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An Act for repairing the Roads leading from *Henley-upon-Thames* to *Culham Bridge*, and to the *Chancellor's Milestone* near *Magdalen Bridge*, in the County of *Oxford*. [21st June 1841.]

**W**HEREAS an Act was passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for more effectually repairing the Roads leading from Henley Bridge in the County of Oxford to Dorchester Bridge, and from thence to Culham Bridge, and to a Place called Milestone, in the Road leading to Magdalen Bridge in the said County*: And whereas large Sums of Money have been borrowed upon the Credit of the Tolls authorized to be collected upon the said Roads, a considerable Part of which still remains due and owing, and the same cannot be repaid, nor can the said Roads be effectually amended, improved, and kept in repair, unless the Term granted by the said Act be further continued, and the Tolls thereby granted varied and increased: And whereas the several Objects aforesaid may be better effected if the said recited Act were repealed, and further and more effectual Powers granted instead thereof, but the same cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by [Local.] 25 K the

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Recited Act repealed, and this Act to take effect.

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, That from and after the Day of the Commencement of this Act the said recited Act of the Second Year of the Reign of King *George the Fourth* shall be repealed, and this Act shall thereafter be put in execution during the Term and for the Purposes herein-after mentioned.

This Act subject to all Monies borrowed by virtue of former Act.

II. And be it enacted, That this Act, and the Term and Tolls hereby granted, shall be liable to the Payment of all Monies which have been borrowed or are now due and owing on the Credit of the Tolls authorized to be taken by the said recited Act, and of all Interest due and to grow due thereon, as fully as if such Monies had been borrowed or become due and owing on the Credit of this Act; and all Persons owing any Sums of Money to the Trustees for executing the Act hereby repealed shall be liable to the Payment thereof to the Trustees for executing this Act; and all Bonds, Covenants, Agreements, Contracts, and Securities entered into by any Persons to or with the Trustees for executing the Act hereby repealed, according to the Provisions and Directions thereof, shall remain in full Force, and continue available in all Courts of Law and Equity, until the same are fully satisfied and performed; and all Lettings of Tolls, Orders, Contracts and Agreements, duly made or entered into by the said Trustees for executing the Act hereby repealed, shall, so far as the same are not altered or avoided by this Act, remain in full Force and be observed and kept by the Trustees.

Appointment of Trustees.

III. And be it enacted, That all Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the County of *Oxford* for the Time being, together with *William Henry Ashurst*, *William Henry Ashurst* the younger, *Charles Atherton Allnut*, *Robert Ashby*, *William Buckland* Doctor in Divinity, *William Seymour Blackstone*, *Hugh Barford*, *Thomas Leigh Bennett* Clerk, *William Henry Brakspear*, *Peter Sarney Benwell*, *James Baker* Clerk, *Thomas Raymond Barker*, *James Cripps*, *Philip Barrett Cooper*, *William Cox*, *David Durrell* Clerk, *John Davey*, *William Davey*, *William Henry Biscoe Earle*, *James Edwards* Clerk, *William Peere Williams Freeman*, *John Fane*, *John William Fane*, *George Granville Harcourt*, *John Allnut Hedges*, *Arthur Edward Howman* Clerk, *Henry Hannam*, *James Ingram* Doctor in Divinity, *Henry Jackson*, *James King* Clerk, *Charles Edmund Keene* Clerk, *Charles Lane*, *William Charles Lowndes*, *Francis Knyvett Leighton* Clerk, *Thomas Latham*, *John David Macbride* Doctor of Civil Law, *Deacon Morrell* Clerk, *James Morrell*, *James Morrell* the younger, *Baker Morrell*, *Thomas Newton*, *Robert Aldworth Newton*, *Charles Peers*, *Thomas Powell*, *Jonathan Peel*, *John Sharwe Phillips*, *Henry Philip Powys*, *Joseph Phillimore*, *William Parker*, *John Parsons*, *Horace Robert Pechell* Clerk, *John Simmons Plumbe*, *William Plumbe*, *Robert Pritchard* Clerk, *John Reade*, *William Francis Lowndes Stone*, *Edward Sarney*, *William Slatter* Clerk, *David Stockford*, *Thomas Toovey*, *William Henry Vanderstegen*, *Robert Wintle* Clerk, *Thomas Wintle* Clerk, *Sir Henry Pollen Willoughby* Baronet, *Philip Wynter* Doctor in Divinity, *Edward Wells*, and their Successors, being duly  

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qualified to act as Trustees of Turnpike Roads in *England*, shall be Trustees for putting this Act into execution.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, at any Meeting under this Act, to elect any Number of Persons, duly qualified to act as Trustees of Turnpike Roads in *England*, not exceeding Three in the whole, to be Trustees for the Purposes of this Act, in addition to the Trustees hereby nominated; and such Trustees so elected shall have the same Powers and Authorities for executing this Act as if they had been hereby appointed.

Power to  
appoint ad-  
ditional  
Trustees.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees shall hold their First Meeting at the House of *Thomas Myers* called the *White Hart Inn*, in the Parish of *Benson* in the County aforesaid, or at some other convenient Place in the Neighbourhood of the said Roads, on the Second *Wednesday* after the passing of this Act between the Hours of Ten in the Forenoon and Two in the Afternoon, or as soon after as conveniently may be, and shall then, and from Time to Time thereafter, adjourn to and meet at such Times, and at such Places in the Neighbourhood of the said Roads, as they shall think proper.

First Meet-  
ing of Trus-  
tees.

VI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be put in execution for the Purpose of more effectually improving, maintaining, and keeping in repair the present Turnpike Roads leading from *Henley Bridge* in the County of *Oxford* to *Dorchester Bridge*, and from thence to *Culham Bridge*, and from *Dorchester Bridge* aforesaid to a Place called *Milestone*, in the Road leading to *Magdalen Bridge* in the said County.

Roads to  
which this  
Act is ap-  
plicable.

VII. And be it enacted, That in case any Lands shall be hereafter purchased by the said Trustees for the Purpose of making or improving any Road mentioned in this Act, the Freehold and Inheritance of the Lands so purchased, in case the same shall be of Freehold Tenure, and in case the same shall be of any other Tenure the Estate and Interest therein, shall not, notwithstanding any Provisions in any of the Acts in force for regulating Turnpike Roads in *England*, by means of any such Purchase, or any Conveyance or Assurance made in pursuance thereof, be vested in the said Trustees, but such Freehold and Inheritance, or the Estate and Interest in such Lands, shall, notwithstanding such Purchase and Conveyance or Assurance, remain and be vested in the Persons in whom the same was vested immediately prior to such Purchase by the said Trustees; and the said Trustees shall by means of such Purchase and Conveyance or Assurance be entitled to a perpetual Right of Way in, over, or upon the Lands so purchased by them.

The Freehold  
or Inherit-  
ance of Lands  
to remain  
vested in  
the Persons  
of whom  
they are  
purchased.

VIII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That if at any Time any Land purchased by the said Trustees under the Authority of this Act shall not be wanted for the Purposes thereof, and the Road for which the same was purchased shall cease to be a Highway, then the Right of Way in or over the said Lands shall cease and be extinguished; and the Freehold and Inheritance in the said Lands, in case the same shall be of Freehold Tenure, and the Estate and Interest

Right of  
Way to cease  
when Lands  
are not  
wanted.



Interest in such Lands, in case the same shall be of any other Tenure, shall be and remain in the Persons then entitled to the same, freed and discharged from such Right of Way.

Trustees to have the same Powers as Fee Simple Proprietors.

IX. Provided also, and be it enacted, That the said Trustees shall have the same Power and Authority of cutting and digging and using the Lands taken by them for the Purposes of this Act as the said Trustees would have had in case they had purchased the Fee Simple or the whole Estate and Interest in the said Lands.

Respecting Toll Gates.

X. And be it enacted, That the several Toll Gates, Bars, and Toll Houses now standing or being on the said present Turnpike Roads or on the Sides thereof shall be continued until removed by any Order of the said Trustees; and it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to order and cause to be set up, in or across the said present Turnpike Roads, and also upon any Roads to be made or repaired by virtue of this Act, or on the Sides thereof, any Toll Gate or Bar, and to remove the present or any future Toll Gate or Bar, as they shall think proper.

Power to take Tolls.

XI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to demand and take, at the several and respective Toll Gates or Toll Bars which shall by virtue of this Act be upon or on the Sides of the said Roads, any Sum not exceeding the following Tolls; the respective Amounts thereof to be fixed and settled by the said Trustees at the First Meeting to be held by them after the Commencement of this Act; (that is to say,)

Tolls.

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Coach, Berlin, Landau, Machine, Hearse, Chariot, Chaise, Caravan, Calash, Chaise Marine, Chair, or other such Carriage, the Sum of Nine-pence:

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Waggon, Wain, Dray, Cart, or other such Carriage, having the Fellies of the Wheels thereof of the Breadth or Gauge of Eleven Inches or upwards, the Sum of Four-pence:

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Waggon, Wain, Dray, Cart, or other such Carriage, having the Fellies of the Wheels thereof of the Breadth or Gauge of Six Inches or upwards, the Sum of Four-pence:

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Waggon, Wain, Dray, Cart, or other such Carriage, having the Fellies of the Wheels thereof of less Breadth than Six Inches, the Sum of Nine-pence:

For every Horse, Mule, or Ass not drawing, the Sum of Two-pence:

For every Drove of Neat Cattle, the Sum of One Shilling *per* Score, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number:

For every Drove of Sheep, Lambs, or Swine, the Sum of Sixpence *per* Score, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number:

For every Dog drawing any Truck or other Carriage, any Sum not exceeding One Shilling:

For every Carriage impelled or drawn by Machinery or Steam, and not by any Animal or Animals, any Sum not exceeding Three Shillings:

And



And for every Carriage attached to and drawn by Machinery or Steam Carriage, any Sum not exceeding Two Shillings and Sixpence :

Which said Tolls shall be taken before any Horse, Mule, Ass, Beast, or other Cattle, or Carriage whatsoever, shall be permitted to pass through any Toll Gate or Bar which shall be by virtue of this Act upon or across the said Roads or on the Sides thereof.

XII. And be it enacted, That in all Cases where there shall be a fractional Part of a Halfpenny in the Amount of the Tolls by this Act authorized to be collected the Sum of One Halfpenny shall be payable in lieu of such fractional Part.

Fraction of a Halfpenny in Tolls.

XIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the said several Tolls hereby granted shall commence and take effect at such Time or respective Times as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall at their First or any subsequent Meeting or Meetings, by an Order under their Hands, order and direct; and that in the meantime the same and the like Tolls shall be taken and continued at theseveral Turnpikes or Toll Gates erected or set up in, upon, or across the said Roads as shall be taken at the Time of passing this Act, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Commencement of new Tolls.

XIV. And be it enacted, That no more than One full Toll shall be taken for passing and repassing once only in the same Day, (to be computed from Twelve of the Clock at Night to Twelve of the Clock in the next succeeding Night,) with the same Horses, Beasts, Cattle, or other Animal or Thing liable to Toll or Duty, through all the Toll Gates erected or to be erected or continued on the Line of Road from *Henley Bridge* to the Twelfth Mile Stone from *Henley*, nor more than Two full Tolls on the Line of Road from the Twelfth Mile Stone to the said Mile Stone in the Road leading to *Magdalen Bridge* aforesaid.

Limitation of the Number of Tolls to be taken on Roads in One Day.

XV. And be it enacted, That all Horses and Cattle (except Horses or Cattle drawing any Stage Coach, Waggon, or other Stage Carriage, as herein-after mentioned,) in respect whereof the Toll hereby authorized to be taken shall have been paid at any Toll Gate or Bar on any of the said Roads or on the Sides thereof shall, upon a Ticket denoting such Payment being produced, be permitted, in returning through the same Toll Gate or Toll Bar, and in going and returning through such other Gate or Bar (if any) as the Ticket for such Payment shall free, to pass Toll-free the same Day.

Persons having paid Toll to return Toll-free.

XVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the Tolls hereby made payable shall be paid for all Horses or Cattle drawing any Post Chaise or other Carriage travelling for Hire, as often as new Hiring shall take place, in the same Manner as if no previous Payment of Toll in respect of such Horses or Cattle had been made on the same Day.

Post Chaises to pay every Time of passing with fresh Hiring.

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XVII. And

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XVII. And be it enacted, That all Horses and Cattle drawing any Stage Coach, Waggon, or other Stage Carriage conveying Passengers or Goods for Hire or Reward, and any Carriage propelled or drawn by Steam or any other Power than Animal Power, in respect whereof the Toll hereby authorized to be taken shall have been paid at any Toll Gate or Bar, shall, upon a Ticket denoting such Payment being produced, be permitted to pass once Toll-free on the same Day through any other Gate or Bar which such Ticket would free in the Case of Horses or Cattle drawing any other Carriage; and no further or additional Toll shall be payable in respect of any Stage Coach or other such Carriage as aforesaid at any Toll Gate or Bar the Payment at which shall be freed by such Ticket as aforesaid, on account only of their conveying other Passengers, or of the Horses or other Cattle drawing the same having been changed.

Carriages  
drawn by  
One Horse or  
Two Oxen to  
be weighed.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to cause any Cart or other Carriage, although the same shall be drawn only by One Horse or Two Oxen or other Neat Cattle, to be weighed at any Weighing Engine on the said Roads; and in case any such Cart or other Carriage, with the Lading thereof, shall exceed One Ton Weight in the Summer, or Fifteen Hundred Weight in the Winter, to cause to be demanded and taken such Sums of Money for Overweight as would have been payable by virtue of any general Act for repairing Turnpike Roads in *England* in case such Cart or other Carriage had been drawn by more than One Horse or Two Oxen; and which Sum of Money shall be recovered in like Manner as by any such Act is directed with respect to the Sums thereby made payable for Overweight of Lading.

As to Horses  
going to fetch  
Carriages, &c.

XIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That where any Person shall have taken or led any Horse or other Beast of Draught through any Toll Gate or Bar erected or to be erected on any Part of the said Turnpike Roads, for the Purposes of conveying back any Coach, Carriage, Waggon, Wain, or Cart, and shall have paid the Toll which shall be then payable at each Gate in respect of such Horse or other Beast of Draught, no greater Toll shall be demanded or taken at that Gate in respect of such Horse or other Beast of Draught returning the same Day with such Coach, Carriage, Waggon, Wain, or Cart than such Sum as will, with the Toll already paid in respect of the same Horse or other Beast of Draught, make up the full Amount of the Toll payable in respect of such Horse or other Beast of Draught drawing such Coach, Carriage, Waggon, Wain, or Cart.

For making  
void Leases  
of Tolls.

XX. And be it enacted, That all Leases or Agreements which are now subsisting of the said Tolls granted by the said recited Acts shall cease, determine, and be void at such Times as the said Trustees shall at their First or other Meeting direct or appoint; and the respective Lessees or Occupiers of the said Tolls and Premises comprised in such Leases or Agreements shall be entitled to and shall receive from the said Trustees such Satisfaction, either by Reduction of Rent or by Payment of any Sum of Money, or both, as shall



shall be agreed on between the said Trustees and such Lessees ; and in case the said Trustees shall not agree with the said Lessees as to the Compensation to be received by such Lessees, then in such Case the said Lessees shall be entitled to recover such Compensation from the said Trustees by Action or Suit in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the several Sums of Money already received by virtue of the said Act hereby repealed, and now remaining unappropriated or undisposed of, and also all Sums of Money which shall arise from the Tolls by this Act granted and made payable, or otherwise, shall be applied by the said Trustees, in the first place, in the Payment and Discharge of all the Costs, Charges, and Expences which have been incurred in, or about applying for, preparing, obtaining, and passing this Act, and otherwise relating thereto ; and in the next place, in Payment of the Interest of the Principal Monies advanced and now due and owing on the Credit of the Tolls arising on the said Roads by virtue of the said Act hereby repealed, in Priority and Preference to the Interest of any Monies to be hereafter borrowed on the Credit of the Tolls granted by this Act ; in the next place, in Payment yearly of a Sum of not less than Three Pounds *per Centum* nor more than Five Pounds *per Centum* upon the Amount of the Debts due upon the Credit of the said Tolls (such Amount to be ascertained on the Thirty-first Day of *December* in each Year) towards the Sinking Fund herein-after provided for the Liquidation of the said Debt, also in maintaining and improving the Roads by this Act directed to be repaired and maintained, and in Payment of the Expences incident to the carrying this Act into execution, also in Payment of the Interest of the Principal Monies which may hereafter be borrowed on the Credit of the Tolls granted by this Act, and in repaying the Principal Monies already borrowed and due and owing on the Credit of the Tolls arising on the said Roads by virtue of the said Act hereby repealed, and afterwards in repaying all Principal Monies that may be hereafter borrowed on the Credit of the said Tolls by virtue of this Act.

XXII. And for the Purpose of providing a Sinking Fund for the gradual Liquidation of the said Debt, be it enacted, That a Sum of not less than Three Pounds *per Centum* nor more than Five Pounds *per Centum* upon the Amount of the Debt secured upon the Credit of the Tolls, or hereafter to be borrowed upon Security of the Tolls hereby granted, (such Amount to be ascertained on the Thirty-first Day of *December* in each Year, or as near thereto as may be,) shall yearly after the Expiration of the present Year be paid and applied by the said Trustees out of the said Tolls by Two half-yearly Sums on the First Day of *January* and the First Day of *July* in every Year, and shall be from Time to Time invested in the Names of Three of the said Trustees or their Successors in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities, or such other Stock or Government Securities as the Trustees acting in the Execution of this Act, or any Five of them, shall order and direct, and all Dividends which shall arise and be payable and be received for

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and in respect of such Stocks, Funds, or Securities shall from Time to Time be again laid out and invested in the same Stock in the Names of the same Trustees or their Successors, and so on from Time to Time during the Continuance of this Act, or until the Debt now owing or to be hereafter borrowed on the Credit of the said Tolls shall be fully paid and discharged, subject nevertheless to the Power for paying off Parts of the said Debt to the said Creditors herein-after contained.

When the Sinking Fund shall amount to 500*l.* the Trustees for Redemption to apply the same in Payment of the Debts.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That when and so often as the said Fund so vested in the Names of the said Trustees shall amount in Value to the Sum of Five hundred Pounds Sterling, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees and their Successors, and they are hereby required, to apply the said Sum of Five hundred Pounds in the Payment to the Creditors upon the Security of the said Tolls of a proportionate Part of the Principal Monies now secured and then remaining due or owing to them on the Credit or Security of the said Tolls, rateably among all the Creditors, or by Lot, as the said Trustees shall think proper; and so soon as all the Principal Monies now due on the Security of the said Tolls shall have been fully paid, then in Payment to the said Creditors of a proportionate Part of all Principal Monies which shall after the passing of this Act be borrowed on the Security of the said Tolls, rateably among all the said Creditors, or by Lot, as the said Trustees shall think proper.

Penalty for Misapplication of such Fund.

XXIV. Provided also, and be it enacted, That if any Trustees, or their Treasurer, shall misapply the Monies so directed to be laid out in the Public Funds as aforesaid, or any Part thereof, or the Stock or Government Securities in which the same shall be invested as aforesaid, or any Part thereof, or the Monies which shall be produced by the Sale of such Stock or Government Securities, or any Part thereof, then every Trustee or Treasurer so offending shall severally forfeit Double the Sum which shall be so misapplied as aforesaid, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, by any Four other Trustees, in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt; and the Money so to be recovered shall be immediately laid out and applied in the Purchase of like Stock or Government Securities as aforesaid in the Names of the said Trustees, upon the Trusts and for the Purposes upon which the Money so misapplied as aforesaid was held.

Trustees for Redemption of Debt to be reimbursed their Expences;

and not answerable for Losses.

XXV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Trustees in whose Names such Sums shall stand as aforesaid, and their Successors, out of the Monies which by virtue of the said recited Act or this Act, or any Trust herein or therein declared, shall come to their Hands, to deduct, retain to, and reimburse themselves all such reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences as they respectively shall or may sustain or be put unto in or about the Execution of all or any of the Trusts by the said recited Act or this Act reposed in them, for the Reduction of the said Debt; and also that they shall be charged and chargeable only with their own respective Receipts, Payments, Acts, and wilful Defaults, and not otherwise, and shall not be charged or chargeable with or for any Sum of Money other than such as shall actually



actually and respectively come to their Hands by virtue of the said recited Act or this Act, nor with any Loss or Damage which may happen in placing out any of the Trust Monies aforesaid on Government Securities or Parliamentary Funds, or depositing the same in any Bank or Banker's Hands, or elsewhere, for safe Custody, or otherwise, except by their own wilful Default.

XXVI. Provided also, and be it enacted, That in case the Trustees in whose Names the said Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated Annuities, or other Stock or Government Securities, shall for the Time being be purchased, or any of them, shall die, or refuse to act, or be desirous to be released or discharged of and from the Trusts in them reposed as aforesaid, or become insolvent, or incapable of acting as a Trustee, before the same Trusts shall be fully performed and executed, then and in any such Case, when and so soon and as often as the same shall happen, it shall be lawful for any Five or more of the said Trustees at a public Meeting assembled, by any Order to be signed by any Five or more of them, to nominate, substitute, and appoint any other Person to be a Trustee for the Purposes aforesaid or any of them, in the Place and Stead of the present or any succeeding Trustee, and so from Time to Time, and as often as there shall be Occasion, to nominate, substitute, and appoint any other Person to be a Trustee for the Purposes aforesaid or any of them, in their Place or Stead; and thereupon the said Capital Stock or other Security shall be forthwith transferred, in such Manner as that the same shall be legally and effectually vested in the surviving or continuing former Trustee or Trustees (if any such there be) and such new Trustee or Trustees, or in such new Trustees only, as the Case shall happen, upon the Trusts aforesaid, or such of them as shall be then subsisting; and that every such new Trustee shall and may act and assist in all things, in the managing, carrying on, and Execution of the Trusts aforesaid, as fully and effectually, in all respects, and to all Intents and Purposes, and with the like Indemnification, as if he had been originally nominated or appointed a Trustee for the Purposes aforesaid.

In case any of such Trustees decline to act, &c. new ones to be appointed.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That no more Money levied under the Provisions of this Act shall be expended in the Repair of any Road comprised in this Act than shall be collected on such Road, or borrowed on the Credit of the Tolls collected thereon.

No more Money to be laid out than taken on any Road.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That no Money shall be laid out on any Road comprised in this Act within the Limits of any Act of Parliament passed for the Improvement of any Town, nor shall any Tolls be collected therein.

No Tolls to be taken or Money laid out in Towns.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That no Trustee or Clerk acting under the Authority of this Act, if not otherwise interested, shall be deemed incompetent to give Evidence, or shall be disqualified from giving Evidence, in any Action, Suit, or other Proceeding brought by or against him in such his Capacity of Trustee or Clerk, by reason of his being Plaintiff or Defendant in such Action, Suit, or Proceeding.

Trustee or Clerk not incompetent Witnesses in Actions.

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Roads not to be exempt from any general Act.

XXX. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed to exempt the Roads comprised in this Act from the Provisions of any general Act relating to the Consolidation or other improved Arrangement of Turnpike Roads which may pass during the present or any future Session of Parliament.

Term of the Act.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence on the passing thereof, and shall continue in force for the Term of Thirty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the Session of Parliament which shall then next follow.

Construction of certain Terms in this Act.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That in construing this Act Words importing the Singular Number shall be understood to include the Plural Number, and Words importing the Plural Number shall be understood to include the Singular Number; and the Word "Person" shall be understood to include Corporation; and Words importing the Masculine Gender shall be understood to include Females as well as Males; and the Word "Lands" shall be understood to include Messuages, Tenements, and Hereditaments; unless in any of the Cases aforesaid there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction.

Public Act.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.

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