Cases where any public Notice is by this Act directed to be given by the said Commissioners, or by the said Committee of Management, (except such public Notices as are by this Act expressly directed to be given in some other Manner,) such Notice shall be in Writing or in Print, and be signed by any Three or more of the said Commissioners, or by any Three or more of the said Committee, or by the Clerk to the said Commissioners for the Time being, and be affixed to or upon the principal outer Doors of the several Churches or Chapels under the Establishment of the Church of *England* within the Town of *Morpeth*, and upon all Toll Houses to be erected under the Authority of this Act, and all such Notices so published and given shall be good and available in Law for the Purposes of this Act.

CVI. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Justice of the Peace is by this Act authorized to examine any Person, or to take cognizance of or to hear or determine any Matter or Complaint, it shall be lawful for such Justice and he is hereby empowered and required to administer an Oath to or to receive the Affirmation of any such Person before he shall be so examined.

CVII. And be it further enacted, That if the said Bridge and Approaches shall not be completed so that the same shall be passable for Horses and Carriages within the Term of Five Years after the passing of this Act, then and from thenceforth all the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to the said Commissioners for those Purposes shall cease and determine, save and except as to so much (if any) of such Bridge and Approaches as shall be certified to have been completed within the said Term by the Justices of the Peace of the County of *Northumberland*, assembled at any General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held in and for the said County, at any Time before the Expiration of the said Term of Five Years, or within Six Calendar Months next after the Expiration thereof, upon the Evidence of Two or more Witnesses upon Oath to be produced before them for that Purpose.

CVIII. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when and so soon as the several Tolls hereby granted shall have ceased to be

be payable, the said intended Bridge and Approaches shall from thenceforth belong to and vest in and be for ever afterwards maintained in repair by and at the Expence of the said Bailiffs and Burgesses of the Borough of *Morpeth*. tion of Morpeth when Tolls have ceased.

CIX. And be it further 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. Public Act.

SCHEDULE referred to in the Act.

No. on Plan.	DESCRIPTION.	OWNERS.	OCCUPIERS.
1.	Dwelling House and Out-houses.	John Lumsden -	William Nairn.
2.	Workshop - - -	Earl of Carlisle and John Lumsden.	William Nairn.
3.	Milldam and Millrace -	Earl of Carlisle - -	Ralph Richardson.
4.	Bed of the River.	—	—
5.	House of Correction, Yard, and Garden.	County of Northumberland.	—
6.	Dwelling House, Yard, and Garden.	Rev ^d Tho ^s Shute -	Himself.
16.	Dwelling House and Yard -	Morpeth Free Grammar School or Corporation of Morpeth.	Thomas Cranston.

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