



ANNO DECIMO OCTAVO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

Cap. lxxvii.

An Act for amending “*The Commercial Roads Act, 1828,*” and “*The Commercial Roads Continuation Act, 1849,*” and for other Purposes.

[25th June 1855.]

WHEREAS at the Time of the passing of the Act of the Forty-second Year of *George* the Third, Chapter One hundred and one, (whereby certain Trustees were authorized to make and maintain the *Commercial Road* by Moneys subscribed or borrowed on the Credit of Tolls,) and for Twenty Years after the passing thereof, the General Turnpike Act of the Thirteenth Year of *George* the Third, Chapter Eighty-four, was in force, and by the Fifty-sixth Section of that Act it was enacted, that “no Tolls to be taken at any Gate erected by the Trustees of a “Turnpike Road, nor any Toll House for collecting the same, nor any “Person in respect of such Tolls or Toll House, should be rated or “assessed to the Poor Rate or any other Public or Parochial Levy “whatsoever:” And whereas the *Commercial Road* was by virtue of that Section Fifty-six exempt from Rateability to the Poor Rate and other Rates, and continued so exempt down to the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty two, when that General Turnpike Act was

[*Local.*] 10 L repealed,

42 G. 3. c. ci.

13 G. 3. c. 84.

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- 3 G. 4. c. 126. repealed, and the Act of the Third Year of *George* the Fourth, Chapter One hundred and twenty-six, was passed, and became the General Turnpike Act: And whereas that Act contains a Provision similar to that Section Fifty-six, but also contains another Provision, Section One hundred and forty-nine, that nothing in that Act contained should extend to the *Commercial Road* or its Branches:
- 4 G. 4. c. 95. And whereas the subsequent General Turnpike Act of the Fourth Year of *George* the Fourth, Chapter Ninety-five, contains a Provision, Section Ninety-two, in similar Terms, that nothing in that Act should extend to the *Commercial Road* or its Branches: And whereas down to a recent Period the Tolls on the *Commercial Road* enjoyed the Exemption from being rated to the Relief of the Poor and other Rates, but it was lately held that the Terms of that Section One hundred and forty-nine deprive the *Commercial Road* of the Benefit of that Exemption: And whereas by Section Twenty-eight of "The
- 12 & 13 Vict. c. lxxvi. *Commercial Roads Continuation Act, 1849*," Provision was made for subjecting the *Commercial Road* to the Provisions of any future General Turnpike Acts, and by Section Eighteen the Surplus of the Tolls on the *Commercial Road* was made applicable exclusively for paying off the Debt with which those Tolls were charged, being the Sum of One hundred and twenty-two thousand and eighty-five Pounds, which by Section Nine was made into a consolidated Stock of that Amount: And whereas the Amount of that Debt was on the Twelfth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five One hundred and one thousand four hundred and ninety-one Pounds Two Shillings and Sixpence, the Sum of Twenty thousand five hundred and ninety-three Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Sixpence, Part thereof, having been theretofore paid off, in due pursuance of the Provisions of that Act: And whereas, in order to the paying off of that Debt, it is expedient that the *Commercial Road*, being a Turnpike Road, be exempted from Rateability to the Relief of the Poor and other Public and Parochial Levies: And whereas under "The
- 9 G. 4. c. cxii. *Commercial Roads Act, 1828*," (in this Act called "the Act of 1828,") and "The *Commercial Roads Continuation Act, 1849*," (in this Act called "the Act of 1849,") the Trustees of the *Commercial Road* (in this Act called "the Trustees") are not only liable to the Maintenance and Repair of the *Commercial Road*, but also to the lighting, cleansing, watering, and repairing of Side Streets, and the paving and repairing of Footpaths, in Parts of the several Parishes, Hamlets, or Places of *Saint George, Mile End Old Town, All Saints Poplar, Saint Anne Limehouse, and Ratcliffe*, and have divers Powers with respect to such Side Streets and Footpaths respectively exerciseable within those Parts, and for defraying the Expenses in that Behalf are empowered to assess and raise Rates on Property within those Parts: And whereas it is expedient

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dient that the Expense of cleansing and watering the Roadway of the *Commercial Road* should be defrayed out of the Tolls on the *Commercial Road*, instead of out of those Rates, and that the Footpaths of the *Commercial Road* shall, with respect to paving and repairing, cease, as herein-after provided, to be Part of the *Commercial Road*: And whereas it is expedient that the Acts of 1828 and 1849 be amended: And whereas the Objects of this Act cannot be attained without the Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen'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, as follows:

I. This Act may be cited for any Purpose as "*Commercial Roads* Short Title. Amendment Act, 1855."

II. This Act shall commence at Twelve o'Clock at Night on the Term of Act. *Saturday* next after the passing thereof, and shall continue in force during the Continuance of the Acts of 1828 and 1849.

III. No Collector or Person renting any of the Tolls on the *Commercial Road* or any of its Branches, or residing in any Toll House of the Trustees, and no Apprentice or Servant of any such Collector or Person, shall thereby gain a Settlement in any Parish or Place whatsoever; and no Tolls to be taken at any Gate erected or to be erected by the Trustees, or Toll House erected or to be erected for the Purposes of collecting the same, or any Person in respect of any such Tolls or Toll House or other Property of the Trustees, shall be rated or assessed towards the Payment of any Poor's Rates or any other Public or Parochial Levy whatsoever. Exemption of Commercial Road from rating.

IV. The Expense of the cleansing and watering by the Trustees of the Carriageway of the *Commercial Road* shall be defrayed by the Trustees exclusively out of the Tolls raised on the *Commercial Road*. Cleansing and watering Roadway of Commercial Road.

V. The Footpaths of the *Commercial Road* shall, with respect to paving and repairing, cease to be Part of the *Commercial Road*, and be deemed Footpaths of the Side Streets opening into the *Commercial Road* within One hundred Feet thereof, now under the Jurisdiction of the Trustees, and maintainable by them, and shall continue to be maintained and repaired by the said Trustees so long as they shall levy any Rates for the Maintenance of such Side Streets and Footpaths. Footpaths of Commercial Road.

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Nothing in
this Act to
repeal any
Provisions of
recited Acts.

VI. Provided always, That, except as by this Act expressly provided, this Act or anything therein shall not repeal, extend, alter, or affect the recited Acts or any of them.

This Act
subject to
Provisions of
General
Acts.

VII. Provided always, That this Act shall be subject to the Provisions of any Act of the present or any future Session of Parliament for the better local Management of the Metropolis.

Expenses of
Act.

VIII. All Costs, Charges, and Expenses of and incident to the obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Trustees.

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