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Cap. lxii.

An Act for more effectually repairing and improving the Roads called “ The *Pucklechurch* or Lower District of Roads ” in the Counties of *Gloucester* and *Wilts*. [22d April 1831.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George the Second*, intituled *An Act for amending and keeping in repair the Roads leading from Mead Brook, which divides the Parishes of Pucklechurch and Mangotsfield in the County of Gloucester, to Christian Malford Bridge in the County of Wilts, and also from Pucklechurch aforesaid to certain Coal Mines in the said Parish* : And whereas another Act was passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George the Third*, intituled *An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act made in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled ‘ An Act for amending and keeping in repair the Roads leading from Mead Brook, which divides the Parishes of Pucklechurch and Mangotsfield in the County of Gloucester, to Christian Malford Bridge in the County of Wilts, and also from Pucklechurch aforesaid to certain Coal Mines in the said Parish : ’* And whereas another Act was passed in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George the Third*, intituled *An Act for more effectually repairing the Roads leading from Mead Brook, which divides the Parishes of Pucklechurch and Mangotsfield in the County of Gloucester, to Christian Malford Bridge in the County* of

29 G. 2. c. 56.
2 G. 3. c. 74.
27 G. 3. c. 68.

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of Wilts, and from Pucklechurch aforesaid to certain Coal Mines in the said Parish: And whereas another Act was passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers of several Acts of His late and present Majesty, for repairing the Roads from Mead Brook in the County of Gloucester to Christian Malford Bridge in the County of Wilts, and other Places therein mentioned, and for extending the said Road to the Centre of Christian Malford Bridge*: And whereas it was in and by the said lastly-recited Act (amongst other Things) enacted, that from and after the passing of that Act the said several Roads should be divided into Two Districts; that is to say, the Road leading from Mead Brook, which divided the Parishes of Pucklechurch and Mangotsfield in the County of Gloucester, to the Salutation Inn in the Parish of Castle Coomb in the County of Wilts, and from Pucklechurch aforesaid to certain Coal Mines in the said Parish mentioned in the said recited Acts of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Second, and the Second and Twenty-seventh Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Third, should be the First District, and be called or known by the Name and Distinction of the *Pucklechurch or Lower District*; and the Road from the said Salutation Inn to the Centre of Christian Malford Bridge should be called the Second District, by the Name and Distinction of the *Draycot or Upper District*; and it was by the said recited Act of the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Third further enacted, that from and after the Payment of the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and passing that Act, and such other Monies as therein before mentioned, all Money to arise and be produced by and from the Tolls granted by the said therein and herein recited Acts of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Second, and the Second and Twenty-seventh Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Third, and that Act, for and in respect of the *Pucklechurch or Lower District*, and also all other Money which should come to the Hands of the Trustees or their Treasurer by virtue of the said recited Acts or that Act, in respect thereof, should be considered as a separate and distinct Fund, and distinctly applied in repairing the said Road mentioned in the *Pucklechurch or Lower District of Road*, and paying and keeping down the Interest of the Sum of Three thousand and eighty Pounds, Part of the Sum of Three thousand four hundred and eighty Pounds which, as is therein stated, had been borrowed by the Trustees appointed by and in pursuance of the said recited Acts upon the Credit of the Tolls authorized to be taken upon the said Roads, and in paying the Arrear of Interest then due on the said Sum of Three thousand and eighty Pounds, and the Interest of any other Sums which should be borrowed on the Tolls arising on that District of Road; and from and after Payment and Satisfaction thereof, the same should be paid, applied, and disposed of in Liquidation only of the said Sum of Three thousand and eighty Pounds, and of any further Principal Sum that might be borrowed as aforesaid; and from and after Payment of the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and passing that Act, and such other Monies as aforesaid, the said Trustees should raise on the

Credit of the Tolls arising from the other Part of the said Road, called the *Draycot* or Upper District, a sufficient Sum of Money to pay off the Principal Sum of Four hundred Pounds (the Remainder of the said Sum of Three thousand four hundred and eighty Pounds), and all Interest due thereon, and pay and apply the same to the several Persons respectively entitled thereto; and also such further Sum or Sums of Money that should or might be necessary to pay the Expences, Costs, and Charges of any other Improvements that might be necessary to be made and constructed in and upon the said Roads in the said *Draycot* or Upper District; and all Monies to arise and be produced of and from the Tolls granted by the said recited Acts and that Act for or in respect of the *Draycot* or Upper District of Road, and all other Monies which should come to the Hands of the said Trustees or their Treasurer by virtue of the said recited Acts or that Act, in respect of the said Roads in the said *Draycot* or Upper District of Road, should be and be considered a separate and distinct Fund, and should be separately and distinctly applied in amending, widening, and keeping in repair the said several Roads in the said *Draycot* or Upper District of Road, and in paying and keeping down the Interest of the Money that might be borrowed as aforesaid; and after Payment thereof in Liquidation only of the said Principal Sum to be borrowed in manner aforesaid: And whereas an Act was passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled *An Act for repairing, altering, and improving the Road from the Stone Pillar or Cross Hand in the Parish of Chippenham in the County of Wilts to or near to Knox Bridge in the Parish of Westerleigh in the County of Gloucester, and several other Roads therein mentioned, in the said Counties of Gloucester and Wilts*, whereby it was, amongst other Things, enacted, that that Act should, on the Twenty-fifth Day of June One thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, commence and take effect and be put in execution, for and during the Term therein mentioned, for making, repairing, altering, and improving, amongst other Roads therein described, the Road leading from a certain Watercourse at the West End of *Burton Street* in the Parish of *Nettleton*, and ending in the Parish of *Littleton Drew* near the *Salutation* Inn or *Foss House* in the Parish of *Castle Coomb* in the County of *Wilts*: And whereas the said last-mentioned Road was Part of the said Road leading from *Mead Brook* aforesaid to the said *Salutation* Inn in the Parish of *Castle Coomb* aforesaid, which formed Part of the said *Pucklechurch* or Lower District of Roads: And whereas the Course of *Mead Brook* aforesaid, which divided the said Parishes of *Pucklechurch* and *Mangotsfield* at the Commencement of the said *Pucklechurch* or Lower District of Road, hath been lately diverted, and a certain Railway hath been since formed across such Road where *Mead Brook* used to run, and a Bridge hath been constructed over such Railway: And whereas the Trustees acting under and by virtue of the said recited Acts of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Second, and the Second, Twenty-seventh, and Forty-ninth Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Third, so far as the same relate to the said *Pucklechurch* or Lower District of Road, have proceeded to put the same into execution, and have from Time to Time for that Purpose borrowed several considerable

3 G. 4. c. 93.

considerable Sums of Money on the Credit of the Tolls authorized to be taken on the said Roads, which several Sums of Money and Arrears of Interest thereon now remain due and owing, and the same cannot be paid off and discharged, nor can the Roads now comprised in the said *Pucklechurch* or Lower District be effectually amended, widened, altered, improved, and kept in repair, unless the Terms granted and continued by the said recited Acts of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Second, and the Twenty-seventh and Forty-ninth Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Third, be further continued, so far as relates to the Roads now comprised in such District, and the Tolls arising therefrom be increased: And whereas it is expedient that the Roads now comprised in the said *Pucklechurch* or Lower District should be converted into a distinct Trust, separate from the said Road comprised in the said *Draycot* or Upper District: And whereas it would be more convenient to the said Trustees and beneficial to the said Roads if the said recited Acts of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Second, and the Second, Twenty-seventh, and Forty-ninth Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Third, so far as the same relate to the Roads now comprised in the said *Pucklechurch* or Lower District, were repealed, and further, better, and more effectual Powers and Provisions made for amending, maintaining, and otherwise improving and keeping in repair the said Roads comprised in such District; but the Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: 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 after the Second Monday next after the passing of this Act the said several recited Acts of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Second, and the Second, Twenty-seventh, and Forty-ninth Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Third, so far as the same relate to the said *Pucklechurch* or Lower District of the said Roads comprised in such Acts, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be repealed, and null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Recited Acts repealed with respect to *Pucklechurch* District.

This Act to take effect for the Purposes herein mentioned.

II. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall from thenceforth commence and take effect and be put into execution, for and during the Term herein-after mentioned, for the Purpose of amending, widening, improving, maintaining, and keeping in repair the Roads herein-after described; (that is to say,) the Road leading from the Line of Division between the Parishes of *Pucklechurch* and *Mangotsfield* in the County of *Gloucester*, at the Place where *Mead Brook* used formerly to run, but where a Bridge, lately erected over a Railway which crosses such Road, now stands, through the Parishes of *Pucklechurch*, *Dyrham*, and *Hinton* and *Tormarton* in the County of *Gloucester*, and the Parish of *West Kington*, and Part of the Parish of *Nettleton*, in the County of *Wilts*, to and joining the *Sodbury* Division of Roads, comprised in the said recited Act of the Third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, at the

the West End of *Burton Street* in the said Parish of *Nettleton*, and at or near to the Place where *Burton Gate* formerly stood; and also the public Road which branches from such lastly-described Road at or in the Village of *Pucklechurch* aforesaid, opposite the Dwelling House of *Joseph Withey* there, and leads from thence into the Place where a Road to several Inclosures and a certain Coal Pit, called the *Wood Pit*, branches from such public Road on the Left in front of Two Cottages in the several Occupations of *James Bolton* and *John Nichols*, situate at or near a Place called *Cox Grove Hill*, in the said Parish of *Pucklechurch*; which said Roads before described shall be called “The *Pucklechurch Turnpike Roads*.”

III. And be it further enacted, That all His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the respective Counties of *Wilts* and *Gloucester* for the Time being, together with *John Arnold*, *William Arnold*, *William Blathwayt*, *Joseph Baldwin*, *John Baldwin*, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *Bristol* for the Time being, *Sir Christopher Bethell Codrington* Baronet, *Christopher William Codrington*, *Charles Bethell Codrington*, *Edward Codrington*, *Andrew Carrick* Doctor of Medicine, *George Cooke* Doctor in Divinity, *William Chambers*, *Charles Grey Cotes* Clerk, *George Madywick Davidson*, *Moses Davis*, *Andrew Drummond*, *George Gunning* Clerk, *Stephen Goodenough* Clerk, *Lawson Huddleston*, *Isarel Lewis* Clerk, *John Latey* Clerk, *Joseph Neeld*, *Francis Pelly* Clerk, *Edward Ravenshaw* Clerk, *William Scott Robinson* Clerk, *Henry Jones Randolph* Clerk, *John Russ*, the Most Noble *Henry Somerset* commonly called Marquis of *Worcester*, the Right Honourable *Robert Edward Henry Somerset* commonly called Lord *Robert Edward Henry Somerset*, the Right Honourable and Reverend *William George Henry Somerset*, commonly called Lord *William George Henry Somerset*, the Right Honourable *John Thomas Henry Somerset* commonly called Lord *John Thomas Henry Somerset*, the Right Honourable *Fitzroy James Henry Somerset* commonly called Lord *Fitzroy James Henry Somerset*, the Right Honourable *Granville Charles Henry Somerset* commonly called Lord *Granville Charles Henry Somerset*, *Sir John Smyth* Baronet, *George Swayne* Doctor in Divinity, *John Champeny Swayne*, *George Poulett Scrope*, *Fiennes Trotman*, *John Whittington* Clerk, and *Thomas Wadham*, and their Successors, being duly qualified to act as Trustees of Turnpike Roads in *England*, shall be and are hereby appointed Trustees for carrying this Act into execution.

Appointment
of Trustees.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, at any of their Meetings, to elect and appoint any Number of Persons, not exceeding Five in the whole, to be Trustees for the Purposes of this Act, in addition to the Trustees herein named; and such additional Trustees so elected and appointed, and being duly qualified, shall have the like Powers and Authorities for executing this Act as if they had been herein named.

Power to
appoint addi-
tional Trus-
tees.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Trustees for executing this Act shall hold their First Meeting at the *Fleur de Lis* Inn at *Pucklechurch* aforesaid, or some other convenient Place on or near to the

First Meet-
ing of Trus-
tees.

Line of the said Roads comprised in this Act, on the Second *Tuesday* next after the passing of this Act, or as soon after as conveniently may be, and shall and may then and from Time to Time afterwards adjourn to and meet at such Times and Places in the Neighbourhood of the said Roads as the Trustees shall think proper and appoint.

Power to
erect Toll
Gates, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, (as they may think proper,) to continue or remove all and every or any of the Toll Gates, Turnpikes, and Toll Houses now standing and being in, upon, or across the said Roads comprised in this Act, or on the Sides thereof, and also from Time to Time to erect and set up or build, or cause to be erected, set up, or built, in, upon, or across the said Roads, or on the Sides thereof, or any Part thereof, when, where, and as often as they shall judge necessary, such and so many Toll Gates, Turnpikes, Side Bars, or Chains as they the said Trustees shall think necessary and direct and appoint, and from Time to Time to take down and remove or to alter and discontinue, or cause to be taken down, removed, altered, or discontinued, any of such Toll Gates, Turnpikes, Side Bars, or Chains, as the said Trustees shall think proper and direct or appoint.

Power to
take Tolls.

VII. And be it further enacted, That a Sum or Sums not exceeding the respective Tolls following, to be fixed and ascertained at the First Meeting of the Trustees to be held for carrying this Act into execution, shall be demanded and taken by the said Trustees, or any Person or Persons appointed or continued or to be appointed Collector or Collectors of the Tolls to become payable by virtue of this Act, or the Lessee or Lessees thereof respectively for the Time being, or any Person or Persons by such Lessee or Lessees to be appointed, at each and every of the several Toll Gates, Turnpikes, Side Bars, or Chains which are or shall be standing and being, or which shall be erected by virtue of this Act, in, upon, across, or on the Side or Sides of the said Roads, or any Part or Parts thereof, before the Horses, Beasts, or other Animals, or Carriages, for and in respect of which the same Tolls shall be payable, shall be allowed to pass through the same; (that is to say,)

Tolls.

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Coach, Chariot, Landau, Berlin, Sociable, Barouche, Calash, Chaise, Curricule, Phaeton, Chair, Gig, Whiskey, Hearse, Litter, Break, Van, Caravan, or other such Carriage, by whatsoever Name the same may be called, the Sum of Sixpence:

For every Horse or other Beast (except an Ass) drawing any Cart not drawn by more than One Horse or other Beast, or Two Oxen (which are in this and every other Case to be considered as One Horse), the Sum of Sixpence:

For every Horse or other Beast (except an Ass) drawing any Cart not drawn by more than One Horse or other Beast, or Two Oxen, and laden either wholly or for the most Part with any kind of Timber, Plank, Boards, Wood, Stones, Bricks, Tiles, Iron, Gravel, Coals, Coke, Cinders, Ashes, Lime, Potatoes, Hay, Straw, Corn,

or Flour, the Sum of Three-pence in addition to the Toll herein-before imposed or authorized to be taken in respect of such Horse or other Beast; provided that such additional Toll shall not be taken on account merely of any small Quantities, not exceeding Three Hundred Weight, of any of the Articles aforesaid in such Cart:

For every Horse or other Beast (except an Ass) drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage (except any Cart drawn by One Horse or other Beast, or Two Oxen only), having the Fellies of the Wheels thereof of the Breadth of Six Inches at the Bottoms or Soles thereof, the Sum of Sixpence:

For every Horse or other Beast (except an Ass) drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage (except any Cart drawn by One Horse or other Beast, or Two Oxen only), having the Fellies of the Wheels thereof of the Breadth of Four Inches and a Half and less than Six Inches at the Bottoms or Soles thereof, the Sum of Seven-pence Halfpenny:

For every Horse or other Beast (except an Ass) drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage (except any Cart drawn by One Horse or other Beast, or Two Oxen only), having the Fellies of the Wheels thereof of less Breadth than Four Inches and a Half at the Bottoms or Soles thereof, the Sum of Nine-pence:

For every Ass drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage, Two Thirds of the Tolls herein-before imposed or authorized to be taken in respect of any Horse or other Beast (except an Ass) drawing any such Carriage:

For every Horse, Mule, or other Beast of Burthen (except an Ass), laden or unladen, and not drawing any Carriage, the Sum of Two-pence:

For every Ass, laden or unladen, and not drawing any Carriage, the Sum of One Penny Halfpenny:

For every Score of Oxen or other Neat Cattle not drawing any Carriage, the Sum of One Shilling and One Penny, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number:

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

For every Carriage impelled or drawn by Steam, Gas, or Machinery, and not by any Animal or Animals, for every Hundred Weight of such Carriages, the Sum of One Shilling:

And in all Cases where there shall be a fractional Part of a Halfpenny in the Calculation or Amount of the Tolls hereby imposed or authorized to be taken, or in the Appointment of such Tolls or any of them, the Sum of One Halfpenny shall be demanded and taken in lieu of such fractional Part; and all the Tolls and Money to be collected or levied under this Act, and Monies to be borrowed on the Credit thereof respectively, shall be and are hereby vested in the said Trustees, and shall be paid, applied, and disposed of to and for the several Uses, Intents, and Purposes, and in such Manner, as is herein-after mentioned; and although the same may be fixed and ascertained at the said First Meeting of the said Trustees for carrying this Act into execution at less than any of the Sums or Rates herein-before
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mentioned, the same or any Part of such Tolls may at any Time or Times thereafter be increased, lessened, varied, or altered, so as that they do not at any Time exceed the Tolls by this Act granted or made payable; but before any such Variation is made at any subsequent Meeting, such Notices shall be given and such Consent of Creditors or Mortgagees shall be obtained as are required by any General Law now in force relating to Turnpike Roads.

Exemptions
from Toll.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That no Toll shall be demanded or taken by virtue of this Act for any Sheep or Lambs going to a Place of washing for the Purpose of being washed previously to their being shorn, or in returning therefrom after being washed, or for any Horse or other Beast drawing any Carriage laden with Lime for improving Lands.

Limitation
of Number
of Tolls.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That there shall not be demanded or taken more than One full Toll on the same Day (such Day to be computed from Twelve o'Clock in one Night to Twelve o'Clock in the next succeeding Night) for the same Horses, Beasts, or other Animals, or Carriages, on that Part of the said Road comprised in this Act lying between the said *Sodbury* Division of Roads at the West End of *Burton Street* aforesaid and the Turnpike Road leading from *Tetbury* to *Bath*, at *Toll Down*, in the said Parish of *Dyrham* and *Hinton*, or more than One full Toll on the same Day, to be computed as aforesaid, for the same Horses, Beasts, or other Animals, or Carriages, on all the other Parts of the said Roads comprised in this Act (except as herein-after provided with respect to Horses, Beasts, or Cattle drawing Carriages, and Carriages impelled or drawn by Steam, Gas, or Machinery, carrying or conveying Passengers or Goods for Hire or Reward, and with respect to Horses, Beasts, or Cattle let out to Hire, and drawing Post Chaises or other such like Carriages).

Tolls to be
paid but
once a Day.

X. And be it further enacted, That in case the full Toll hereby authorized to be taken shall have been paid on any Day for the passing of any Horse, Beast, or other Animal, or Carriage, through any Toll Gate, Turnpike, Side Bar, or Chain erected or to be erected upon or by the Side or Sides of the said Roads included in this Act, such Horse, Beast, or other Animal, or Carriage, shall, at any Time or Times during the same Day (such Day to be computed as aforesaid), upon Production of a Ticket denoting the Payment of such Toll on that Day, be permitted to repass and pass Toll-free through the same Toll Gate, Turnpike, Side Bar, or Chain, and also through such other Toll Gate, Turnpike, Side Bar, or Chain (if any) as the Ticket for such Payment shall free or clear.

Stage
Coaches, &c.
to be sub-
ject to Toll
each Time
of passing;

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Tolls hereby made payable shall be paid for or in respect of all Horses, Beasts, or Cattle drawing any Stage Coach, Diligence, Van, Caravan, Stage Waggon, Cart, or other Stage Carriage, and also of every Carriage impelled or drawn by Steam, Gas, or Machinery, carrying or conveying Passengers or Goods for Hire or Reward, for every Time of passing and repassing along the said Roads: Provided
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always, that no further or additional Tolls shall be payable in respect of the Horses drawing any Stage Coach, Diligence, Van, Caravan, or Stage Waggon, or other Stage Carriage, on account only of the Horses drawing the same having been changed.

XII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That the Tolls hereby made payable shall be paid for or in respect of all Horses, Beasts, or Cattle let out to Hire, and drawing any Post Chaise or other such like Carriage, for every Time of passing along the said Roads, whenever any new Hiring thereof shall take place.

Post Chaises,
&c. on every
fresh Hiring.

XIII. And whereas it frequently happens that Carts or other Carriages drawn by One Horse or other Beast passing upon and along the said Roads comprised in this Act carry a greater Weight than is by Law allowed for Carts drawn by Two or more Horses; be it therefore enacted, That all Carts or other Carriages passing upon and along the said Roads drawn by One Horse or other Beast shall be allowed to carry, from the First Day of *May* to the Thirty-first Day of *October* (both Days inclusive), One Ton Fifteen Hundred Weight for each Cart or other Carriage and the Lading thereof, and no more, and from the First Day of *November* to the Thirtieth Day of *April* (both Days inclusive), One Ton Ten Hundred Weight for each such Cart or other Carriage and the Lading thereof, and no more; and all such Carts and other Carriages passing upon or along the said Roads shall and may be weighed at any Weighing Machine now erected or hereafter to be erected on the said Roads or the Sides thereof, and the like additional Tolls demanded, received, and recovered for the Overweight thereof as are by Law payable in respect of the Overweight of Carts drawn by Two or more Horses or other Beasts; and all the Powers, Regulations, Penalties, Matters, and Things now in force relating to the weighing of Carts or other Carriages drawn by more than One Horse or other Beast, shall be applicable to Carts or other Carriages passing on the said Roads drawn by One Horse or other Beast only, and to the Drivers, Masters, and Owners thereof.

One-horse
Carts may be
weighed.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That as well all Monies already received or to be received by virtue of the said recited Acts hereby repealed, so far as the same relate to the said Roads comprised in this Act, and which shall remain undisposed of at the Commencement of this Act, as also all Monies which shall arise or be produced and received under or by virtue of this Act, after Payment of the Costs and Expences of collecting and receiving the same, and of Advertisements, Salaries of Officers, and other Expences incidental to the Execution of this Act, shall be applied by the said Trustees to the several Purposes and in the Order and Manner following; (that is to say,) in the first place, in Payment and Discharge of all Costs, Charges, and Expences which shall have been incurred in preparing, applying for, and obtaining this Act, or otherwise incident thereto, with lawful Interest for any Money which may have been advanced by any Person or Persons for Payment thereof or any Part thereof, from the Time that the same or any Part thereof shall have been advanced to the Time of Repayment thereof by the said Trustees; in the next place, in paying and discharging all Arrears of Interest

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on any Sums of Money which have been borrowed and shall be due and owing on the Credit of the said Acts hereby repealed, so far as relates to the said Roads comprised in this Act, and also all the Interest which shall from Time to Time become due in respect of every Sum of Money already due or which shall hereafter be borrowed at Interest on the Security of the Tolls hereby imposed or made payable; in the next place, in defraying the Expences of making, erecting, and keeping in repair and removing Toll Gates, Turnpikes, Side Bars, Chains, Toll Houses, Weighing Engines, and other Buildings on, upon, across, or by the Sides of the said Roads comprised in this Act, and of amending, improving, widening, repairing, and maintaining the said Roads, and the Bridges and Drains in, upon, or across the same, and of otherwise executing the several Powers and Purposes of this Act; and lastly, in reducing and discharging the several Principal Sums of Money now due and owing or hereafter to be advanced upon the Security of the said Tolls hereby imposed or made payable.

Public Act.

XV. 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.

Duration of
this Act.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect from and after the passing thereof, and shall from thenceforth continue and be in force and be executed for and during the Term of Thirty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

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