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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

Cap. xliv.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the Ninth Year of His present Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for building a Bridge over the River Thames at Staines in the County of Middlesex, and for making proper Approaches thereto.* [14th May 1829.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for building a Bridge over the River Thames at Staines in the County of Middlesex, and for making proper Approaches thereto*, whereby certain Persons therein named, and their Successors, to be nominated as therein mentioned, were appointed Commissioners for carrying the said Act into execution : And whereas, since the passing of the said Act, it has been ascertained that much more convenient Approaches can be made to the said Bridge thereby authorized to be built, than those which the Commissioners for putting the said Act into execution have now Power to make ; and it is therefore necessary to amend the said Act, so as to empower the said Commissioners to make more convenient Approaches to the said Bridge : And whereas additional Powers and Provisions are found to be necessary

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Extending
Powers of
recited Act
to this Act.

cessary for duly executing the said Act, and it is therefore expedient to amend the same: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said recited Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and all and every the Powers, Provisoos, Exemptions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Payments, Remedies, Matters, and Things therein contained, shall be as good, valid, and effectual for carrying this Act into execution as if the same had respectively been repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act.

Commis-
sioners to
make a con-
venient
Road from
the Town of
Staines to
the Foot of
the Bridge.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners acting under and by virtue of the said recited Act, and their Surveyor or Surveyors and Workmen, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to make, execute, and complete a spacious and convenient Road from the Town of *Staines* aforesaid to the Foot of the said intended new Bridge, as the same are specified and set forth in the Map or Plan herein-after mentioned, and to lay out, or cause to be laid out, such Parts thereof for Carriages and such Parts for Foot Passengers as they shall think proper, doing as little Damage as may be, and making such Satisfaction as in the said recited Act is mentioned to the respective Owners and Occupiers of such Houses, Lands, and Grounds as shall be altered, damaged, spoiled, taken, or made use of by means of or for the Purposes of this Act.

Plan to
remain with
the Clerks of
the Peace,
and be
open to
Inspection;

III. And whereas Maps or Plans, describing the Line of such Approaches intended to be made, and the Lands or Grounds through or over which the same are to be made or carried, together with Books of Reference, containing Lists of the Names of the Owners and Occupiers of such Lands or Grounds, have been deposited with the Clerks of the Peace for the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Surrey*; be it therefore enacted, That the said Maps or Plans and Books of Reference shall remain in the Custody of the respective Clerks of the Peace for the said Counties, to the end that all Persons may, at seasonable Times, have Liberty to inspect and peruse the same, and to take Copies or Extracts therefrom, at their Will and Pleasure, paying to the Clerks of the Peace the Sum of One Shilling for every such Inspection, and at the Rate of Sixpence for every One hundred Words of such Copies or Extracts of the said Maps or Plans and Books of Reference; and the said Commissioners, in making the said intended Streets or Roads, shall not deviate more than One hundred Yards from the Line described in the said Maps or Plans, without the Consent in Writing of the Proprietor or Proprietors through whose Lands or Grounds such Deviation shall be made.

and Road
not to deviate
therefrom.

Power to
take Houses
and Lands for
the Purposes
of this Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That for the Purpose of making such intended Approaches to the said Bridge, or for other the Purposes of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby empowered, to take and use, or cause to be taken

and used, any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and pull down and remove, or cause to be pulled down and removed, any Houses or Buildings which it may be deemed necessary and expedient to take, use, or pull down and remove for the Purpose of making such Approaches, and for making, widening, and improving the Avenues thereto, upon giving Six Calendar Months Notice in Writing of such their Intention to the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers thereof respectively, in manner in the said recited Act mentioned.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no House or Building, Garden, planted Walk, or Yard belonging to a House, shall be taken or made use of for the Purposes of this Act, except such as are mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed, without the Consent in Writing of the Owner or Owners thereof being first had and obtained for that Purpose.

No House, &c. to be taken without Consent, unless mentioned in the Schedule.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, and Hereditaments mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed, or in the said Book of Reference, shall be inaccurately described, or the Names of any of the Owners or Occupiers thereof, or of any Part thereof, shall happen to be omitted or inaccurately described, and it shall appear to any Two or more Justices of the Peace acting for the County of *Middlesex*, within whose Jurisdiction any such Houses or Premises shall lie, and be certified under their Hands, that such inaccurate Descriptions proceeded from Mistake or erroneous Information, then and in such Case the same shall not prevent or retard the Execution of this Act, but the said Premises, and every Part thereof, shall and may be taken and used for the Purposes of this Act as fully and effectually as if the same was or were properly described in the said Schedule or Book of Reference, and such Mistake or Mistakes respectively had not occurred or happened.

Misnomer, or wrong Descriptions in the Schedule, not to prevent the Execution of this Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and for their Surveyor or Surveyors, Officers and Workmen, from Time to Time and at all reasonable Times, in the Day, upon giving Notice in Writing for the first Time Twenty-four Hours, and afterwards from Time to Time Twelve Hours previous Notice, to enter into and upon the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, and Hereditaments, authorized to be taken and used as aforesaid, or any of them, for the Purpose of surveying or valuing the said Premises, without being deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, and without being subject or liable to any Fine, Penalty, or Punishment on account of entering or continuing upon any Part or Parts of the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, for the Damage which shall be thereby occasioned.

Commissioners, Surveyors, &c. may enter upon Houses, &c. for the Purpose of surveying.

VIII. Provided always, 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, purchase or take the Houses, Buildings,

Power of purchasing limited to Five Years.

Buildings, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Parts thereof respectively, which they are hereby empowered to take, use, and purchase as aforesaid, then and from thenceforth the Powers hereby granted to them for such Purpose shall cease, determine, and be utterly void; any thing herein contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Deficiencies in Land Tax to be made good by Commissioners.

IX. And whereas by reason of taking Land for the Purposes of the said Bridge and Approaches there may be Deficiencies in the Assessments for Land Tax in the several and respective Parishes, Townships, or Places through which the said Approaches will pass; be it therefore enacted, That for preventing the same the said Commissioners shall, from and after the said Commissioners shall become seised and possessed of any Premises charged with the Land Tax, and until the Works hereby authorized to be made shall be completed and assessed to such Land Tax, (unless the said Commissioners shall think fit to redeem the same under the Powers of the Act for the Redemption of the Land Tax,) be subject and liable from Time to Time to pay and make good to or in aid of the said Parishes, Townships, or Places, out of the Monies to arise by virtue of this Act, all such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be deficient in the said several Assessments for Land Tax, within the said Parishes, Townships, or Places, by reason or means of taking or using, for the Purposes of the said Act or this Act, any Lands liable to such Assessments, according to the Rental at which the same were valued or rated at the Time of the passing of the said Act; and the Treasurer, Collector, or Receiver to be appointed under the said Act or this Act, shall be and is hereby authorized and required to pay all such Assessments, on Demand thereof, to the Collector or Collectors of the said Assessments.

Power to contract for lighting the Bridge, &c.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners from Time to Time to contract with any Gas Light Company now or hereafter to be established in the Neighbourhood of the said Bridge, or with any other Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, for lighting the said intended new Bridge, and the Roads and Approaches leading thereto, save and except such Parts of the said Roads as shall have Houses on both Sides thereof, with Gas, Oil, or otherwise, upon such Terms and Conditions in all respects as the said Commissioners shall from Time to Time think proper.

For preventing the Escape of Gas.

XI. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Gas shall be found to escape from any of the Pipes which shall be laid down or set up by the said Commissioners, or by any Company or Companies of Proprietors, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, making, furnishing, or supplying any Gas used, burnt, or consumed for lighting the said Bridge and Roads, the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall, immediately after Notice given to them or him, by Parol or in Writing, of any such Escape of Gas, from any Inhabitant or Inhabitants,

Inhabitants, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, cause the most speedy and effectual Measures to be taken to stop and prevent such Gas from escaping; and in case the said Commissioners, or the Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall not, within Twenty-four Hours after such Notice given, effectually stop and prevent any future Escape, and wholly and satisfactorily remove the Cause of Complaint, then and in every such Case the said acting Commissioners, or the Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for each Day, after the Expiration of Twenty-four Hours from the Time of giving any such Notice, during which the Gas shall be suffered to escape as aforesaid.

XII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Pipes or other Conduits to be laid or used by the said Commissioners, or by any Company or Companies of Proprietors, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, making, furnishing, or supplying any Gas used, burnt, or consumed for lighting the said Bridge and Roads, for the Conveyance of any Gas in, under, through, along, across, or round the said Bridge, Roads, or other Passages or Places within the Limits of this Act or of the said recited Act before referred to, shall be so laid at the greatest practicable Distance, and (whenever the Width of the Carriageway in such Bridge or Place will allow thereof) at the Distance of Four Feet at least from the nearest Part of any Water Pipe already laid down or hereafter to be laid down for the Conveyance of Water in, under, through, along, across, or round any of the said Bridge, Roads, or Places, (except in Cases where it shall be unavoidably necessary to lay the said Gas Pipes across any of the said Water Pipes, in which Cases the said Gas Pipes shall be laid over and above the said Water Pipes at the greatest practicable Distance therefrom, and shall form therewith a Right Angle, and in such Cases the Length of the said Gas Pipes so crossing the said Water Pipes shall always exceed Nine Feet, in order that no Joint of the said Gas Pipes shall be nearer to any Part of the said Water Pipes than Four Feet at least); and in laying down the said Gas Pipes, the said Commissioners, or any Company or Companies of Proprietors, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, making, furnishing, or supplying any Gas used, burnt, or consumed in or about the said Bridge, Roads, and other Places within the Limits of this Act and of the said recited Act, shall in no Case join Two or more Gas Pipes together previously to their being laid in the Trench, but shall lay each Pipe as near as may be in its Place in the Trench, and shall then in such Trench, and not before, properly form and complete, with proper and sufficient Materials, the Joining with the other Pipe or Pipes to be connected therewith, and shall also make and keep air-tight all and every such Pipes, and all Pipes connected or communicating therewith, and all the Screws, Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings therein respectively, and in all and every respect prevent the said Gas from escaping therefrom, or from any

Gas Pipes
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Water Pipes.

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Part thereof, upon pain of forfeiting for every Default the Sum of Five Pounds.

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of Water.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever the Water of any Company of Proprietors, or other Owners or Proprietors of any Waterworks, within the Limits of this Act or of the said recited Act before referred to, or the Water in any Well or Pond belonging to or used by any Party or Person whomsoever, shall be contaminated or affected by the Gas of the said Commissioners, or of any Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, making, furnishing, or supplying any Gas used, burnt, or consumed in and about the said Bridge, Roads, and Places within the Limits of this Act or of the said recited Act, the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, and the same shall be applied to and for the Use and Benefit of the said Company of Proprietors, or other the Owners or Proprietors of any Waterworks, Well, or Pond, or the Party or Person using any such Water, and suing for such Penalty; and in case any such Water shall be contaminated or affected by Gas in any Way whatsoever, then and in every such Case the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall, within Twenty-four Hours next after Notice thereof in Writing signed by any of the Directors, or by the Treasurer, or by the Manager or Chief Clerk for the Time being of or for the said Company of Proprietors, or by other the Owners or Proprietors of any Waterworks, Well, or Pond, or by any Party or Person interested in or using any such Water, to be left at the usual Office or Place of transacting Business of the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or at the last or usual Place of Abode of such other Party or Person as aforesaid, cause Measures to be taken effectually to stop and prevent Gas from escaping from their Works, Mains, or Pipes, or contaminating or affecting any such Water; and in case the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall not, within Twenty-four Hours next after each and every such Notice so left as aforesaid, effectually stop and prevent Gas from so escaping, and wholly and satisfactorily remove the Cause of every such Complaint, and prevent all and every such Contamination whereof Notice shall be given as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall on each and every Complaint whereof Notice shall be given as aforesaid forfeit and pay to the Treasurer for the Time being or to any One of the Directors for the Time being of the said Company of Proprietors, or other the Owners or Proprietors of any Waterworks, or to the Party or Person interested in or using any such Water, and complaining as aforesaid, for the Use and Benefit of the same Proprietors or Owners, or Party or Person, over and above the before-mentioned

mentioned Penalty of Twenty Pounds, the further Sum of Ten Pounds for each and every Day during which any such Water shall be and remain contaminated, tainted, or affected by any such Gas as aforesaid; and in default of Payment thereof as aforesaid, such Penalty or Penalties, Forfeitures or Payments, shall and may be recovered by Information, to be exhibited, on the Oath of One credible Witness, by and in the Name of the Treasurer, Manager, or Chief Clerk for the Time being of the said Company of Proprietors, or other the Owners or Proprietors of any Waterworks, or by or in the Name of any One or more of the Directors of the said Company of Proprietors, or other the Owners or Proprietors of any Waterworks, at the Option of the Parties prosecuting such Information, or in the Name of the Party or Persons interested in or using any such Water, and complaining as aforesaid against the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, before any Justice of the Peace, with Costs, to be assessed by such Justice, and to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice, which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered to grant; and such Penalty or Penalties, Forfeitures or Payments, and Costs, when so levied, shall be paid to the Treasurer, or to One of the Directors for the Time being of the Company of Proprietors, or other the Owners or Proprietors of any Waterworks, for the Use of the same Owners or Proprietors, or to the Party or Person interested in or using any such Water, and informing or complaining as aforesaid.

XIV. And whereas it may become a Question upon such Complaint as aforesaid, whether the said Water be contaminated or affected by the Gas of the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons, making, furnishing, or supplying any Gas used, burnt, or consumed in or about the said Bridge, Roads, and other Places within the Limits of this Act or of the said recited Act; be it therefore enacted, That in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Company, or other the Owners or Proprietors of any Waterworks, to dig to and about and search and examine the Mains, Pipes, Conduits, and Apparatus of the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, for the Purpose of ascertaining whether such Contamination proceed from or be occasioned by the Gas of the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid; and if it shall appear that the said Water has been contaminated by any Escape of Gas of the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, the Costs and Expences of the said Digging, Search, and Examination, and Repair of the Pavement which shall be taken up or disturbed, shall be borne and paid by the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies

For ascertaining if the Water is contaminated.

Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid; which Costs and Expences shall be ascertained and determined, if necessary, by such Justice as aforesaid, and be recovered in like Manner as any Penalty may be recovered by virtue of this Act: Provided always, that if upon such Examination it shall appear that such Contamination has not arisen from any such Escape of Gas from any of the Mains, Pipes, or Conduits of the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, then and in such Case the said Company, or other the Owners or Proprietors of any Waterworks, shall bear and pay all the Costs and Expences of such Examination, Repair, and Search, and shall also make good to the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, any Loss, Injury, or Damage which may be occasioned to the said Mains, Pipes, Conduits, or Apparatus of the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, in and by such Search and Examination, and also to the Pavement which shall be broken up or disturbed in such Search or Examination; the Amount of such Injury, Loss, or Damage to be ascertained and determined, if necessary, by such Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid.

Penalty for
conveying
Washings
into any
Sewer,
Stream, &c.

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the said Commissioners, or any Company or Companies of Proprietors, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, making, furnishing, or supplying any Gas used, burnt, or consumed in lighting the said Bridge, Roads, and Places within the Limits of this Act or of the said recited Act, shall at any Time drain or convey, or cause or suffer to be drained or conveyed, or to run or flow, any Washings or other waste Liquids, Substances, or Things whatsoever, which shall arise or be made in the making of such Gas, into any River, Brook, or Running Stream, Reservoir, Feeder, Aqueduct, Pond, or Springhead, or do or cause to be done any Annoyance, Act, or Thing to the Water contained in any such River, Brook, or Running Stream, Reservoir, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, Pond, or Springhead, whereby the said Water, or any Part thereof, shall or may be soiled, fouled, or corrupted, then and in every such Case the said Commissioners, or such Company or Companies of Proprietors, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; and such Penalty or Forfeiture shall and may be sued for and recovered, together 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, Plaint, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; and such Penalty shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall inform or sue for the same: Provided always, that no such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be recoverable unless the same is sued for within Six Calendar Months next after the Time when such Annoyance, Act, and Thing shall have ceased: Provided also, that in addition to the said Penalty of Two hundred Pounds, (and whether such Penalty shall or shall not be

be recovered,) in case any of the Washings or other waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, shall be drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow, in manner aforesaid, into any River, Brook, or Running Stream, or any Reservoir, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, Pond, or Springhead, or any such Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be done or caused to be done as aforesaid, and Notice thereof in Writing shall have been given by any Person or Persons whomsoever to the said Commissioners, or any of them, or to the Company or Companies of Proprietors, or any of them, or to the said Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall not, within Twenty-four Hours after such Notice given, stop and prevent all and every such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, from being drained, conducted, or conveyed, or from running or flowing in manner aforesaid, and every such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing from being done as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for each Day such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things shall be so drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused to be done as aforesaid; and such last-mentioned Penalty shall and may be recovered and levied, and shall be paid to the Informer, or to the Person or Persons who, in the Judgment of the Justice or Justices before whom the Conviction shall take place, shall have sustained any Annoyance, Injury, or Damage by any such Act done or committed.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Powers and Provisions in this Act contained shall not extend or be construed to extend to protect the said Commissioners, or any Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any Person or Persons, making, furnishing, or supplying any Gas used, burnt or consumed within the Limits of this Act or of the said recited Act, or any of the Servants or Officers or Workmen of the said Commissioners, or of any such Company or Companies of Proprietors, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, from any Indictment or Prosecution for a public or private Nuisance in respect of any Works, or the Means which shall be employed by them in making the said Gas or using the same, or furnishing any such Gas Light, nor from any Action or Actions for any Injury or Damage sustained by reason of any such Works, or the Use of the said Gas, or the Method of lighting therewith, whether such Injury or Damage shall proceed from the Preparation or the Use of the said Gas, or the Method of lighting, or the Carelessness or Want of Skill of any of the Persons employed therein, or from any other Cause whatsoever.

Act not to prevent any Persons lighting with Gas from being indicted for a Nuisance.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or maliciously remove, destroy, damage, or injure any
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Penalty on damaging Pipes.

or any Part of any Pipe, Plug, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging to the said Commissioners, or to any Company or Companies of Proprietors, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, or shall wilfully or maliciously waste, or, beyond his, her, or their Contract, consume any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Commissioners, Company or Companies of Proprietors, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons, every Person so offending in any of the respective Premises, and being thereof lawfully convicted on the Oath or Affirmation of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County where the Offence shall be committed, shall forfeit and pay to the said Commissioners, or to the Party or Person injured, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and Three Times the Amount of the Damage done or occasioned by such Conduct, the same to be ascertained by such Justice or Justices, and such Penalty and Damage, together with reasonable Costs, shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender, returning the Overplus (if any), on Demand, to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; or such Offender shall or may be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the County or Hundred where the Offence shall have been committed, there to remain for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Power to
appoint
Watchmen.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby empowered, from Time to Time, if they see Occasion, to appoint such a Number of fit and able-bodied Men as they shall think proper, to be armed and clothed in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall direct, to be employed as Watchmen, Guards, or Patroles upon the said Bridge or the Roads before mentioned, and from Time to Time to remove any of the said Watchmen, Guards, or Patroles, and to appoint others in their Room, and from Time to Time to make such Rules, Orders, and Regulations for the better governing the Watchmen, Guards, or Patroles, and for watching and guarding the said Bridge and Roads, and keeping the Peace thereon, as the said Commissioners shall think proper, and to provide proper Watch-houses, Watchboxes, and Places for the Reception of such Watchmen.

Duties of
Watchmen.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the Watchmen to be appointed by the said Commissioners as aforesaid shall use their best Endeavours to prevent Murders, Burglaries, Robberies, Disturbances, Breaches of the Peace, and all Outrages, Misdemeanors, and Disorders on the said Bridge and Roads, and other Places near or adjoining thereto, and to that end are hereby jointly and severally empowered and required, without further Warrant, to arrest, apprehend, and detain in the Watch-house of the Parish or Place wherein the Offence shall be committed, or in any other Watch-house or convenient Place, (whether provided or appointed by the said Commissioners or otherwise,) all Felons, Malefactors, Vagrants, Beggars, Disturbers of the Peace, and all disorderly or suspected Persons, Prostitutes, and Night-walkers, who shall be found committing any Disorder or Offence, or loitering, wandering, or misbehaving themselves, or whom the said

Watchmen

Watchmen shall have just Cause or Reason to suspect of any evil Design; and the Person or Persons so apprehended to convey, as soon as conveniently may be, before One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the County or Place wherein such Arrest, Apprehension, or Detention shall take place, to be examined and dealt with according to Law.

XX. And be it further enacted, That all Watchmen so appointed by the said Commissioners shall be sworn in as Constables before some Justice or Justices of the Peace for each of the respective Counties of *Middlesex* and *Surrey*, who is and are hereby required to swear them in accordingly; and such Watchmen shall act as Constables while in the Execution of the Powers and Authorities of this Act, and when so sworn in they are hereby invested with and shall have and enjoy the like Powers and Authorities, Privileges and Immunities, in both of the said Counties, as any Constable or Constables is or are invested with by Law.

Watchmen
vested with
the Powers of
Constables.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any of the said Watchmen so appointed or employed as aforesaid shall at any Time wilfully neglect to attend during the several Hours in their respective Turns and Courses of Service to keep Watch or Ward within the Limits of this Act or of the said recited Act, at the Hour appointed by the said Commissioners for their Attendance thereon, or shall depart from or cease keeping Watch or Ward during the several Hours appointed by the said Commissioners for the Continuance of the same, or shall neglect to apprehend, arrest, or detain any Felon, Malefactor, Vagrant, Beggar, Night-walker, Disturber of the Peace, or any other disorderly or suspected Person found misbehaving or wandering about the said Bridge, Roads, or other Places within the Limits of this Act or of the said recited Act, or shall not observe and perform all the Orders, Rules, and Regulations made by the said Commissioners for their Conduct and Government in their aforesaid Employment, or shall in any other Manner neglect their Duty or misbehave, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and also shall be dismissed from his said Employment, if the said Commissioners shall think proper so to do.

Penalty on
Watchmen
for Neglect
of Duty.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Constable or Watchmen to be appointed by virtue of this Act shall be guilty of any Neglect or Misconduct in the Execution of his Duty, it shall be lawful for any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for either of the said Counties of *Middlesex* or *Surrey*, (as the Case may be,) upon Complaint against any such Watchman of any such Neglect or Misconduct, to commit any such Watchman to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the County or Hundred within which the Offence shall be committed, there to remain for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Watchmen
guilty of
Misconduct
liable to be
prosecuted
and punished.

XXIII. And

Punishing
Publicans
harbouring
them during
the Time
they should
be on Duty.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Victualler or Keeper of any Public House shall knowingly harbour or entertain or suffer to remain in his or her Public House, Outhouse, or other Premises, any such Watchman as aforesaid, during any Part of the Time appointed for his being on Duty, every such Victualler or Publican shall, on Conviction, forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Power to
reward
disabled
Watchmen.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to give such Rewards in Money to any of the said Watchmen who may conduct himself with any particular Merit, or may be disabled or wounded in the Execution of his Office, as they the said Commissioners shall think reasonable, out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of the said recited Act before referred to.

Power to
water the
Bridge and
Roads.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time to cause the said Bridge and Roads or other public Places to be watered, or to contract and agree with any Person or Persons for watering such Bridge and Roads or other public Places, or any of them, at such Seasons and Times, and to provide necessary Engines, Carts, and Labour for that Purpose, as the said Commissioners shall from Time to Time think proper and expedient.

Justices may
proceed by
Summons in
the Recovery
of Penalties.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases in which by the said recited Act or this Act any Penalty or Forfeiture is imposed and 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 the Party complained against before him, 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 exhibited or taken by or before such Justice; and all such Proceedings by Summons, without Information, shall be as good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes as if an Information in Writing had been exhibited.

Recited
Act and this
Act to be
construed
together.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said recited Act of the Ninth Year of His present Majesty's Reign and this Act shall be construed together as One Act, so far as the said Act is not altered by this Act.

Public Act.

XXVIII. 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.

XXIX. And

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence Term of Act.
from the passing thereof, and continue and be in force during the
Continuance of the said herein-before recited Act of the Ninth Year
of the Reign of His present Majesty.

The SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

Proprietors.	Occupiers.	Description of Property.
William Dearle - -	Thomas Simmons - {	The Red Lion Inn, Outbuildings, Yards, and Garden.
Ditto - -	Richard Denyer - -	Sadler's Shop.
Mrs. Martha Slarke - -	Andrew Sedgwick - -	One Room.
Ditto - -	Thomas Barns - -	Ditto.
Ditto - -	Joshua Ware - -	Three Rooms.
Ditto - -	Mary Gibbons - -	One Room.
Ditto - -	Widow Harris - -	Two Rooms.
Ditto - -	Charles Clarke - -	One Room.
Ditto - -	Thomas East - -	A Tenement.
Ditto - -	Richard Seabrook - -	Ditto, Stable, Cart Sheds and Yard.
Ditto - -	Messrs. Lynes and Lifford - -	Carpenter's Shop.
Mrs. Maria Brown - -	Herself and James Baker - -	House, Stable, and Yard.
Mrs. Margaretta Wigley - -	William Wigley - -	House, Outbuildings, and Yard.
Mrs. Mary Hall and John Hall } - -	John Spencer - -	House, Yard, and Rag Warehouse.
Ditto - -	Thomas Styles - -	A Tenement.
Ditto - -	William Gardner - -	Ditto.
William Holgate - -	William Booker - -	House, Bakehouse, Stable and Yard.
John Yockney - -	Thomas Ashby - -	Warehouse and Yard.
Isaac Willoughby - -	Thomas Davis - -	House, Stable, and Yard.
Thomas Ashby - -	Himself - -	Part of Meadow, called Ashby's Meadow.
Messrs. Cole and Francis - -	George Berryman - -	The Cock Public House, Outbuildings, Yard, and Garden.
Thomas Ashby - -	Himself - -	Part of Garden adjoining House.
Jeremiah Styles - -	Samuel Roake - -	House and Yard.
The Officers of the Parish of Staines } - -	- - - -	Engine House and Cage.
Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor - -	Charles Haytor - -	Workshop.
The Trustees of Dissenting Meeting House } - -	- - - -	House and Yard.
John Rickman - -	William Layton - -	Part of Garden.
Ditto - -	Ditto - -	House, Workshop, &c.
George Wigg, Esq ^{re} - -	Robert Ashby - -	Part of Ozier Ground.

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