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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

Cap.xcix.

An Act for more effectually repairing and maintaining several Roads leading to and from the Town of Bradford in the County of Wilts, and for maintaining a Bridge over the River Avon at Stokeford in the said County. [21st June 1841.]

HEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled An Act for repairing and improving the several Roads 59 G. 3. c. 89. leading to and from the Town of Bradford in the County of Wilts, and for maintaining a Bridge over the River Avon at Stokeford in the said County: And whereas in pursuance of the said Act the Trustees acting by virtue thereof have proceeded to carry the same into execution: And whereas considerable Sums of Money have been advanced upon the Credit of the Tolls authorized to be taken by the said Act, which Money still remains owing; and such Money cannot be paid off, or the Interest thereof discharged, nor can the said Roads be effectually improved and kept in repair, unless the Term of the said Act be continued: And whereas it would be of public Utility if the present Highway leading from Bradford Leigh in the said County of Wilts towards Corsham in the said County to a certain Point called Cuff's Corner, near a Public House called the Horse and Jockey, in [Local.] 25~Gthe

the Parish of Box in the same County, were widened, improved, and made Turnpike: And whereas it is expedient that the said recited Act should be repealed, and that further and more effectual Powers should be granted for widening, repairing, and improving the said present Roads, and that Power should be granted for maintaining Turnpike, widening, and altering the said Highway herein-before described, and also that the Tolls authorized to be collected upon the said present Roads should be altered or increased; but the Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected 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, That upon the Day of the Commencement of this Act the said recited Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third shall be repealed, and that this Act shall thereafter be put into execution during the Term and for the Purposes herein-after mentioned.

Recited Act repealed, and this Act to be put in force.

All Arrears of Tolls and Monies due under recited Act vested in the Trustees under this Act.

II. And be it enacted, That all Monies due to and all Property and all Choses in Action vested in the Trustees under the Act hereby repealed shall immediately on the Commencement of this Act be vested in the Trustees for executing this Act, and such last-mentioned Trustees may sue for and recover the same, and act in respect thereof, as effectually as if the same had been vested in them under the said recited Act, and they shall be liable to all the Debts and Engagements to which the Trustees under the recited Act were liable at the Repeal thereof.

Appointment III And be it enacted, That all Her Majesty's Justices of the of Trustees. Peace for the Time being acting for the Counties of Wilts and Somerset, together with William Adye, Arthur Adye, John Awdry, Thomas Shewell Bailward, John Bailward, Joseph Baines, Charles Baker Clerk, Henry Baskerville, John Hopkins Bradney Clerk, John Briscoe, John Bubb, James Budgett, John Bush, George Bush, John Alderton Bush, John Wittaker Bush, Francis Bush, Elijah Bush, Samuel Bythesea, Samuel Chapman, Thomas Clutterbuck, John Norris Clark, William Clark, Joseph Clark, Edward Peter Cooper, Benjamin Cooper, William Wellington Cooper, John Cooper, William Burrough Cosens Clerk, John Deverell, Edward Edgell Clerk, Ezekiel Edmonds, John Edmonds, Ezekiel Edmonds the younger, Burton Forster, John Forster, James Fanner, Robert Bailey Fisher Clerk, Henry Fisher, John Fisher, Thomas Gaisford Doctor in Divinity, William Gaisford, William Gee, Robert Hale, Blagden Hale, Robert Blagden Hale, Matthew Hale, Robert Harris, Henry Harvey Clerk, Sir John Hobhouse Baronet, Henry William Hobhouse, Henry Holworthy, Thomas Hopkins, John Torriano Houlton, Walter Long Clerk, John Long, Walter Long the younger, Charles Lowder, Benjamin Leigh Lye, Henry John Mant, Thomas Mizen, John Morris, John Newton, James Pearce, Joseph Channing Pearce, George Penruddocke, Johnson Phillott, George Pinchin, Henry Batten Pooll, Thomas Pooll, Robert John Purnell, John Saunders, Henry Shrapnell, Henry Skrine, Henry Skrine the younger, John Slater, Bartholomew Smith, William Henry Smith,

Smith, Thomas Spencer Clerk, George Spencer, John Spencer, Thomas Spencer, Walter Spencer, John Spencer (of Chalfield), Charles Spackman, Thomas Spackman the younger, Thomas Spackman (of Leigh), William Stone, William Taylor, William Pile Taunton, Charles Timbrell, George Clutterbuck Tugwell, William Edmund Tugwell, John Wiltshere, John Wiltshere the younger, and their Successors, being duly 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 Power to at any Meeting under this Act to elect any Number of Persons, duly appoint qualified to act as Trustees of Turnpike Roads in England, not Trustees. 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.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees shall hold their First First Meet-Meeting at the New Bear Inn in Bradford aforesaid, or at some other ing of Trusconvenient Place in the Neighbourhood of the said Roads, upon the tees. Day of the Commencement of this Act, 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.

VI. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees may appoint Com- Power to mittees out of their own Number to take the Care and Management appoint of any particular Part of the said Roads, or to execute any of the Committees. other Purposes of this Act, according to such Instructions and Regulations as shall be laid down by the said Trustees at any General Meeting; and the said Committees and their Surveyors may proceed and act according to such Appointment, but shall always be accountable according to the Instructions and Regulations so to be made.

VII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be put in execution Roads to for the Purpose of more effectually widening, repairing, and improving which this the several Roads herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,) the Road Act is applifrom Combe Bridge, through Winsley and Bradford, to a certain cable. House in Staverton formerly known by the Sign of the Black Bear; the Road leading out of the said last-mentioned Road near Winsley, through Turley, and joining the same again near the Town of Bradford; the Road from Bradford Bridge to the Junction of the Road from Trowbridge to Freshford at Cockhill, where Cockhill Gate formerly stood; the Road from the Bottom of Mason's Lane near the Town of Bradford, all in the said County of Wilts, to join the Turnpike Road leading from the City of Bath to Kingsdown at or near Bathford Bridge in the County of Somerset; the Road commencing at the North End of the Old Men's Almshouse in Bradford aforesaid, and terminating at the Turnpike Road leading from the Town of Trowbridge to Hungerford Farley near a House lately occupied by John Morris at Winkfield, and the Lane leading out of the same, called Westwood Lane, in the said County of Wilts; the Road leading from the Top of the said Lane called Mason's Lane, over Bradford Leigh, towards

towards Corsham, to a certain Point called Cuff's Corner, near a Public House called the Horse and Jockey, in the Parish of Box in the said County of Wilts; the Road leading from the new Bath Road at or near a Place called Frankley, through Woolley, to join the old Road at a Place called Forewood's Common; and also for maintaining a Bridge over the River Avon at Stokeford in the said County of Wilts; and the said several Roads shall be called the Bradford Turnpike Roads.

the Office of the Clerk of the Peace to remain there, and be open to Inspection.

Map or Plan VIII. And whereas a Map or Plan describing the Lands necessary deposited at to be taken for the widening and improving of the said Road leading from Bradford Leigh to Cuff's Corner, and the Lands through which the same is intended to be made, together with a Book of Reference thereto, containing a List of the Names of the Owners and Occupiers of such Lands, has been deposited at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Wilts; be it therefore enacted, That the said Map or Plan and Book of Reference shall remain in the Custody of the Clerk of the Peace for the said County, to the end that all Persons may at all seasonable Times inspect and peruse the same, and have Copies thereof or Extracts, therefrom, paying to the said Clerk of the Peace the Sum of One Shilling for every such Inspection, and at the Rate of Sixpence for every One hundred Words of such Copies or Extracts; and the said Map or Plan and Book of Reference, or any Copy thereof respectively, or of any Part thereof respectively, certified by the said Clerk of the Peace, or his Deputy for the Time being, to be a true Copy thereof, shall be good Evidence in all Courts of Law or elsewhere.

Power to widen and according to Plan.

IX. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to widen and improve the said Road from Bradford Leigh to Line of Road Cuff's Corner aforesaid in the Line and through the Lands delineated in the Map or Plan and described in the Book of Reference hereinbefore mentioned, of such Width as they may think proper, not exceeding Sixty Feet, together with such Footpaths, Bridges, Embankments, Ditches, Drains, Fences, and other necessary Works upon or near thereto, as they may think requisite, and for the Purposes aforesaid to take possession of the Lands and Premises described in the said Map or Plan and Book of Reference, making satisfaction for the same to the Owners thereof, and other Persons interested therein, for the Damage which such Owners or other Persons, may respectively sustain thereby; and it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, and for their Surveyors and Workmen, from Time to Time to enter upon the said several Lands, and to stake out the same for the Purposes of this Act, at such Times and in such Manner as the said Trustees or Surveyors shall think necessary or expedient.

Lands marked on the Plan may be used notwithstanding Errors in the Book of Re-

X. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to widen and improve the said Road in the Line in or through the Lands delineated upon the said Map or Plan, although such Lands, or the Situation thereof, or the Names of the Owners or Occupiers thereof, may happen to be omitted, mis-stated, or erroneously described in this Act, or in the Schedule thereto, or in the said Map

or Plan, or in the said Book of Reference, in case it shall appear ference or to any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of Schedule. Wilts in Petty Sessions assembled, and be certified by Writing under their Hands, that such Omission or Mis-statement proceeded from Mistake; and the Certificate of the said Justices shall be deposited with and remain in the Custody of the said Clerk of the Peace for the Time being.

XI. And be it enacted, That when any Lands shall be purchased The Freehold by the said Trustees for the Purpose of widening or improving any and Inherit-Road mentioned in this Act, the Freehold and Inheritance in the Lands to Lands so purchased, in case the same shall be of Freehold Tenure, remain and and in case the same shall be of any other Tenure the Estate and be vested in Interest therein, shall not (notwithstanding any Provisions in any the Persons of the Acts in force for regulating Turnpike Roads in England), they are purby means of any such Purchase, or any Conveyance or Assurance chased. 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 were 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.

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XII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if at any Time any The Right of Land purchased by the said Trustees under the Authority of this Way to cease Act shall not be wanted for the Purposes thereof, and the Road for when Lands which the same was purchased shall cease to be an Highway, then wanted. 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 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.

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

XIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the Powers and Trustees Authorities given by this Act shall not authorize the said Trustees restrained to take or pull down, or to use or injure, any Dwelling House or from pulling down Houses other Building, or to take, use, or injure any Curtilage, Orchard, not in Sche-Garden, Yard, Park, Paddock, Lawn, Shrubbery, planted Walk or dule. Avenue to a House, or any inclosed Ground planted and set apart as a Nursery for Trees, or any Part thereof respectively, (except such as are mentioned in the Schedule to this Act annexed,) without the previous Consent in Writing of the Owner or Proprietor thereof, and all other Persons interested therein.

Limiting the Time for purchasing Property.

XV. Provided also, and be it enacted, That in case the said Trustees shall not, within the Space of Three Years from the Commencement of this Act, pay for the Lands which they are by this Act authorized to take, then and from thenceforth all the Powers by this Act or by any other Act granted in relation to the taking of Lands for the Purposes of Turnpike Roads shall, so far as relate to the Lands herein-before authorized to be taken for the Purposes of this Act, cease and be utterly void, unless with the Consent of the Owners and Occupiers of such Lands respectively.

Présent Tolls continued until the 1st January next.

XVI. And be it enacted, That, notwithstanding the Repeal of the said recited Act, the several Tolls thereby granted and made payable shall continue to be paid at the Toll Gates or Toll Bars to be continued or erected on or on the Sides of the said Roads until the First Day of January next.

Power to take Tolls.

XVII. 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, the following Tolls; (that is to say,)

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Carriage (except a Waggon, Wain, or Cart), the Sum of Three-pence:

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Waggon, Wain, or Cart, the Sum of Four-pence Halfpenny:

For every Horse or other Beast (not drawing), laden or unladen, the Sum of One Penny:

For every Drove of Oxen, Cows, or Neat Cattle, the Sum of Tenpence per Score, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number:

For every Drove of Calves, Swine, Sheep, or Lambs, the Sum of Five-pence per Score, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number:

And for every Carriage propelled or drawn by Steam or other Power than Animal Power, the Sum of One Shilling and Four-pence:

And that the following Tolls shall in like Manner be demanded and taken at the Gate or Bar at or upon Stokeford Bridge; (that is to say,)

For every Waggon, Coach, Chariot, or other Four-wheeled Carriage, the Sum of One Shilling:

For every Cart, Chaise, or other Two-wheeled Carriage, the Sum of Sixpence:

For every Horse or other Beast, the Sum of One Penny:

For every Ox, Cow, or other Neat Cattle, the Sum of One Halfpenny:

For every Score of Sheep, Lambs, or Pigs, the Sum of Five-pence: And for every Foot Passenger, the Sum of One Halfpenny:

Which said Tolls shall be taken before any Horse or other Beast 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, or before any Foot Passenger shall be permitted to pass through the said Gate or Bar at or upon Stokeford Bridge.

XVIII. And

XVIII. And be it enacted, That in all Cases in which there shall A Halfpenny 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.

to be taken in case of a Fraction of a Halfpenny in Tolls.

XIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no more than Four Limiting Tolls on the Road leading from Combe Bridge in the County of Number of Somerset, through Winsley and Turley, to a House formerly known by the Name of the Black Bear at Staverton in the County of Wilts, Roads. nor more than One Toll on the Road leading from Winkfield to the Old Men's Almshouse in Bradford aforesaid, nor more than Two Tolls on the Road leading from the Bottom of Mason's Lane aforesaid to the Road leading from the City of Bath to Kingsdown in the said County of Wilts at or near Bathford Bridge in the County of Somerset, nor more than Two Tolls on a Road leading out of the said last-mentioned Road near the Top of Mason's Lane near Bradford aforesaid to Cuff's Corner aforesaid, nor more than One Toll on a Road also leading out of the said Road at or near Frankley to the said Point called Forewood's Common, nor more than One Toll on the Road leading from the Town of Bradford aforesaid to Cockhill in the said County of Wilts, 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 or other Beasts or Carriage liable to Toll or Duty through all the Toll Gates or Toll Bars erected or to be erected or continued on the said Roads.

Tolls to be

XX. And be it enacted, That all Horses or other Beasts (except Persons Horses or other Beasts drawing any Stage Coach, Waggon, or other having paid Stage Carriage, as herein-after mentioned,) in respect whereof the Toll to return Toll hereby authorized to be taken shall have been paid at any Toll Gate or Bar on 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.

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

XXII. And be it enacted, That all Horses or other Beasts draw- Regulations ing any Stage Coach, Waggon, or other Stage Carriage conveying as to Stage Passengers or Goods for Hire or Reward, and any Carriage propelled Coaches, &c. 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 other Beasts drawing any other Carriage;

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 Beasts drawing the same having been changed.

Timber to pay Double Toll between 1st November and 1st of April.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That between the First Day of November in every Year and the First Day of April in the next succeeding Year there shall be payable at each Toll Gate or Bar Double the Toll hereby payable for every Horse or other Beast of Draught drawing any Waggon or other Carriage employed in carrying any Timber Trees or other Timber Wood.

Trustees
may reduce
the Tolls for
Lime or
Chalk for
Manure.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, at any Meeting to be specially called for the Purpose, to make an Order from Time to Time that the Tolls payable by virtue of this Act for any Horse or Beast drawing any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage laden only with Lime or Chalk for the Improvement of Land, or returning unladen or empty from having been so employed, shall be reduced to such other Tolls as the said Trustees shall at any such Meeting agree or determine; and after the making of any such Order such reduced Tolls only shall, in respect of the Matters last mentioned, be payable.

Respecting
Toll Gates.

XXV. And be it enacted, That the several Toll Gates, Bars, and Toll Houses now standing or being upon 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 the Road to be widened and improved 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, so that no more than the limited Number of Tolls as herein-before mentioned shall be taken on such Roads.

Application of Tolls arising on existing Roads.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That all Monies which shall be received by the said Trustees by virtue of this Act upon the Roads included in the said recited Act hereby repealed shall be applied, in the first place, after Payment of the Expences of obtaining and passing this Act, or otherwise incident thereto, in paying and discharging any Interest which may from Time to Time be owing in respect of any Money which may have been borrowed on the Credit of the Tolls authorized to be taken by the said recited Act hereby repealed; secondly, in defraying the Expences of improving, maintaining, and keeping in repair such Roads, and in putting this Act into execution with reference thereto; and, thirdly, in reducing, paying off, and discharging the several Principal Sums which have been borrowed on the Credit of the Tolls authorized to be taken by the said recited Act hereby repealed.

Application of Tolls in respect of new Road.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That all Monies which shall be received by the said Trustees on or in respect of the said Road from Bradford

Bradford Leigh to Cuff's Corner shall be applied, in the first place, in widening, repairing, improving, maintaining, and keeping in repair the said last-mentioned Line of Road, and putting this Act into execution with reference to such Line of Road; secondly, in paying and discharging any Interest which may from Time to Time become due and be owing in respect of any Money which may hereafter be borrowed on the Credit of the Tolls to be collected on the said Line of Road; and, lastly, in reducing, paying off, and discharging any Principal Sums of Money which may be due on the Credit of the Tolls to be taken on the said Line of Road by this Act authorized to be widened, improved, and repaired.

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

laid out than taken on any Road.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained No Money to shall authorize or empower the said Trustees to lay out or expend any be laid out Money to be levied and raised under or by virtue of this Act in or Roads within towards paving, repairing, improving, lighting, cleansing, or maintain-certain Dising any of the Carriageways, Footways, or Causeways of any Part of tance of the the said Roads which shall lie within a Radius of Three Fourths of a Town of Mile from the Swan Inn in the Centre of the Town of Bradford Bradford aforesaid, or of any Part of the said Town within the Limits of the Act of Parliament for improving the same, having Houses on each Side of the Road to the Extent of One hundred Yards, or to erect any Toll Gate or Toll Bar, or to take any Tolls within such Distance of such Centre of the said Town, or within such Part thereof, as last aforesaid.

XXX. And whereas by an Act passed in the Thirty-eighth Year Tolls taken of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, after reciting at Stoke as therein is recited, it is enacted, that the Tolls and Duties taken at Bridge to be Stoke Bridge aforesaid from all Persons passing over the said Bridge Owner of should be and the same were thereby established and confirmed to such Bridge. the Owner of the said Bridge for the Time being, they respectively supporting and maintaining the said Bridge, and keeping the same, and also the Road lying between Combe Bridge and Rowass Gate in good Order and Repair, at their own respective Costs and Charges, according to their respective Interests in the said Bridge; and the same was further confirmed by the said recited Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King George the Third; be it therefore enacted, That the said Trustees shall and they are hereby required, from Time to Time and at all Times after the passing of this Act, to pay, by Four equal quarterly Payments, to the Person who shall be entitled to the Tolls taken at the said Bridge, and who shall keep the said Bridge, and also the said Road from Combe Bridge aforesaid to Rowass Gate aforesaid, in good and sufficient Repair, all and every Sum and Sums of Money which, during the Continuance of this Act, shall be collected and received at the said Gate now erected on the said Bridge, having first deducted and paid thereout the Expences attending the collecting and receiving the same. XXXI. Pro-[Local.]

Trustees to maintain Bridge and Road in case Owner neglects so to do.

XXXI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in case at any Time during the Continuance of this Act the Owner of the said Bridge, or other the Person for the Time being entitled to the Tolls collected thereon, shall neglect or refuse to maintain and support the said Bridge, and keep the same, and such Part of the said Road as aforesaid, in good Order and Repair, upon Two Calendar Months Notice in Writing given to such Owner or other Person by the Trustees of the same being out of repair, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or such Person as they shall in that Behalf depute or appoint, to enter into and upon the said Toll House and Toll Gate erected and set up at Stoke Bridge aforesaid, and to receive, collect, and take the Tolls directed and appointed by this Act to be there levied and paid as aforesaid, and to apply and dispose of the same for the supporting and maintaining the said Bridge, and keeping the same, and such Part of the Road as aforesaid, in good Order and Repair, until thereby or therewith, or otherwise, the same Bridge and that Part of the said Road shall be effectually repaired and amended, and put into good Order and Repair, and no longer.

Trustee or Clerk competent Witness in Actions.

XXXII. 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.

The Roads not to be exempt from any general Act.

XXXIII. 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 Act.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence on the Third Friday next after 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.

XXXV. 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.

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

SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Act refers.

Description of Property.			Owners or reputed Owners.		Occupiers.
			Parish of Bradford.		
Parish Road	-	- 1	Parish Officers of Bradford	1 -	Themselves.
Pasture Field	-	-{	Charles Herbert Pierre Earl Manvers -	epoint }	William Hulbert.
	Tith	hing of	South Wraxhall in Brad	lford Par	ish.
Meadow -		-	Walter Long, Esquire		George Barbage.
Arable Field Parish Road	-	-	Walter Long, Esquire Ditto - Parish Officers of South V	Vraxall -	Ditto. Themselves.
			Parish of Box.		
Parish Road	-	1	Parish Officers of Box		Themselves.

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