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An Act for the better Regulation of the Watermen and Lightermen on the River *Thames*, between *Yantlet Creek* and *Windsor*. [14th June 1827.]

**W**HEREAS an Act was made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, for regulating the several Sums that Watermen on the River of *Thames* should take for their Fare from one Place to another near to the City of *London*: And whereas an Act was made in the Second and Third Years of the Reign of King *Philip* and Queen *Mary*, intituled *An Act touching Watermen and Bargemen upon the River of Thames*; and thereby the Mayor and the Court of Aldermen of the City of *London* were empowered to elect yearly Eight Watermen to be the Overseers and Rulers of all the Wherrymen and Watermen upon the said River of *Thames* between *Gravesend* and *Windsor*, who should allow of or admit and register such Watermen as therein is mentioned; and the said Mayor and Court of Aldermen were directed from Time to Time, at their Discretion, to set and assess the Prices and Sums of Money that every Person authorized to row by the said Overseers and Rulers, betwixt *Gravesend* and *Windsor*, should take for his Labour or Fare from Place to Place: And whereas an Act was made in the First Year of the Reign of King *James* the First, intituled *An Act concerning Wherry-men and Watermen*: And whereas an Act was made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled *An Act for the Explanation and better Execution of former Acts made*

6 H. 8. c. 7.  
 2 & 3 Ph. & M. c. 16.  
 1 Jac. 1. c. 16.  
 11 & 12 W. 3. c. 21.

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*touching Watermen and Wherry-men rowing on the River of Thames; and for the better ordering and governing the said Watermen, Wherry-men, and Lightermen upon the said River between Gravesend and Windsor; and thereby Wherry-men, Watermen, and Lightermen, working between Gravesend and Windsor, were constituted One Company, and the said Lightermen were directed to be registered; and the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London were empowered to elect yearly Eight Watermen, and also Three Lightermen out of Twelve to be nominated by the Lightermen, to be Overseers and Rulers of the Wherry-men, Watermen, and Lightermen; and the said Overseers and Rulers were required to appoint such Assistants, and present to the Court of Mayor and Aldermen such Auditors, as therein is mentioned; and the said Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants were empowered to make Rules, Orders, and Constitutions for maintaining good Order and Obedience amongst the Company, to be altered or approved by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, and afterwards confirmed or altered by the Lord Chief Justice of either Bench: And whereas an Act was made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Queen Anne, intituled *An Act for the better ordering and governing the Watermen and Lightermen upon the River of Thames*: And whereas an Act was made in the Second Year of the Reign of King George the Second, intituled *An Act for making more effectual several Acts passed relating to Watermen, Wherry-men, and Lightermen rowing on the River Thames; and for better ordering and governing such Watermen, Wherry-men, and Lightermen*: And whereas an Act was made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King George the Second, intituled *An Act to explain and amend a Clause in an Act passed in the Second Year of His Majesty's Reign (for making more effectual several Acts relating to Watermen, Wherry-men, and Lightermen rowing on the River Thames), so far as the same relates to Ferry Boats and flat-bottomed Boats*: And whereas an Act was made in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King George the Second, intituled *An Act for regulating the Company of Watermen, Wherry-men, and Lightermen rowing on the River Thames between Gravesend in the County of Kent, and Windsor in the County of Berks*: And whereas an Act was made in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for better regulating and governing the Watermen, Wherry-men, and Lightermen upon the River of Thames between Gravesend and Windsor*; and thereby the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London were empowered to make Rules, Orders, and Constitutions for the better Government and Regulation of Watermen, Wherry-men, and Lightermen upon the said River Thames between Gravesend and Windsor, and to alter, repeal, and make void the same, or any of the Rules, Orders, or Constitutions then in force, in Manner and with the Approbation therein mentioned: And whereas by an Act passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, intituled *An Act for the better Observation of the Lord's Day commonly called Sunday*, it was enacted, that no Person or Persons should use, employ, or travel on the Lord's Day with any Boat, Wherry, Lighter, or Barge, except it were upon extraordinary Occasion, to be allowed by some Justice of the Peace of the County, or Head Officer, or*



some Justice of the City, Borough, or Town Corporate where the Fact should be committed, upon Pain that every Person so offending should forfeit and lose the Sum of Five Shillings for every such Offence: And whereas the Purposes of the said in part recited Acts would be better effected, if the Watermen, Wherrymen, and Lightermen on the River *Thames*, at and between *Windsor* aforesaid and *Yantlet Creek* in the County of *Kent*, were incorporated, and the several Laws respecting them were consolidated and amended: 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 from and immediately after the First Day of *August* next after the passing of this Act, all the several in part recited Acts of the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, the Second and Third Years of the Reign of King *Philip* and Queen *Mary*, the First Year of the Reign of King *James* the First, the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, the Fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, the Second, Fourth, and Tenth Years of the Reign of King *George* the Second, and the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Third, and also so much of the said in part recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second as prevents any Person or Persons from using, employing, or travelling on the Lord's Day with any Boat, Wherry, Lighter, or Barge, or imposes any Penalty or Punishment for so doing, shall be and the same respectively are hereby repealed.

Recited Acts of 6 H. 8. 2 & 3 Ph. & M. 1 Jac. 1. 11 & 12 W. 3. 4 Ann. 2 G. 2. 4 G. 2. 10 G. 2. 34 G. 3. and so much of 29 Car. 2. c. 7. as prevents travelling by Water on Sunday, repealed.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Repeal of the said several herein-before in part recited Acts shall not revive any Acts of Parliament, or any Part or Parts of any Acts of Parliament, which have been altered or repealed by the said several herein-before in part recited Acts respectively, or any of them.

Repeal of recited Acts not to revive any Acts repealed by them.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act and the several Provisions thereof shall extend and be construed to extend to all Parts of the River *Thames*, from and opposite to and including the Town of *New Windsor* in the County of *Berks*, to and opposite to and including *Yantlet Creek* in the County of *Kent*, and to all Docks, Canals, Creeks, and Harbours of or out of the said River, so far as the Tide flows therein.

Limits of this Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the said First Day of *August* next after the passing of this Act, the said Company of Watermen, Wherrymen, and Lightermen shall be One Body Corporate, by the Name and Style of "The Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of Watermen and Lightermen of the River *Thames*," and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and shall and may sue and be sued.

Company incorporated.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall consist of the Watermen, Wherrymen, and Lightermen, whose Names have been registered by the Overseers and Rulers of the said Company, in pursuance

Of whom the Company is to consist.



pursuance of the said recited Acts or some of them, previously to the passing of this Act, and who shall be called Freemen of the said Company, and of such other Persons as shall be admitted Freemen of the said Company as herein-after is mentioned.

Power to the Company to purchase and hold Land.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to purchase or hold Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to them, their Successors and Assigns, not exceeding in the whole the yearly Value of One thousand Pounds at the Time of the Purchase or taking thereof, without incurring any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, and also to sell all or any of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and from Time to Time to purchase other Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in lieu thereof.

First Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, appointed.

VII. And be it further enacted, That for better managing the Affairs of the said Company there shall be a Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, consisting of Twenty-six Members; and that *Francis Theodore Hay, John Drinkald, James Betts, Abraham Sanderson, Anthony Lyon, William Chapman, John Jackson, Robert Thompson, Joseph Turnley, Thomas East, John Banyon, Robert Banyon, William Easton, William Randall, Charles Hay, Daniel Neal, Henry Stanton, Charles James White, Thomas Hill, William Bradley, Thomas Gillett, James John Thompson, John Cracklow, James Watford, John Drew, and Francis Flower*, be the First Members of the said Court, and shall continue Members of the said Court during their respective Lives, unless they respectively shall resign, or be removed in manner herein-after mentioned.

First Master and Wardens appointed.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That One of the Members of the said Court shall be and be called the Master of the said Company, and that the said *Francis Theodore Hay* shall be the First Master of the said Company, and shall continue in the said Office until another Master shall have been elected, and approved and sworn in, as herein-after is mentioned, unless he shall sooner resign or die, or cease to be a Member of the said Court; and that Four other Members of the said Court shall be and be called the Wardens of the said Company, One of whom shall be called the Senior Warden, and the remaining Three shall be called the Junior Wardens, and that the said *John Drinkald* shall be the First Senior Warden of the said Company, and the said *James Betts, Abraham Sanderson, and Anthony Lyon*, shall be the First Junior Wardens of the said Company; and the said Four Wardens respectively shall continue in their said respective Offices until other Wardens shall have been elected, and approved and sworn in, in their Stead respectively, as herein-after is mentioned, unless they respectively shall sooner resign, or die, or cease to be Members of the said Court.

A Quarterly Court to be held.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall meet Four Times in every Year, (that is to say) on the First *Tuesday* after the Twenty-ninth Day of *September*, the Twenty-fifth Day of *December*, the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, and the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* respectively, or on such other Day within Seven Days thereafter as shall be appointed at any prior



prior Meeting; and every such Meeting shall be called a Quarterly Court for the Affairs and Business of the said Company.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Court to hold an extraordinary Meeting whenever any Quarterly or Extraordinary Court, or the major Part of the Members of the said Court for the Time being, shall think proper. Extraordi-  
nary Courts  
may be held.

XI. And be it further enacted, That at every Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, the Master for the Time being of the said Company shall preside; and if he be unable from Illness or any other Cause to attend, the Senior Warden if present, or in his Absence One of the Junior Wardens, or if none of the Junior Wardens be present, then the senior Member of the Court who shall be present (the Members named in this Act, or in any Election of Two or more Members, being considered to have Seniority according to the Order in which they are or shall be named) shall preside. Appointment  
of Chairman.

XII. And be it further enacted, That no Business shall be transacted at any Court unless Thirteen Members be present; and all Business transacted at a Court of Thirteen or more Members shall be as valid in the Absence of the Master and Wardens, or any of them, as if they were all present; and that all Questions at any Court shall be decided by the Majority in Number of the Votes of the Members present, and every Member shall have One Vote; and if on a Division there shall be an equal Number of Votes on each Side, the said Master, Warden, or other Member presiding at such Court, shall have a Second or casting Vote; and the Proceedings of every Court shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, and signed by the Master, Warden, or Member who shall preside. Regulations  
as to Quorum,  
and voting,  
&c. at Courts.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Quarterly Court to be holden next after the First Day of *June* in every Year shall elect One of the Wardens for the Time being of the said Company to be the Master of the said Company for the ensuing Year, and One other of the Wardens or other Members of the said Court to be the Senior Warden of the said Company for the ensuing Year, and Three others of the Wardens or other Members of the said Court to be the Junior Wardens for the ensuing Year; and the Master and Wardens so elected shall be presented to the then next Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the said City of *London*; and if the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen shall not approve of the Warden elected Master, or of the Warden or Member elected Senior Warden, or of the Members elected Junior Wardens as aforesaid, or any of them, the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall forthwith cause the Clerk of the said Company to summon an Extraordinary Court, and proceed to elect, in the Place of the Person or Persons who shall not be approved of, another of the Wardens to be Master thereof, if the Warden elected shall not be approved of, and another of the Wardens or Members to be Senior Warden, if the Warden or Member elected shall not be approved of, and others or another of the Members to be Junior Wardens or Warden, if the Members elected Junior Wardens, or any of them, shall not be approved of, and shall present

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such Persons or Person elected as last aforesaid to the next Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the said City which shall be holden after the said last Election, and so on until a Master, a Senior Warden, and Three Junior Wardens, to be elected in manner aforesaid, shall be approved of by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen; and if none of the Wardens shall be approved of by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, as Master of the said Company, the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company shall elect one other of the Members of the said Court to be the Master of the said Company, who shall in like Manner be presented to the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen for their Approbation, and so on until the said Court shall approve of a Master elected as aforesaid; and after such Approval, the Master and Wardens so elected and approved shall, upon being duly sworn in as herein-after is mentioned, become the Master and Wardens of the said Company, and the former Master and Wardens respectively, if not re-elected, shall go out of Office; and the said Master and Wardens elected and approved as aforesaid shall continue in Office until the Quarterly Court to be holden next after the First Day of *June* then next following, and from thence until some other Persons shall be duly elected and approved of, and sworn in in their Stead respectively, or they respectively resign, or die, or be removed from being Members of the said Court.

Oath to be taken by the Masters and Wardens.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That no Master or Warden hereby appointed, or to be elected and approved as aforesaid, shall act in the said Office respectively until he shall, before the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, have taken the following Oath; (that is to say,)

‘ I elected and approved Master [*or Warden, as the Case may be,*] of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River *Thames*, do swear, That I will faithfully perform the Duties of the said Office to the best of my Power.  
‘ So help me GOD.’

On Vacancies by Death, &c. of Master or Wardens, others to be elected, subject to the like Approbation.

XV. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any Master, or any One of the Wardens of the said Company, shall die, or resign his Office, or be removed from being a Member of the said Court, as herein-after is mentioned, during the Continuance of his respective Office, the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall, as soon as conveniently may be after such Death, Resignation, or Removal, elect One other of the said Wardens or Members of the Court of the said Company to be Master or Warden, as the Case may require, in the Place of the Master or Warden who shall have died, resigned, or been removed; and the Person so elected shall be presented, and when approved of sworn in to the said Office in the Manner herein-before directed, and shall continue in such Office during such Time as the Person in whose Place he shall be appointed would, according to the Directions herein-before contained, have continued in the said Office.

Master, &c. neglecting to attend any

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Master, Warden, or other Member of the Court of the said Company, shall without reasonable



sonable Excuse, which shall be satisfactory to the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, neglect for the Space of One Year to attend at any Quarterly or Extraordinary Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, the next Court shall remove him from being a Member of the said Court. Court for One Year without Permission, shall be removed.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants to remove any of the Members of the said Court for Ill-government, Misbehaviour, or other reasonable Cause. Members of the Court may be removed.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any of the Members of the said Court shall die, or resign, or be removed, the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall elect from amongst the Freemen for the Time being of the said Company such Three Persons as to them shall seem meet for supplying such Vacancy; and the Persons so elected, upon having received Notice thereof in Writing, signed by the Clerk of the said Company, left at their respective last or usual Places of Abode Seven Days before the Time of such Presentation, shall be presented to the next Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the said City of *London*; and such Court shall select from the Three Persons so presented to them such One as they shall most approve of, who shall thereupon become a Member of the said Court of the said Company, and shall continue in the said Office during his Life, unless he shall resign or be removed therefrom as aforesaid: Provided always, that whenever, in consequence of there being more than One Vacancy in the said Office of a Member of the said Court at the same Time, other Freemen of the said Company (being Three Times the Number required to fill such Vacancies) shall be presented to the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, and the said Court may select such of the Persons presented to fill the vacant Offices as they shall think proper, and shall not be obliged to select One of the Three elected to supply each Vacancy respectively. For the Election of new Members of the Court.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That no Member of the said Court shall act in the said Office until he shall, before the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, have taken the following Oath; (that is to say,) Oath to be taken by the Members of the Court.

‘ I do swear, That I will faithfully execute the Office  
 ‘ of a Member of the Court of the Company of Watermen and  
 ‘ Lightermen of the River *Thames*, and during the Time that I shall  
 ‘ continue in the said Office to the best of my Abilities assist and  
 ‘ counsel the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the Time  
 ‘ being in all Matters and Things relating to the Welfare of the said  
 ‘ Company. So help me GOD.’

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall be elected Master, Warden, or Member of the said Court of the said Company shall neglect or refuse to be presented to the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or after he has been presented to and approved of or selected (as the Case may require) by the said Court, shall Persons refusing to serve to be subject to a Penalty, and be liable to be elected again.



shall neglect or refuse to take upon him or execute the said Office, the Person so refusing or neglecting shall forfeit and pay for every such Default the Sum herein-after mentioned; (that is to say), if he shall have been elected Master, the Sum of Twenty Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; if he shall have been elected Warden, the Sum of Fifteen Pounds of like lawful Money; and if he shall have been elected a Member of the said Court, the Sum of Ten Pounds of like lawful Money; and any Sum so forfeited shall and may be recovered by the Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company, by an Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information brought in the Name of the Clerk of the said Company in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, with full Costs of Suit, wherein no Essoign, Privilege, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparance, shall be allowed; and every Person who shall duly serve the said respective Offices, or make such Default upon being elected thereto respectively as aforesaid, shall be liable to be again elected to the same Office respectively at any future Time or Times, and on such Refusal or Neglect as aforesaid, without reasonable Excuse, satisfactory to the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company, shall be from Time to Time subject to the same Penalties as often as he respectively shall be elected and make such Default as aforesaid: Provided always, that no Person shall be compelled to serve the Office of Master or Senior Warden of the said Company more than Once, or the Office of Junior Warden of the said Company more than Three Times.

Proviso as to  
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Clerk.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the Quarterly Court to be holden in every Year next after the First Day of *June* shall elect or re-elect a Clerk of the said Company, and any Quarterly or Extraordinary Court of Assistants may remove the said Clerk, and on the Death, Resignation, or Removal of any Clerk, a Clerk shall be elected at the then next or some subsequent Court; and *Thomas Shelton* Gentleman shall be the First Clerk, and he shall continue in Office until the said Quarterly Court to be holden after the First Day of *August* next after the passing of this Act, or until another Clerk shall be elected and sworn in his Place, unless he shall sooner die, or resign, or be removed; and the said *Thomas Shelton*, and every Person elected Clerk, shall, before the Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, take the following Oath; (that is to say,)

Oath to be  
taken by the  
Clerk.

‘ I do swear, That I will faithfully perform the Office  
‘ of Clerk of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the  
‘ River *Thames*, to the best of my Power. So help me GOD.’

And every Clerk shall, previously to his entering into the Execution of his said Office, give Security to the Master and Wardens for the Time being, with Two Sureties to be approved of by the Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, in the Penalty of Five hundred Pounds, for the due Execution thereof, and for duly accounting for all Monies to be received by him for the Use of the said Company by virtue of his said Office.

Accounts to  
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the Clerk.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the Accounts of the said Company shall be regularly kept by the said Clerk under Two distinct  
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Heads, and in different Books, the one to be entitled "The Poor's Accounts," and the other to be entitled "The Company's Accounts;" and that the said Accounts shall be audited by the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, at their Quarterly Court which shall be holden next after the First Day of *June* in every Year, or by a Committee to be by them appointed for that Purpose, consisting of not less than Five Members of the said Court, or oftener if occasion shall require.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Clerk shall summon or cause to be summoned every Member of the Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, to attend every Meeting of the said Court, by causing a written or printed Notice to be left at the usual Places of Abode of such Members respectively, and shall attend every Meeting of the said Court, unless prevented by Illness or other reasonable Cause, and shall receive, on the Execution of Indentures of Apprenticeship, and Assignments thereof, and on the Admission of Freemen, such Fees respectively, and also such Salary, as the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall from Time to Time appoint.

Clerk to summon and attend Courts and be entitled to Fees.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That if the Clerk of the said Company shall refuse or neglect to register the Name and Place of Abode or Work of any Freeman, or Widow of a Freeman, or the Number of any Wherry, Boat, or other Vessel, or the Name and Place of Abode of any Person who may keep any Lighter, Barge, or other Boat or Craft, and the Name and Number thereof, or other Matter or Thing required by this Act to be registered by him, on being applied to and required so to do, he shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty on Clerk for neglecting to register.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, from Time to Time, and as often as they shall think proper, to name, place, and appoint Plying Places, and Inspectors of Plying Places and Causeways adjoining or near unto the said River *Thames*, and of Passage and other Boats and Wherries used for the carrying and conveying of Persons on the said River for Hire or Gain, and also Beadles and such other inferior Officers and Servants as shall be convenient, and allow them, or any of them, such Fees to be paid on the Execution of Indentures of Apprenticeship, and the Admission of Freemen of the said Company, and such Salaries or Wages, as they shall think proper; and may remove the said Inspectors, Beadles, Officers, and Servants, or any of them, from Time to Time, as they shall think fit: Provided always, that the Plying Places at *Gravesend* and *Milton* next *Gravesend* shall be named and appointed by the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, with the Consent of the Mayor, Jurats, and Common Council of *Gravesend*.

Court to appoint Inspectors of Plying Places, &c., Beadles, and other Officers.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That at the Court to be holden next after the First Day of *June* in every Year, Five of the Members of the said Court, not being the Master or Wardens, (Preference being given to such of them (if any) as shall have served the Office

Court for binding Apprentices and Admission of Freemen.

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of Master,) shall be appointed, who, together with the Master and Wardens for the Time being of the said Company, and such other of the Assistants as shall think proper from Time to Time to attend, shall be a Court for the Admission of Freemen of the said Company, and the Execution of Indentures of Apprenticeship, and Assignment of Apprentices; and such Court shall meet from Time to Time during the Year for which they shall be appointed, when they shall think proper, but no Business shall be transacted at any such Meeting unless Five Persons be present, and it shall not be necessary for the Master or any of the Wardens to form Part of such Five Persons; and the same Person shall preside, and all Questions shall be determined at the said Court in the same Manner, as is herein-before provided with respect to the Meetings of the Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company; and that no Indenture of Apprenticeship, or the Assignment of any Apprentice from one Master to another, or the Admission of any Person to be a Freeman of the said Company, shall be executed or made, except at a Meeting of the said Court; and the said Court shall admit to be Freemen of the said Company such Persons as shall have duly served their Apprenticeships either before or after the passing of this Act, or partly before and partly after the passing of this Act, to Watermen or Lightermen, or Widows now or hereafter authorized to take such Apprentices, and no other Persons; and such Persons, when admitted by the said Court and sworn as herein-after is mentioned, shall become Freemen of the said Company.

Freeman's  
Oath.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That no Person admitted by the said last-mentioned Court shall be entitled to exercise any of the Rights or Privileges of a Freeman of the said Company until he shall before the same Court have taken the following Oath; (that is to say,)

‘ I Swear, That I will be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, His  
‘ Heirs and Successors, and will be obedient to the Court of Mas-  
‘ ter, Wardens, and Assistants of the Company of Watermen and  
‘ Lightermen of the River *Thames*, and observe and keep all the  
‘ Rules, Orders, and Constitutions made and to be made by the said  
‘ Court, or pay such Penalties as I shall be adjudged to pay by virtue  
‘ thereof. So help me GOD.’

Period of Ap-  
prenticeship.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall be admitted a Freeman of the said Company unless he shall have rowed and worked on the said River as the Apprentice of some Freeman of the said Company, or of the Widow of some Freeman, for the full Space of Seven Years (except as herein-after is mentioned); and it shall be lawful for the Widow of any Freeman to bind, take, and employ Apprentices, in the same Manner as her Husband might have done if living.

Widows may  
take Appren-  
tices.

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to the Num-  
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prentices.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Freeman of the said Company, or the Widow of any Freeman, shall at the same Time have more than Two Apprentices, or take a Second Apprentice until the First shall have served Four Years at the least of his Apprenticeship,



ship, unless such Freeman or Widow shall be the Owner of Twelve Barges, Lighters, or flat-bottomed Craft; and every Freeman or Widow, being the Owner of such Barges, Lighters, or flat-bottomed Craft, may have Three Apprentices at one Time, and being the Owner of Twenty Barges, Lighters, or flat-bottomed Craft, may have Four Apprentices, and no more; and if any Freeman or Widow shall take or employ a greater Number of Apprentices than herein-before are mentioned, he or she shall for every additional Apprentice forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds; and the said Court for the binding of Apprentices may require Proof on Oath that the Freeman or Widow is *bonâ fide* the real Owner of the Number of Lighters, Barges, or flat-bottomed Craft, in respect of which any additional Apprentice is proposed to be taken, before the binding of such Apprentice respectively.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That after the First Day of *August* next after the passing of this Act it shall not be lawful for any Freeman of the said Company, or Widow of a Freeman, to bind or take any Person as an Apprentice who shall be under the Age of Fourteen Years, or above the Age of Eighteen Years; and no Indentures of Apprenticeship shall be executed unless it appear by Certificate, signed by the Minister or Churchwardens for the Time being of the Parish or Place where the Person to be bound was or shall be born or baptized, or by the Oath (or Affirmation, if of the People called *Quakers*,) of a credible Witness, that such Person is of the Age of Fourteen Years, and under the Age of Eighteen Years.

No Freeman or Widow to take any Apprentice under Fourteen or above Eighteen Years of Age.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall falsely forge or counterfeit, or knowingly or willingly produce any false or forged Certificate, or make any false Oath or Affirmation, of or concerning the Age of any Person to be bound Apprentice as aforesaid, he or they shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, and the Indentures of Apprenticeship of such Apprentice shall be null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Penalty for forging or producing false Certificate of Baptism.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That after the First Day of *August* next after the passing of this Act no Freeman of the said Company, or Widow of a Freeman, shall bind or employ any Apprentice or Apprentices, unless he or she shall be a Housekeeper, or have some known Place of Abode or of Work; and every Freeman or Widow of a Freeman shall on the First Day of *September* in every Year, or within Ten Days afterwards, give Notice to the Clerk of the said Company for the Time being of his or her Place of Abode or Work, in order that the same may be registered; and such Freeman or Widow shall lodge such Apprentice or Apprentices in the House in which he or she shall reside; and upon any Application made to the Clerk of the said Company to register the Place of Abode or Work of every Freeman or Widow as aforesaid, the same shall be registered in a Book or Books of the said Company to be kept for that Purpose, without Fee or Reward; and if any such Freeman or Widow, who shall bind or employ any Apprentice or Apprentices, shall neglect or refuse to give such Notice of his or her Place of Abode

None but Freemen or Widows whose Names and Places of Abode or Working are registered in the Books of the Company to take Apprentices.



Abode or Work as aforesaid, or shall not lodge his or her Apprentice in the same House, he or she shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds; and the Apprentice or Apprentices of such Person shall and may, upon Application made to the Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company, at any of their Meetings, be by them turned over to any other Master or Mistress, any Indenture, Covenant, Contract, or Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso as to the lodging of Apprentices.

XXXIII. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to prevent any Freeman, or the Widow of any Freeman, being the Owner or Master of any *Gravesend* Boat, decked Sailing Barge, or other decked Craft or Vessel, from lodging his or her Apprentice or Apprentices on board of such Boat, Barge, or Vessel, or to prevent any Freeman, or the Widow of any Freeman, being the Owner, and possessed of Twelve Barges, Lighters, or flat-bottomed Craft, or upwards, from lodging his or her Apprentice or Apprentices in the same House or Vessel with his or her Foreman.

Apprentices bound contrary to this Act.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Apprentice who shall hereafter be bound contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act shall obtain or be admitted to the Freedom of the said Company by reason of such Apprenticeship.

Apprentices to be compelled to serve although of Age.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That every Person duly bound Apprentice to any Freeman of the said Company, or the Widow of any Freeman, shall serve and be compellable to serve the whole of his Apprenticeship, notwithstanding he may previously have attained the Age of Twenty-one Years; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

No Apprentice to have the sole Care of any Boat unless he shall have served Two Years.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That after the First Day of *August* next after the passing of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any Apprentice or Apprentices to have or take the sole Care of any Boat or other Vessel, unless such Apprentice, or One of such Apprentices, shall have worked and rowed upon the said River as an Apprentice for the Space of Two Years at the least; and the Master or Mistress of every such Apprentice, not having rowed and worked as aforesaid, who shall have or take such Care of any such Boat or other Vessel, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

None but Freemen of the Company (except as after mentioned) to row or work any Boats or Craft for Hire.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person, not being a Freeman of the said Company, or an Apprentice to a Freeman or to the Widow of a Freeman of the said Company, (except as hereinafter is mentioned,) shall at any Time act as a Waterman or Lighterman, or ply, or work or navigate, or cause to be worked or navigated, any Wherry, Lighter, or other Craft, upon the said River, from or to any Place or Places, or Ship or Vessel, within the Limits of this Act, for Hire or Gain, (except as hereinafter is mentioned,) every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

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XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall grant a Licence to any Freeman of the said Company, or the Widow of any Freeman, to use and work for Hire any Wherry, Boat, or other Vessel, for carrying Persons or Passengers on the said River *Thames*, within the Limits of this Act, on a Certificate being produced to them, verified by the Oath of the Builder or Builders, or Owner or Owners of such Wherry, Boat, or other Vessel, of the Burthen, Size, and Dimensions thereof, according to the Bye Laws or Regulations to be made from Time to Time for that Purpose; in which Licence shall be expressed the Number of Persons or Passengers such Wherry, Boat, or other Vessel respectively shall be permitted to take and carry; and for every such Licence One Shilling and no more shall be paid; and such Licence shall contain a Number for such Wherry, Boat, or other Vessel, which shall be registered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk of the said Company; and the Owner or Owners of such Wherry, Boat, or other Vessel shall cause such Number, together with his, her, or their own Name or Names, to be painted and kept legible in such Wherry, Boat, or other Vessel, in such Manner as in any Bye Laws or Regulations to be made by the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London*, shall from Time to Time be directed; and no Wherry, Boat, or other Vessel belonging to any Freeman of the said Company, or the Widow of any Freeman, shall at any Time hereafter be allowed to ply for Hire at any public Stairs or Plying Places for the carrying of Persons or Passengers for Hire within the Limits of this Act, without such Licence as aforesaid; and if any Wherry, Boat, or other Vessel shall be used or worked without such Licence for the same having been first obtained as aforesaid, or without such Name or Names and Number painted or legible thereon as aforesaid, the Owner or Owners thereof shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings; and if a greater Number of Persons or Passengers than shall be expressed in the Licence shall be taken or carried in any such Wherry, Boat, or other Vessel, the Occupier or Occupiers thereof shall forfeit and pay for the First Offence, for every Person or Passenger exceeding such Number, any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and every Person or Persons who shall offend in the Premises a Second Time, and be thereof convicted, shall be disfranchised, and shall not be allowed to work, row, or navigate any Wherry, Boat, or other Vessel, or to enjoy any of the Privileges of a Freeman of the said Company, for the Space of Twelve Calendar Months; and in case any greater Number of Persons or Passengers shall be taken and carried in any such Wherry, Boat, or other Vessel, than are respectively allowed to be carried therein as aforesaid, and any One or more of them shall by reason thereof be drowned, every Person or Persons who shall work or navigate such Wherry, Boat, or other Vessel, offending therein, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be deemed guilty of Misdemeanor, and shall be liable to such Punishment as in Cases of Misdemeanor, at the Discretion of the Court before whom such Offender shall be tried and convicted; and every such Person so convicted shall also be disfranchised, and not allowed at

No Boat to be used for carrying Passengers without a Licence, expressing the Number of Persons it may be allowed to carry.

Number and Name of Owner to be painted thereon.

Penalty for taking more than the Number allowed.



any Time thereafter to work, row, or navigate any Wherry, Boat, or other Vessel, or to enjoy any of the Privileges of a Freeman of the said Company: Provided always, that no Licence shall be granted by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants to any Freeman of the said Company, or the Widow of any Freeman, residing at *Gravesend* or at *Milton next Gravesend*, to use and work for Hire any Wherry or Boat for carrying more than Ten Persons or Passengers, unless he or she shall produce a Licence from the Mayor, Jurats, and Common Council of *Gravesend*, together with a Certificate of his or her being a fit and proper Person for that Purpose.

The Names of Persons keeping Boats, &c. for carrying Goods, without Passengers, (except as after mentioned), and also the Names of such Boats, to be registered in the Books of the Company.

The Names and Numbers of such Boats to be painted thereon.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, upon the Request in Writing, addressed to the Clerk of the said Company, and left at the Hall of the Company, or the Office of such Clerk, of every Person or Persons who now keep or shall hereafter keep on the said River, within the Limits of this Act, any Lighter, Barge, or other Boat or Craft used or to be used for the carrying of Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, without Passengers, from or to any Place or Places, Ships or other Vessels, (except as herein-after is mentioned,) shall cause the Name or Names and Place or Places of Abode of such Person or Persons, and also the Name or Names by which any such Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Craft for carrying Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, shall be called or designed to be called, to be duly registered in a Book or Books to be kept by the Clerk of the said Company for that Purpose, to whom every such Person or Persons shall pay, for the Use of the said Company, One Shilling for each Lighter, Barge, or other Boat or Craft, for every such Registry, and shall also cause a Number for such Lighter, Barge, or other Boat or Craft respectively, to be forthwith delivered by the said Clerk to such Owner or Owners, who shall cause the same, together with the Name or Names of the said Lighters, Barges, and other Boats and Craft, to be painted White on a Black Ground, in Capital Letters and Figures, the Figures to be not less than Six Inches long, and broad in proportion, and the Letters not less than Four Inches long, and broad in proportion, such Figures and Letters to be painted on the Hudds Boards of Barges, and on the Bows of Lighters and other Craft, and to be preserved and kept legible, so as to be plainly seen in the Day-time by Persons passing on the said River; and no Person or Persons shall have Two Lighters, Barges, or other Boats or Craft of the same Name; and if any such Lighter, Barge, or other Craft shall be worked or navigated without being registered, or without the Number and Names being painted and legible as aforesaid, the Owner or Owners thereof shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum of Money not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Names of Owners residing out of the Limits of the Act to be painted on their Lighters,

XL. And be it further enacted, That every Person not residing within the Limits of this Act, who now keeps or shall hereafter keep any Lighter, Barge, or other Boat, Craft, or Vessel, used or to be used for the carrying of Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, which may be navigated on the said River within the Limits of this Act, shall cause his or her Name and Place of Abode, and also the Name or Names by



by which any such Lighter, Barge, or other Boat, Craft, or Vessel shall be called or designed to be called, to be painted White on a Black Ground, in Capital Letters and Figures, the Figures not to be less than Six Inches long, and broad in proportion, and the Letters not less than Four Inches long, and broad in proportion, such Figures and Letters to be painted on the Hudds Boards or Sterns of such Lighters, Barges, Boats, Craft, and Vessels, and to be preserved and kept legible so as to be plainly seen in the Day-time by Persons passing on the said River; and no Person shall have Two Lighters, Barges, Boats, Craft, or Vessels of the same Name; and if any such Lighter, Barge, Boat, Craft, or Vessel shall be worked or navigated within the Limits of this Act without the Name and Place of Abode being painted and legible as aforesaid, the Owner or Owners thereof shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum of Money not exceeding Five Pounds.

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XLI. And be it further enacted, That the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall, upon the Request in Writing addressed to the Clerk of the said Company, and left at the Hall of the Company or the Office of such Clerk, of every Person or Persons who now keep or shall hereafter keep on the said River, within the Limits of this Act, any Wherry or other Boat to be let out for Hire or Gain, cause the Name or Names and Place or Places of Abode of such Person or Persons to be duly registered in a Book or Books to be kept by the Clerk of the said Company for that Purpose, to whom every such Person shall pay, for the Use of the said Company, Two Shillings and Sixpence for each Wherry or Boat for every such Registry, and also cause a Number for each Wherry or Boat to be forthwith delivered by the said Clerk to such Person or Persons; and such Number shall be painted in Capital Figures, to be not less than Two Inches long, and broad in proportion, in such Wherry or other Boat, and be preserved and kept legible so as to be plainly seen in the Day-time by Persons passing on the said River; and if any such Person or Persons shall neglect to cause such Wherry or Boat to be registered, or such Number to be painted or preserved legible, they, he, or she shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum of Money not exceeding Forty Shillings.

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XLII. And be it further enacted, That the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall appoint any Number of Watermen in their Discretion to ply and work on the said River *Thames* on every *Sunday* at and between *Chelsea* and *Bow Creek*, (but so as not to interfere with or prejudice any established private Ferry,) at such common Stairs or Places of plying on either Side of the said River as to the said Court shall seem convenient; and the Fare to be taken shall be Two-pence for each Person carried across the River; and every Waterman appointed as aforesaid shall on the *Monday* Morning, or such other Day as the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall appoint for that Purpose respectively, pay unto the Clerk of the said Company, or such other Person as the said Court shall from Time to Time direct, all such Sums of Money as by them respectively shall be received for conveying Passengers on *Sunday* as aforesaid; and the said Court shall pay or cause to be paid to each

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Waterman by them appointed as aforesaid, such a Sum or Sums for his Day's Labour as they shall have agreed to pay for the same; and the Surplus shall from Time to Time be applied to the Use of the poor, aged, decayed, and maimed Watermen and Lightermen of the said Company, and their Widows, at the Discretion of the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants; and if any Person appointed to work as aforesaid, shall neglect to pay over on the *Monday*, or such other Day as aforesaid, the full Sum of Money received by him on the *Sunday* then last past, he shall for every Omission or short Payment forfeit and pay any Sum of Money not exceeding Forty Shillings.

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XLIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants to let to farm to any Freeman or Freemen the said Plying and Working on *Sundays*, at any common Stairs or Places of plying, for carrying and recarrying of Passengers across the said River, for such Time as they shall think proper, provided they give or cause to be given Fourteen Days previous Notice thereof, by ordering a printed Paper, expressing their Intention to let the same, to be affixed in some conspicuous Place at or near such respective common Stairs or Places of plying, and let the same accordingly to the highest Bidder or Bidders, who shall give Security to their Satisfaction for Payment of the Rent or Sum or Sums of Money bid by him or them for such Plying and Working; and that if any Freeman whom the said Court shall appoint to ply and work as aforesaid, or any Person or Persons who shall take such Plying or Working to farm, or any Person or Persons employed by or under him, shall demand or take from any Person or Persons whom he or they shall ply to or carry across the said River, any greater Sum of Money than Two-pence for each Person, he or they shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

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XLIV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons to be appointed to ply and work, or taking such Plying and Working to farm as aforesaid, shall employ, or wilfully permit or suffer any other Person or Persons to be employed in plying or working as aforesaid, until such last-mentioned Person or Persons, and the Boat or Boats to be used by him or them, shall have been approved of for that Purpose by the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, he or they shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Sunday Fer-  
ries not to be  
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Bridge.

XLV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to authorize or empower the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, to appoint any *Sunday* Ferries, or grant any Licences to any Watermen or others to ply on the River *Thames* on a *Sunday*, from or at the Stairs on either Side of the Bridge at *Vauxhall*, or at any Stairs or other Place within Two hundred Yards of any Part of the said Bridge, so as to interfere with, prejudice, or affect the Tolls authorized to be taken for crossing the same.



XLVI. And be it further enacted, That no Freeman of the said Company, nor any Apprentice to a Freeman, or to the Widow of a Freeman of the said Company, except such as shall be appointed as aforesaid, shall ply for, or take or carry on a *Sunday*, at or from any common Stairs or Place of plying on either Side of the said River at and below *London Bridge*, at which the said Court shall appoint Watermen to ply and work as aforesaid, any Fare or Passenger across the said River, or to either of the Two common Stairs or Places of plying on the opposite Side of the said River next above or next below the Stairs or Place at which such Freeman or Apprentice shall ply, nor to any Place or Places to which the Fares and Passengers taken at such several and respective common Stairs and Places of plying are usually conveyed by the Watermen appointed or to be appointed by the said Court to ply and work at, nor to any Ship, Vessel, or Craft lying or being on the said River within the Distance of such Two other Stairs or Places of plying, on pain of forfeiting and paying for every such Offence any Sum of Money not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Watermen not to ply or work on Sunday, below London Bridge, at the Plying Places next above and below any Sunday Ferry.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the Corporation, Villages and Parishes of *Gravesend* and *Milton*, or either of them, to grant Licences, at their or his Discretion, to any Number of the Freemen of the said Company residing at *Gravesend*, or any of the Apprentices of such Freemen, or the Widows of such Freemen, residing at *Gravesend*, to carry Goods and Passengers for Hire at and from *Gravesend* on *Sundays*; and such Licence shall continue in force for the Time that shall be therein expressed: Provided nevertheless, that the said Justices, or either of them, shall have Power and Authority from Time to Time to recal such Licences before the Expiration of the Time therein respectively to be expressed for the Continuance of the same.

Justices at Gravesend to license Watermen to work on Sundays.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Fares or Sums of Money to be taken on *Sundays* by Freemen and Apprentices licensed to work at *Gravesend* as aforesaid shall be paid by them to such Persons as the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company shall from Time to Time appoint for that Purpose; and out of the said Monies such Sum as the said Court shall from Time to Time think proper and fix, shall be paid to every such Freeman and Apprentice for his Day's Labour, and the Surplus thereof shall be distributed Twice in every Year to or for the Benefit of the Freemen of the said Company residing at *Gravesend*, and the Widows of Freemen residing at the same Place, under such Regulations and in such Manner as the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, in and by any Rules or Bye Laws to be made by them, and altered or allowed as herein-after is mentioned, shall direct.

Application of Fares received at Gravesend on Sundays.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall request the said Justices acting in and for the Corporation, Villages and Parishes of *Gravesend* and *Milton*, or either of them, to grant Permission to any Freeman of the said Company, or any Apprentice not licensed as aforesaid, to work for him, her, or them on a *Sunday*, it shall be lawful for the said Justices, or either of them,

Permission may be granted to other Watermen to work on Sundays for Persons requesting.

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by Writing under his Hand, to grant such Permission to such Freeman or Apprentice to work for the Person or Persons making such Request, and such Freeman or Apprentice shall and may retain the Fares or Sums of Money to be received by him in respect thereof for his own Benefit, or the Benefit of his Master or Mistress.

Penalty on other Watermen working at Gravesend on Sunday.

L. And be it further enacted, That if any Freeman of the said Company, or any Apprentice, (without having such Licence or Permission as aforesaid from the said last-mentioned Justices, or either of them,) shall ply or work at *Gravesend* on any *Sunday*, he shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Court to set up Bells at Billingsgate and Gravesend, to give Notice of the Tide, and to appoint Officers to ring the same.

LI. And be it further enacted, That the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall maintain or erect and set up, or cause to be maintained or erected and set up, proper Bells, the one at *Billingsgate* in the City of *London*, and the other on such Part of the Town Quay of *Gravesend* as the Mayor, Jurats, and Common Council of *Gravesend* may appoint, and which they are hereby required to do, for the Purposes herein-after mentioned; and shall cause the said Bells at all Times hereafter to be kept in good and sufficient Repair and Order; and shall appoint proper Officers to ring the said Bell at *Billingsgate* at every Time of High Water at *London Bridge*, and to ring the said Bell at *Gravesend* at every Time of the First of Flood there; and if the said Court shall neglect to provide or maintain such Bells, or to appoint such Officers, they shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Fifty Pounds, the whole whereof shall go to the Person or Persons who shall inform or sue for the same, and may be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, with full Costs of Suit, wherein no Essoign, Privilege, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Officers to ring such Bells at London and Gravesend at the Times appointed.

LII. And be it further enacted, That the Officers appointed as aforesaid for such Places respectively shall give their constant Attendance, as well by Night as by Day, at *Billingsgate* and *Gravesend* respectively, at every Time of High Water at *London Bridge*, and at *Gravesend* at every Time of the First of Flood there; and such Officer or Officers shall, as nearly as possible, at every such Time respectively, at each of the said Places respectively, ring the Bell to be provided for that Purpose as aforesaid, and shall continue ringing the same for Fifteen Minutes, to give Notice to the respective Owners, Masters, or Managers of Boats and Wherries, who design to pass between *London* and *Gravesend* by that Tide, to put off and set forward; and every Officer who shall neglect to ring the said Bells respectively at the Time aforesaid, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Penalty if Boats do not go on the ringing of the Bell.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That if after the ringing of such Bell as aforesaid at *Billingsgate* or *Gravesend*, any such Boat designing to go by that Tide from one to the other of the said Places shall not immediately depart, and effectually proceed, without lying by



by in the River, or putting again on shore within Two Miles of the said respective Places of *Billingsgate* or *Gravesend*, as the Case may be, for the taking in any Goods, Passenger or Passengers, or if any such Boat shall not be provided with Two sufficient Men besides Apprentices during the whole of the said Voyage, then and in every such Case the Owner, Master, or Manager of any such Boat shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Waterman navigating, working, or rowing in or belonging to any Vessel or Boat navigated, worked, or rowed between *London* and *Gravesend*, shall wilfully or negligently lose the Tide, by putting on shore for the taking in of any other Passenger or Passengers or Goods, or by loitering on the Voyage or by the Way, or if the Passengers, or any of them, of any such Vessel or Boat, shall be put out or landed short of the Place to which such Vessel or Boat shall have been bound, (Sailing Vessels detained by want of Wind only excepted,) then and in every such Case such Passengers or Passenger are hereby discharged from paying their or his respective Passage Money, and the Waterman so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum of Money not exceeding Forty Shillings, and shall also be liable to be sued or prosecuted at Law by the Party injured, in such Manner as if no Penalty had been inflicted by this Act.

Watermen losing their Tide to be subject to a Penalty, and not entitled to their Fare.

LV. And be it further enacted, That the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall have full Power to superintend, regulate, and control all the Affairs and Concerns of the said Company, and to order and dispose of the Custody of their Common Seal, and the Use and Application thereof.

The Court empowered to regulate the Affairs of the Company.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time to make and set down in Writing such Rules or Bye Laws as they shall think proper for the good Government of the said Company, and for determining the Fees which shall be taken on the binding of Apprentices, and the Assignment of them, and the Admission of Members, and on other Occasions, for the better Maintenance of the Company, and the Quarterage or other Sums to be paid by the Freemen, and for regulating the Freemen of the said Company, and their Widows and Apprentices, and the Boats or other Craft to be worked or rowed by them within the Limits of this Act, and to annex reasonable Penalties and Forfeitures for the Breach of such Rules or Bye Laws respectively, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds for any One Offence, provided the same Rules or Bye Laws be not inconsistent with any of the Laws of this Kingdom, or the Provisions and Directions in this Act contained, or any of them, or any Rules or Bye Laws to be made by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen by virtue of this Act, or any of them; and also from Time to Time to alter, amend, repeal, or make void such Rules or Bye Laws, or any of them, as to the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, in their Discretion, shall seem meet, so as after the making, altering, amending, or repealing thereof respectively,

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the Rules or Bye Laws to be made by the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and every such Alteration, Amendment, and Repeal, be approved or altered, from Time to Time, by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, and also after every such Approval be allowed as herein-after is mentioned.

Court of Aldermen empowered to make Bye Laws, and alter Bye Laws made by the Court of the Company.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time to make and set down in Writing such Rules and Bye Laws as they shall think proper, for the Government and Regulation of the Freemen of the said Company, and their Widows and Apprentices, and the Boats, Vessels, and other Craft to be rowed or worked within the Limits of this Act, and to annex reasonable Penalties and Forfeitures for the Breach of such Rules and Bye Laws respectively, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds for any One Offence, provided the same Rules or Bye Laws be not inconsistent with any of the Laws of this Kingdom, or the Provisions and Directions in this Act contained, or any of them; and also from Time to Time to alter, amend, repeal, or make void such Rules and Bye Laws, or any of them, or any Rules or Bye Laws which shall have been made at any Time or Times by the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and approved and allowed as herein-before and herein-after is mentioned, so as after the making, altering, amending, or repealing thereof respectively, the said Rules and Bye Laws to be made by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, and every such Alteration, Amendment, and Repeal of any such Rules or Bye Laws, or of any Rules or Bye Laws to be made, altered, or amended by the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and approved, altered, or repealed by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, be allowed as herein-after is mentioned.

Bye Laws to be allowed by One or more of the Judges.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Rules or Bye Laws made by the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and approved or altered by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, nor any Rules or Bye Laws made by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, by virtue of this Act, nor any Alteration, Amendment, or Repeal thereof, shall be valid, unless the same respectively shall have been allowed by His Majesty's Justices of His Courts of King's Bench or Common Pleas, or the Barons of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, or any One or more of the said Justices or Barons; and they or any One or more of them are and is hereby required, on any Request to be made for that Purpose from Time to Time to them or any One or more of them, by or on behalf of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, to peruse and examine, without any Fee or Reward, such Rules and Bye Laws as shall be made, altered, amended, or repealed by the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and approved of by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, and such Rules and Bye Laws as shall be made, altered, amended, or repealed by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, in pursuance of this Act, and to allow of or refuse to allow the same, as they or any One or more of them shall from Time to Time think fit.

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LIX. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Rules or Bye Laws shall be made or altered by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen as aforesaid, a Copy of such intended Rules and Bye Laws, or Alterations, shall be sent to and left with the Clerk for the Time being of the said Company, for the Perusal of the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, at least Thirty Days before the same shall be allowed by the Justices and Barons aforesaid, or any One or more of them as aforesaid, in order that the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants may submit to the Consideration of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen their Objections (if any) to such intended Rules and Bye Laws, or Alterations; and in case the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall not be satisfied with the Determination of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, in consequence of any such Objections respectively, then the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants may submit such Objections to the Consideration of the said Justices or Barons, or any One or more of them, who shall have been requested as aforesaid to peruse and examine the same, before such intended Rules, Bye Laws, or Alterations shall be allowed as aforesaid.

Court of Aldermen to send Copy of intended Bye Laws and Alterations to Watermen's Company 30 Days before allowed by the Judges, that the Company may submit their Objections, &c.

LX. And be it further enacted, That all Rules and Bye Laws to be from Time to Time made, altered, or amended, by the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, in pursuance of this Act, and also all Rules and Bye Laws to be from Time to Time made, altered, or amended by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, in pursuance of this Act, within Thirty Days after the same respectively shall have been allowed and approved of by the said Justices and Barons, or any One or more of them, as herein-before is mentioned, shall be printed and sent to the several Public Offices established by Authority of Parliament for the Administration of Justice in the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Surrey*, to the Town Clerk of *Gravesend* and *Milton*, and also to the several Clerks of the Peace of the said Counties and Places adjoining to the River *Thames*, to be published in such Manner as the Court of Quarter Sessions in those Counties shall direct, and also be made public in such other Manner as the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen shall think proper, and from Time to Time order and direct.

Bye Laws of the Court of the Company, and also of the Court of Aldermen, to be made public.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time, at their Discretion, to limit and fix the Price or Fare that every Freeman of the said Company, or Apprentice of a Freeman, or of a Widow of a Freeman of the said Company, shall take or be entitled to for his Labour in conveying any Person or Persons, in a Wherry or other Boat, from Place to Place on the said River within the Limits of this Act, and also from Time to Time to alter such Prices or Fares, or any of them; and shall lay or cause a List of such Prices or Fares to be laid before His Majesty's Privy Council, to be seen and examined by some of the said Privy Council, who shall allow or refuse to allow of the same, as they shall think proper, and such Allowance shall be signified under the Hands of Three of the said Privy Council at the least; and no Fares or Prices,

Court of Aldermen to fix Fares for Watermen.

List of Fares to be allowed by Privy Council.



or any Alteration therein, shall be valid, until the same shall have been allowed as aforesaid.

Pénalty on demanding more than the Fare.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That every Freeman of the said Company, and every Apprentice of a Freeman, or of the Widow of a Freeman, who shall demand and take for his or their Labour or Fare, within the Limits of this Act, more than the said Prices or Sums to be limited and fixed by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, and allowed as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

List of Fares to be advertised and made public.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen shall cause a List of the Fares or Prices to be from Time to Time limited or fixed as aforesaid, within Thirty Days next after the same, or any Alteration therein, shall have been allowed by Three or more of the Privy Council as aforesaid, to be advertised in the *London Gazette* and Two *London* Newspapers, and also to be printed and sent to the several Public Offices established by Authority of Parliament for the Administration of Justice in the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Surrey*.

List of Fares to be put up at certain Plying Places between Chelsea Bridge and Greenwich, and also Half Mile Posts or Piles westward of Chelsea Bridge and eastward of Greenwich.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall cause a List of such of the Fares and Prices, to be from Time to Time limited or fixed, and advertised as aforesaid, as they shall think proper, to be painted on Boards in legible Characters, of such Height and Size, and set up or affixed at or near such of the Plying Places within the Limits of this Act, in such Situations and in such Manner as the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen shall from Time to Time direct; and shall also cause Posts or Piles to be placed or driven in or near the Banks or Sides of the said River *Thames*, between *Chelsea Bridge* and *Teddington Lock*, and between *Greenwich Hospital Stairs* and *Woolwich*, and at such other Places, within the Limits of this Act as the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen shall from Time to Time direct, at the Distance of Half a Mile from each other, with Letters and Figures thereon denoting the Distance of every such Post or Pile from *Chelsea Bridge* or *Greenwich Hospital Stairs* respectively, such Letters and Figures to be not less than Four Inches long, and broad in proportion, and to be made of Cast Iron, raised on an Iron Plate, or in such other Manner, and to be erected in such Situations, as the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen shall from Time to Time direct; and the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, shall from Time to Time repair and renew such Boards and Posts or Piles, and keep and continue legible the List of Fares, and Letters and Figures thereon respectively; and if the said Court shall neglect to set up or affix such Board at any Plying Place at which the same shall be directed to be set up or affixed, or to place or drive any such Post or Pile as aforesaid, or shall not, within Fourteen Days after Notice in Writing from any Person or Persons, directed to the said Court, shall be left with the Clerk of the said Company, or at Waterman's Hall, that any such Board, Post, or Pile has been destroyed or removed, or the List, Letters, or Figures, or any such Board, Post, or Pile, has been defaced or become illegible, renew or repair, or render the same legible,



legible, (as the Case may require,) the said Court for every such Offence shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds, the Whole whereof shall go to the Person or Persons who shall inform or sue for the same; and if any Person or Persons shall wilfully break, cut down, pull up, or damage any such Board, Post, or Pile, or obliterate, deface, spoil, or destroy all or any or any Part of the List, Letters, Figures, or Marks which shall be painted or affixed thereon, he or they, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, and be liable to such Punishment as in Cases of Misdemeanors, at the Discretion of the Court before whom such Offender shall be tried and convicted; and on the Conviction of every such Offender the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall pay a Sum of Twenty Pounds as a Reward to the Person or Persons who shall inform of such Offence, and also pay all the Costs in or relating to the Prosecution of such Offender or Offenders; and any Penalty hereby inflicted on the said Court for not setting up, affixing, or placing, or renewing any such Board, Post, or Pile as aforesaid, or repairing or rendering legible any List, Letters, or Figures thereon respectively as aforesaid, and any Reward and Costs payable by the said Court, may respectively be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, against the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, with full Costs of Suit, wherein no Essoign, Privilege, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That for providing a Fund to defray the Expences of erecting and maintaining the said Boards with the Fares painted thereon, and the Posts and Piles denoting Distances, and the Payment of Rewards and Costs on the Conviction of Offenders, it shall be lawful for the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants to fix and appoint, from Time to Time, a Quarterage or Sum of Money, not exceeding in Amount the Sum of Four Shillings in any Year, to be paid by every Freeman of the said Company at Waterman's Hall, at the same Time as any Quarterage for the Maintenance of the said Company shall be payable; and if any Freeman of the said Company shall neglect or refuse to pay such Quarterage or Sum of Money for the Space of Three Calendar Months next after the Time to be appointed for Payment thereof, such Freeman shall be disfranchised, and shall not be allowed to work, row, or navigate any Wherry, Boat, or other Vessel, or to enjoy any of the Privileges of a Freeman of the said Company, until he shall have paid all Arrears thereof.

Expences of Boards and Posts to be defrayed by a Quarterage.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall cause a List of the Fares limited or fixed and allowed from Time to Time as aforesaid, together with such (if any) of the Provisions contained in this Act, and of the Bye Laws for the Time being made or altered by the said Court, and by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or either of them, relating to the Conduct of the Watermen when plying for Hire, as the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen shall think proper, to be printed on a Card, or otherwise, as the same Court shall think fit and direct, and

Watermen to carry a List of Fares and Bye Laws.



and shall cause a Copy thereof to be given *gratis* to every Freeman of the said Company, upon Payment of his Quarterage, and shall furnish Copies thereof to every such Freeman upon Payment of the Sum of One Shilling for a Dozen Copies, and so in proportion for a less Number; and every Freeman or Apprentice shall have a Copy thereof in his Boat; and if any Freeman or Apprentice shall not be able, or shall refuse to produce the same to any Person by whom a Fare shall be payable, or shall produce a false Copy thereof, or shall not permit such Person to examine the same, then and in any such Case every such Person or Passenger is hereby discharged from paying his or her respective Fare or Passage Money; and the Freeman or Apprentice so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty on Watermen avoiding or refusing to take a Fare;

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Freeman of the said Company, or any Apprentice, who is or shall be at any Stairs or Plying Place within the Limits of this Act, shall wilfully avoid or attempt to avoid any Fare, or Passenger or Passengers coming to or being at such Stairs or Plying Place for the Purpose of taking a Boat or Wherry, or shall omit or neglect to ply, or refuse or omit to take such Fare, or Passenger or Passengers inquiring for or desirous of taking such Boat or Wherry, or shall say or represent that he is hired or engaged when he is not so hired or engaged, or shall not answer when called by the Number or Numbers of his or their Boat or Wherry; then and in any such Case every such Freeman or Apprentice so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

or having plied any Fare, shall refuse or delay to proceed as directed.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Freeman of the said Company, or any Apprentice, shall ply any Fare, or Passenger or Passengers, and afterwards refuse to take such Fare, or Passenger or Passengers, to such Place or Places as he, she, or they shall direct, or shall unnecessarily delay any Fare, or Passenger or Passengers, by not bringing up his Boat or Wherry for the Fare, or Passenger or Passengers, to get into the same, or shall continue at the Stairs or Causeway after such Fare, or Passenger or Passengers, is or are in his Boat or Wherry, or shall not proceed with due Diligence and Exertion, and without wilful Let or Hinderance, to such Place or Places as the said Fare, or Passenger or Passengers, shall lawfully direct; then and in every such Case every such Freeman or Apprentice so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty on Watermen preventing Persons reading the Names or Numbers, or refusing to state their Names, or using abusive Language.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Freeman of the said Company, or any Apprentice, or any other Person whomsoever, shall refuse to permit or suffer any Person or Persons to read, or shall in anywise hinder any Person or Persons from reading the Name and Number painted on any Wherry, Boat, or Vessel as aforesaid, or if any such Freeman or Apprentice shall refuse to tell his Christian or Surname, or the Number of his Boat, to any Person or Persons who shall demand the same, on being paid any Fare or Price, or shall in answer to such Demand give a false Name or Names, or Number, or shall make use of any scurrilous or abusive Language to any Passenger



senger or Person; then and in every such Case every such Freeman or Apprentice, and other Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

LXX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to abridge or alter any of the Powers or Authorities vested in the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Trinity House of *Deptford Strond*, in and by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled *An Act concerning Sea Marks and Mariners*; nor shall any Mariner or Mariners licensed or to be licensed by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Trinity House to row or use any Boat or Wherry on the said River *Thames*, or any of the Men employed by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Trinity House, in rowing or using any Ballast Lighters or Boats on the said River, be subject, by reason of any Matter, Clause, or Thing herein contained, to the Rules, Orders, or Government of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or of the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company, or to any Penalty imposed by this Act, except as herein-after is mentioned.

Saving the Powers of the Master, &c. of the Trinity House, in licensing Mariners.

LXXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Trinity House of *Deptford Strond* shall have such and the like Power and Authority to make and set down in Writing, alter, amend, repeal, and make void, Rules and Bye Laws for the Government and Regulation of the Mariners licensed or to be licensed by them, and the Men employed by them on the said River, and the Boats, Vessels, and other Craft to be rowed and worked by such Mariners and Men, as is herein-before given to the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen with respect to the Government and Regulation of the Freemen of the said Company, and their Widows and Apprentices; and such Rules or Bye Laws shall be approved or altered, and advertised, in the like Manner as is herein-before required with respect to the Rules or Bye Laws to be made by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen.

Corporation of the Trinity House to have the same Power to make Bye Laws for their Mariners, as is vested in the Court of Aldermen with respect to Watermen.

LXXII. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Rules or Bye Laws shall be made or altered by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Trinity House as aforesaid, a Copy of such intended Rules and Bye Laws, or Alterations, shall be sent to and left with the Town Clerk of the City of *London*, or at his Office, and another Copy thereof with the Clerk for the Time being of the said Company, or at Waterman's Hall, for the Perusal of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, and the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants respectively, at least Thirty Days before the same shall be allowed by the Justices or Barons aforesaid, or any One or more of them as aforesaid, in order that the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, and the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or either of them, may submit their Objections (if any) to such intended Rules and Bye Laws, or Alterations, to the Consideration of the said Justices or Barons, or any One or more of them, who shall have been requested as aforesaid to peruse

Copy of intended Bye Laws and Alterations of the Trinity House to be sent to the Town Clerk of London and the Watermen's Company 30 Days before allowed by the Judges.



and examine the same, before such intended Rules, Bye Laws, or Alterations shall be allowed as aforesaid.

Mariners licensed by the Trinity House to be limited to the same Fares as Watermen.

LXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Prices or Fares to be limited and fixed by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, and allowed and advertised as aforesaid, shall be binding upon the Mariners licensed or to be licensed by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Trinity House; and they shall be subject to the like Penalties for demanding and taking more than such Prices or Fares as are hereby inflicted on the Freemen of the said Company for the like Offence.

Lord Mayor, Aldermen, &c. may summon and apprehend Watermen and others, and punish them by Fine or Imprisonment.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Freeman of the said Company, or any Apprentice or other Person or Persons, shall offend against this Act, or any Rules or Bye Laws which shall be made by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or by the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Trinity House, and respectively approved in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Lord Mayor, Recorder, or any One Alderman of the said City of *London*, or for any Justice of the Peace for the respective Counties and Places next adjoining to the said River of *Thames*, at and between *Yantlet Creek* and *Windsor*, and every of them, within his several and respective Jurisdiction, and for any Justice of the Peace acting in and for the Corporation, Villages, and Parishes of *Gravesend* and *Milton* within his Jurisdiction, (which shall include for the Purposes of this Act any Part of the said River between *Broadness Point* in the *Northfleet Hope*, in the said County of *Kent*, and *Yantlet Creek* aforesaid,) and he respectively is hereby required, upon Complaint made of any such Offence or Misbehaviour committed within his said respective Jurisdiction, within Thirty Days after the Commission of any such Offence or Misbehaviour, to cause the Offender or Offenders to be summoned personally, or by leaving such Summons at his, her, or their last or usual respective Place of Abode, to appear and answer the said Complaint; and if any Freeman, Apprentice, or other Person, being duly summoned as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to appear and answer to any Complaint or Complaints made against him, her, or them, for any Offence or Offences committed by him, her, or them against this Act, or the said Rules or Bye Laws, or any of them, it shall be lawful for the said Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice respectively, in his respective Jurisdiction as aforesaid, to issue his Warrant for apprehending such Freeman, Apprentice, or other Person, upon Oath being made of the Service of such Summons, and to cause the Party so offending or misbehaving to be brought before him; and the Party accused being before such Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice respectively, either by means of such Summons or of such Warrant or Warrants as aforesaid, he respectively is hereby authorized and required to examine upon Oath the Complainant, or any Witness or Witnesses, touching such Offence or Misbehaviour; and if the Party or Parties accused shall be convicted of any such Offence or Misbehaviour, either by his, her, or their own Confession, or by the Oath, or Affirmation, if a Quaker, of the Complainant, or of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses,

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it shall be lawful for the said Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice respectively, to impose a Fine upon such Offender or Offenders for the said Offence, not exceeding the Penalty or Penalties inflicted or to be inflicted by this Act, or the said Rules or Bye Laws to be made and approved of as aforesaid, or any of them; and if the Person or Persons so convicted shall not forthwith pay the Penalty or Forfeiture so imposed upon him, her, or them, it shall be lawful for the said Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice, and he is hereby required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause the same to be levied, together with the Costs attending the Information, Summons, Warrant, and Conviction, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party offending, and the Overplus (if any) after such Penalty or Forfeiture and Costs, and the Charges of such Distress and Sale, are deducted, shall be returned upon Demand unto the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels; and in case such Penalty or Forfeiture and Costs shall not be forthwith paid upon Conviction, then it shall be lawful for such Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice, to order the Offender or Offenders so convicted to be detained and kept in safe Custody until Return can be conveniently made to such Warrant of Distress, unless the Offender or Offenders shall give sufficient Security, to the Satisfaction of such Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice, for his or their Appearance on such Day or Days as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant of Distress, such Day or Days not being more than Seven Days from the Time of taking any such Security, and which Security the said Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or 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 thereupon, then it shall be lawful for such Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the City, County, Liberty, or Place where the Offender shall be or reside, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures and Costs, and all reasonable Charges attending the same, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

LXXV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Constable or other Officer shall, by virtue of any such Warrant, apprehend or take any Freeman, or Apprentice, or Mariner, out of any Boat or Craft which they respectively may happen to be on board of, rowing or navigating, until such Boat or Craft shall be safely moored, unless there shall be sufficient Hands on board to row or navigate or take care thereof; and Notice of this Provision shall be inserted in every such Warrant, for the Information of the Constable or other Officer who may have the Execution thereof.

Constables  
not to take  
Watermen,  
&c. out of  
their Boats,  
till moored.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall refuse to pay any Freeman of the said Company, or any Apprentice, or any Mariner licensed or to be licensed by the said Corporation of Trinity House as aforesaid, the Money justly due to him or them

Lord Mayor,  
&c. to sum-  
mon Persons  
refusing to  
pay their Fare,  
and order  
Payment, &c.



them for carrying any such Person or Persons in his Boat or Boats, according to the Fares or Prices which shall be fixed, allowed, and published as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Lord Mayor, Recorder, or any Alderman or Justice as aforesaid, within whose Jurisdiction as aforesaid such Refusal shall be made, and he is hereby required, upon Complaint made of any such Refusal, to summon such Person or Persons to answer the said Complaint, by causing such Summons to be served personally, or by leaving the same at his, her, or their last or usual respective Place of Abode; and if any Person or Persons, being duly summoned as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to appear and answer to any Complaint or Complaints made against him, her, or them, for refusing any such Payment as last herein-before is mentioned, it shall be lawful for the said Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice respectively, in his respective Jurisdiction as aforesaid, and he is hereby required to issue his Warrant for apprehending such Person or Persons, upon Oath being made of such his, her, or their Refusal as aforesaid, and Service of such Summons, and to cause the Party or Parties so offending to be brought before him or them; and the Party or Parties accused being before such Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice respectively, either by means of such Summons or of such Warrant as last herein-before is mentioned, he respectively is hereby authorized and required, upon due Proof made of such Refusal of Payment unto any Freeman or Apprentice, or Mariner, of the Money justly due to him for carrying the Person or Persons accused in his Boat or Boats, upon Oath, or upon Confession of the Party or Parties, to order Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money which any such Freeman or Apprentice, or Mariner, shall appear to be entitled to, and also to award reasonable Satisfaction to be made to him or them for his or their Loss of Time, and Costs, in the Discretion of the said Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice respectively; and if the said Person or Persons so offending shall not pay such Sum or Sums of Money, and make such reasonable Satisfaction (if awarded) as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice respectively, to commit the Person or Persons so refusing to some Prison within the said City of *London*, or the said several Counties or Places adjoining to the said River of *Thames*, there to remain for any Space of Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, unless the Sum or Sums of Money ordered and awarded as aforesaid shall be sooner paid.

Persons refusing to give their Names, or giving fictitious Names, to be punished.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall refuse to pay any such Freeman or Apprentice, or Mariner, the Money demanded by him or them for carrying any such Person or Persons in his or their Boat or Boats, and shall also refuse to give to such Freeman or Apprentice, or Mariner, upon Demand, the Name or Names, Place or Places of Abode of him, her, or them so refusing, or instead thereof shall wilfully give any false Name or Names, Place or Places of Abode, for the Purpose of preventing him, her, or them from being summoned as aforesaid, every Person refusing to make such Payment, or to give his or her real Name or Place of Abode, or giving such false or fictitious Name or Place of Abode as aforesaid, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; and such Offender or



Offenders shall or may thereupon be summoned and otherwise proceeded against, not only for the Recovery of the Money justly due to such Freeman or Apprentice, or Mariner, and reasonable Satisfaction for his or their Loss of Time and Costs, but also for enforcing the Payment of the Penalty or Forfeiture lastly herein-before inflicted, in such and the same Manner, and in all respects as is herein-before mentioned and directed for the Recovery of Money due to any Freeman or Apprentice, or Mariner, for carrying any Person in his Boat, and of such reasonable Satisfaction as aforesaid.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That every Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice, before whom any Person shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, or any such Rules or Bye Laws as aforesaid, may cause the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Form of Words, or in any other Form of Words to the same Effect ; (that is to say,)

Form of Conviction by Lord Mayor, &c.

‘ to wit. } **BE** it remembered, That on the Day of in  
 ‘ the Year of our Lord A.B. is convicted  
 ‘ before me [as the Case may be] Lord Mayor, Recorder, or Alderman  
 ‘ of the City of London, or One of His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace  
 ‘ for the County, or incorporated Villages and Parishes of *Gravesend*  
 ‘ and *Milton*, for [here set forth the Offence] contrary to an Act  
 ‘ passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of King *George* the  
 ‘ Fourth, intituled [here set forth the Title of this Act], or some Rule  
 ‘ or Bye Law made as therein is mentioned; and I do adjudge him  
 ‘ to pay and forfeit for the same the Sum of being  
 ‘ the Penalty by him forfeited, and also the Sum of for  
 ‘ Loss of Time and Costs [if awarded, as the Case may be], or to be  
 ‘ committed to for the Space of Given under  
 ‘ my Hand and Seal the Day and Year aforesaid.’

LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That in case any Freeman, or the Widow of any Freeman, or any Apprentice of a Freeman or of the Widow of a Freeman of the said Company, shall make Complaint to the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the Time being of the said Company, or any Two or more of them, against any other such Freeman, Widow, or Apprentice, for any Offence or Misbehaviour against this Act, or any of the said Rules or Bye Laws to be made and approved of as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or any Two or more of them, (as well as for the said Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice, respectively hereby authorized as aforesaid,) and they are hereby required to hear and determine concerning any such Offence or Misbehaviour, and convict the Offender, as herein-after is mentioned and directed ; (that is to say), in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or any Two or more of them, upon Complaint made by any such Freeman, Widow, or Apprentice as aforesaid, of any such Offence or Misbehaviour, within Thirty Days after the Commission thereof, to cause the Freeman, Widow, or Apprentice offending as aforesaid to be summoned personally, or by leaving such Summons at his, her, or their last or usual Place of

Members of the Court of the Company to hear and determine Complaints between Watermen and Watermen.

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LXXXII. And be it further enacted, That every Apprentice to any Freeman, or to the Widow of any Freeman, who shall be imprisoned for any Offence against this Act, or any of the Rules or Bye Laws as aforesaid, shall serve as an Apprentice to his then Master or Mistress, not only till the Expiration of the Term for which such Apprentice ought to serve according to the Laws and Customs already existing, or this Act, and any Agreement which may have been made in that Behalf, but also for and during such further Space of Time, to be computed from the End of the said Term, as shall be equal in Duration to the Time during which such Apprentice shall have been imprisoned as aforesaid; and that no such Apprentice shall be considered as having served a legal Apprenticeship, or entitled to the Privileges and Benefits of serving an Apprenticeship, until he shall actually have served such further Space of Time; any Agreement concerning such Apprenticeship, or any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

As to Apprentices imprisoned for Offences against this Act.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That in every Case in which any Oath is by this Act directed to be made or taken, or any Matter or Thing is directed to be proved by Oath, the said Lord Mayor, Recorder, or any Alderman at any Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or the said Lord Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Justices respectively, or the said Master, or One of the Wardens or Assistants present at any Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or any Court for Apprentices and the Admission of Freeman, or any Two or more of the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, before whom such Oath is hereby directed to be made or taken, or such Matter or Thing to be proved, shall have full Power to administer the Oath, or instead thereof to receive a solemn Affirmation by any of the People called *Quakers*, as the Case may require.

Mayor, &c. may administer Oaths.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That in case of any Information, Complaint, Dispute, Suit, or Litigation, in anywise relating to any Offence against this Act, any Freeman of the said Company, or the Apprentice of any Freeman, shall be competent to give Evidence thereon.

Freemen may be Witnesses.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall be summoned as a Witness to give Evidence before any Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice, or any Master, Wardens, or Assistants, respecting any Matter of Fact relating to any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, or any such Rules or Bye Laws as aforesaid, either on the Part of the Prosecutor or the Person or Persons accused, shall, after a reasonable Sum for his or her Costs shall have been paid or tendered to him or her, refuse or neglect to appear at the Place and Time by such Summons appointed, without a reasonable Excuse for such Neglect or Refusal, such Person or Persons shall forfeit for every such Neglect or Refusal any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

For compelling the Attendance of Witnesses.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases in which by this Act any Penalty or Forfeiture imposed is made recoverable by Information before any Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice,

Justices may proceed by Summons in the Recovery of Penalties.



or Master, Wardens, or Assistants, it shall be lawful for such Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice, or Master, Wardens, or Assistants, respectively, to whom Complaint shall be made of any Offence against this Act, to summon the Party complained against before him the said Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice, or Master, Wardens, or Assistants, respectively, 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 Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice, or Master, Wardens, or Assistants; 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 was exhibited.

Distress not  
unlawful for  
Want of  
Form.

LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That when any Distress shall be made by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor shall the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Summons or Conviction, Warrant of Distress, or any Proceeding relating thereto; nor shall the Party or Parties be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio* on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards committed in making the Distress.

Application  
of Penalties.

LXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures which shall be levied or recovered and received in pursuance and by virtue of this Act, shall be paid to the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company for the Time being, or to the Clerk of the said Company at their Hall, within One Week after the same shall be levied; and One Half thereof shall be applied in or towards the Fund directed to be provided to defray the Expences of erecting and maintaining Boards, Posts, and Piles, and the Payment of Rewards and Costs as aforesaid, and the Surplus (if any) of the said Half, after deducting so much as shall be necessary for the Purposes of the said Fund, and the Whole of the other Half thereof, shall be paid and distributed to the poor, aged, and decayed Freemen of the said Company and their Widows, except only that it shall be lawful for the said Lord Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, or Justices, Master, Wardens, or Assistants, respectively, before whom any Offender or Offenders shall be convicted, out of the said Forfeitures and Penalties to reward any Person or Persons who shall inform of any Offence or Offences against this Act, or the said Rules or Bye Laws to be made and approved of as aforesaid, according to the Discretion of such Lord Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen or Justices, Master, Wardens, or Assistants, respectively, so as such Reward exceed not One Half Part of the respective Penalties or Forfeitures.

Justices may  
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faction for  
Damages

LXXXIX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the said First Day of *August* next after the passing of this Act, if any Person or Persons shall do or commit any Damage, Injury, or Spoil to or  
upon



upon any Lighter, Barge, Boat, Wherry, or other Vessel or Craft within the Limits of this Act, and shall be thereof convicted within Three Months next after the committing of such Injury, before the said Lord Mayor, Recorder, or any Alderman or Justice within whose Jurisdiction as aforesaid such Offence shall have been committed, either by the Confession of the Party offending, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, or of the Party aggrieved in the Premises, every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay to the Person aggrieved such a Sum of Money as shall appear to such Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice, to be a reasonable Satisfaction and Compensation for the Damage, Injury, or Spoil so committed, not exceeding in any Case the Sum of Five Pounds, which said Sum of Money shall be paid to the Person or Persons aggrieved; but in case such Conviction shall take place on the sole Evidence of the Party aggrieved, then and in such Case such Satisfaction and Compensation shall be paid to the Overseer or Overseers of the Poor of the Parish, Township, or Place where the Offence was committed; and in default of Payment of the Sum of Money in which the Offender or Offenders shall have been so convicted as aforesaid, immediately, or within such Time as such Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice shall appoint at the Time of Conviction, together with all Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the Conviction, such Lord Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, or Justice shall and may commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Penalty, Costs, and Charges, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

done to any Boat or Craft, not exceeding 5*l.*

XC. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Conviction of the said Lord Mayor, Recorder, or any Alderman or Justice, or any of the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, respectively, on account of any Offence committed or supposed to have been committed against this Act, or against any of such Rules or Bye Laws as aforesaid, such Person or Persons may appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the next General or Quarter Sessions to be holden for the Place where such Cause of Appeal shall arise, or if such Sessions shall be holden within Ten Days after such Conviction, then such Person or Persons may appeal either to such next General or Quarter Sessions, or to the Sessions following such next General or Quarter Sessions, provided the Person or Persons at the Time of such Conviction shall enter into a Recognizance, with One sufficient Surety, in the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to prosecute such Appeal with Effect, and to abide by the Order or Orders which shall be made on such Appeal; and the said Justices are hereby authorized and required to take cognizance thereof, and to hear and determine such Appeal, and shall and may, if they see Cause, by Order of such Sessions, mitigate, at their Discretion, all or any Part of the Penalties or Forfeitures laid upon or incurred by the Party or Parties appealing, or vacate or set aside the Conviction or Convictions, or otherwise may ratify or confirm the same, with such Costs as to them in their Discretion shall seem reasonable, and levy by their Order or Warrant

Persons aggrieved may appeal to the Quarter Sessions.

Penalties may be mitigated.

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such Penalties or Forfeitures and Costs awarded, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons who shall refuse to pay the same, and for Want of such Distress to commit such Person or Persons to the Common Gaol for the said County or Place where the Cause of Appeal shall arise, for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months, or until Payment of such Penalties or Forfeitures and Costs.

Proceedings  
not to be  
quashed for  
Want of  
Form.

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

Plaintiff not  
to recover  
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tice, or after  
Tender of  
Amends.

XCII. And be it further enacted, That no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action to be commenced against any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, until Notice in Writing, signed by his, her, or their Attorney, specifying the Cause of Action, shall have been given to the Defendant or Defendants, or left at his or their usual or last Place or Places of Abode or Meeting, at least Fourteen Days before the same shall have been commenced; nor shall the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in any such Action, if Tender of sufficient Amends shall have been made to him, her, or them, or to his, her, or their Attorney, by or on the Behalf of the Defendant or Defendants, before such Action brought, nor if such Tender of Amends shall be made after the said Action brought and before the Trial thereof, together with Costs of Suit, at the Time of such last-mentioned Tender; but on Proof of such Tender, at any Trial to be had in such Action, the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall suffer Judgment as in Cases of Nonsuit, with Double Costs, to be recovered in the same Manner as any Defendant or Defendants may recover Costs in any other Case by Law; and in case no such Tender of Amends shall have been made, it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants, by Leave of the Court, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum or Sums of Money as he, she, or they shall think fit, whereupon such Proceedings, Orders, and Judgments shall be made and given in and by such Court, as in other Actions wherein Defendants are allowed to pay Money into Court.

Limitation of  
Actions.

XCIII. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced or prosecuted against any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, after Three Calendar Months next after the Cause of such Action shall have arisen; and every such Action or Actions shall be brought in the County, City, or Place in which the Cause of Action shall have arisen, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit may, at his, her, or their Option, either plead specially or plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial or

General  
Issue.



Trials which shall be had thereon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the same shall appear to have been so done, or that such Action or Suit was brought without Fourteen Days Notice thereof having been given as aforesaid, or after sufficient Amends tendered as aforesaid, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be commenced within the Time lastly before limited, or shall be brought in any other County, City, or Place than where the Cause of Action shall have arisen, then and in any of such Cases the Jury or Juries shall find a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become Nonsuit, or shall discontinue his or their Action or Actions after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs therein, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid the Defendant or Defendants shall have Double Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or may have for his or their Costs in any other Cases by Law.

Double Costs.

XCIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prejudice or derogate from the Rights, Interests, Privileges, Franchises, or Authorities of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* or their Successors, or the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or to prohibit, defeat, alter, or diminish any Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction which at the Time of making this Act the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, or the said Lord Mayor for the Time being, as Conservator of the River *Thames*, did or might lawfully claim, use, or exercise.

Saving the Rights of the City of London.

XCV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to the lessening, taking away, abridging, hindering, prejudicing, or otherwise howsoever impeaching of any Right belonging to or lawfully claimed by the late *Charles Duke of Richmond and Lennox*, Lord of the Manor of *Gravesend*, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, for the holding of a certain Court within the said Manor called *Curia Cursus Aquæ*, or the Court of the Watercourse, for the better Government of Barges, Boats, and Vessels using the Ferry or Passage from the Town of *Gravesend* to *London*, and of the Persons owning or working the same, or of any other Rights, Liberties, Powers, and Privileges whatsoever belonging to the said late Duke, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, relating to the said Ferry or Passage, or to the Barges, Tilt Boats, or other Boats and Vessels using the said Ferry or Passage, or plying at the Bridge of the said Town of *Gravesend*, or the Persons owning or working the same, or otherwise howsoever.

Saving the Duke of Richmond's Right to hold a Court at Gravesend, called Curia Cursus Aquæ.

XCVI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to the lessening, taking away, abridging, hindering, prejudicing, or impeaching of any Grants, Liberties, Franchises, Customs, Privileges, or Usages, now or heretofore lawfully used, held, or enjoyed by the Mayor, Jurats, and capital Inhabitants of the Villages and Parishes of *Gravesend* and *Milton* in the County

Saving the Liberties of the Inhabitants of Gravesend.



County of *Kent*, touching, concerning, or relating to the Passage and Ferry upon the said River *Thames* from the said Villages and Parishes to the said City of *London*, or touching or concerning the Government of the said Passage or Ferry; but that the said Mayor, Jurats, and Inhabitants, and their Successors, shall and may do and execute all and every such lawful Act and Acts, Powers and Authorities, touching the said Passage and Ferry, and the Government thereof, as they might or could have done if this Act had not been made; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Saving the Right of the Watermen of St. Margaret's and of St. John's, Westminster.

XCVII. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to hinder or prevent the Watermen of the Parishes of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John, Westminster*, from plying or working cross the River *Thames* from *Westminster Bridge* to *Standgate*, and from the *Horse Ferry* to *Lambeth Bridge*, on every *Sunday*, and taking the Fare of One Penny for each Passenger, in their several Turns, as they have been accustomed and used to do; and the Money earned by them or any of them on that Day, is hereby directed to be from Time to Time employed for the Use of the poor, aged, decayed, and maimed Watermen and their Widows, of the Parishes of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John, Westminster*; and any Two Justices of the Peace of the said Parishes are hereby authorized from Time to Time to call the Watermen so working to account for the Monies by them earned on the *Sunday* as aforesaid, and cause the same to be applied and disposed of as aforesaid; and that the said Watermen of the said Parishes of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John* for the Time being shall choose Two Stewards and a Clerk on the Twenty-third Day of *April* in every Year, yearly, unless such Day shall happen to be on the Lord's Day, and in such Case on the following Day; and such Watermen of the said Parishes, or the major Part of them which shall be present at a Meeting of their Society, shall and have hereby Power to appoint such of the Watermen of the said Parishes as shall in their respective Turns work on the *Sunday* as aforesaid; and no Freeman or Apprentice shall ply or work cross the said River at either of the said Places on a *Sunday*, except the Watermen of the said Parishes, and the Watermen to be appointed by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company, on alternate *Sundays*.

Saving the Rights, &c. of Commissioners of Westminster Bridge.

XCVIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to take away, lessen, abridge, hinder, prejudice, impeach, interfere with, or in any Manner affect any Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Liberty, Privilege, Power, or Authority, which the Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge* have or are entitled to in or in anywise relating to the Three several and respective *Sunday* Ferries across the River *Thames* from *Westminster Bridge* to *Standgate*, and from the *Horse Ferry* to *Lambeth*, and from *Millbank* to *Vauxhall*, or any or either of them, or any other Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Liberty, Privilege, Power, or Authority whatsoever, of, belonging, or in anywise appertaining to the said Commissioners, but that all Estates, Rights, Titles, Interests, Liberties, Privileges, Powers, and Authorities whatsoever,  
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of, belonging, or in anywise appertaining to the said Commissioners, shall and may be held, used, occupied, possessed, and enjoyed by the said Commissioners in such and the same Manner in all respects as if this Act had not been made; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

XCIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prejudice or affect the Rights and Privileges to which the Owner or Owners of any Ferry or Ferries over or across the said River *Thames*, within the Limits of this Act, are now entitled to by Law. Saving existing Ferries.

C. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to interfere with, lessen, or abridge the Rights and Privileges of any Company of Proprietors of any Docks or Canals within the Limits of this Act, or any of their Officers, with respect to the Navigation in the said Docks or Canals respectively, or in anywise relating thereto. Saving Powers of Dock Companies.

CI. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained (except the Provisions for compelling the Names of the Barge or Craft, and the Name and Place of Abode of the Owner, to be painted and preserved thereon as aforesaid,) shall extend to any Western Barges; and that all flat-bottomed Boats and Barges navigated from the Town of *Kingston* in the County of *Surrey*, or any Place or Places beyond the said Town, shall be deemed Western Barges, and shall and may be navigated on the said River of *Thames* as far as *London Bridge*; and that nothing in this Act shall extend to any Ferry Boats worked or rowed at any Ferry or Ferries over or across the said River at or between the said Town of *Kingston* and any Place or Places between the same and *New Windsor* aforesaid; and no Person or Persons navigating such Western Barges or Ferry Boats as last aforesaid shall in respect thereof be subject or liable to any Penalties or Forfeitures imposed by this Act, or by any Rules or Bye Laws to be made as aforesaid, (except as aforesaid.) Saving Western Barges, and Men employed in them, and in Ferries at Kingston and above.

CII. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall prevent any Person or Persons from keeping, and using and rowing by their Servants, any Lighter or Lighters, or other large Craft, for carrying their own Goods, provided such Servants be Freemen, or Apprentices to Freemen, or to the Widows of Freemen of the said Company. Any Persons and their Servants, if Freemen, or Apprentices, may use Lighters;

CIII. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That if such Person or Persons shall carry or cause to be carried in his or their Lighter or Lighters, or other large Craft, any Passenger or Passengers for Hire, or any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes for Hire, or otherwise than their own as aforesaid, or shall row in or navigate, or permit or suffer any Person or Persons to row in, navigate, or work any such Vessel or Vessels, who is not a Freeman, or an Apprentice to a Freeman, or to a Widow of a Freeman of the said Company, he and they shall for any such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum of Money not exceeding Ten Pounds. but not let them out for Hire, or permit others to row them, not being Freemen or Apprentices.

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Owners of  
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may use Boats  
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CIV. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall prevent any Owner or Owners, Proprietors, or Lessees of Laystalls, from carrying off the Soil from the said Laystalls, in such Lighters or Vessels and by such Persons as have hitherto been accustomed; or any Owner or Owners or Proprietors of Chalk Hoys from bringing Chalk in such Hoys or Vessels, and by such Persons as have hitherto been accustomed; or any Gardener from bringing to the Markets of the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and the Places adjacent, their own Fruit, Herbs, Roots, and other Produce of their Gardens, or Soil and Dung, in their Boats, and by their own Servants, as they have formerly been accustomed; or any Fisherman from using his own Boat or Boats for the Purpose of his Business; nor any Ballastman from using any Vessel for digging, getting, and carrying any Ballast; and that no Person employed, or working or navigating any Lighters, Hoys, Vessels, or other Craft, for any of the Purposes aforesaid, shall be subject to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures imposed by this Act, or by any Rules or Bye Laws made or to be made as aforesaid, except as herein-after is mentioned.

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CV. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That if any such Owner or Owners, Proprietors, Lessees, or Gardeners, Fishermen, Ballastmen, or his or their Servants, shall carry in any such Lighters, Vessels, or Boats, any Passenger or Passengers, or any kind of Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, for Hire, or other than for and on their own Account, he and they shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Bye Laws of  
the Court of  
Aldermen  
extended to  
all Boats and  
Vessels.

CVI. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That the Powers given by this Act to the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen to make Rules and Bye Laws, to be allowed as aforesaid, shall extend and are hereby extended and may be applied to the Government and Regulation of the Western Barges, Ferries and Lighters, Boats and Vessels of Woodmongers and Owners of Laystalls, Chalk Hoys, Gardeners, Fishermen and Ballastmen, and all other Lighters, Boats, and Vessels in the said River, within the Limits of this Act, although otherwise exempted from the Provisions of this Act.

Public Act.

CVII. 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.

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