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## *Cap. viii.*

An Act for repairing the Road leading from  
*Dartford to Sevenoaks* in the County of *Kent*.  
[11th *March* 1831.]

**W**HEREAS an Act was passed in the Sixth Year of the  
Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third,  
intituled *An Act for repairing and widening several Roads* 6 G.3. c.98.  
leading to the Town of *Dartford* in the County of *Kent*: And whereas  
another Act was passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of  
His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for continuing the Term and* 28 G.3. c.84.  
*varying the Powers of an Act of the Sixth Year of His present Majesty,*  
*for repairing and widening several Roads leading to the Town of*  
*Dartford in the County of Kent*: And whereas another Act was  
passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty,  
intituled *An Act for continuing the Term and enlarging the Powers* 49 G. 3.  
*of Two Acts of the Sixth and Twenty-eighth Years of His present* c. 173.  
*Majesty, for repairing several Roads leading to the Town of Dartford*  
*in the County of Kent*: And whereas the Trustees appointed in or  
by virtue of the said recited Acts have proceeded in the Execution  
thereof, and have from Time to Time borrowed a considerable Sum  
of Money on the Credit of the Tolls authorized to be taken on the  
said Roads by virtue of the said Acts, which Money still remains  
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due and owing, with an Arrear of Interest, and the same cannot be repaid, nor can the said Roads be effectually amended and kept in repair, unless the Term of the said Acts be further extended, and the Powers thereof altered and enlarged, and the Tolls increased: And whereas it would facilitate the Execution of the Purposes aforesaid if the said recited Acts were repealed, and if further and other Powers and Provisions were granted instead thereof: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by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 upon the Third Thursday next after the passing of this Act the said recited Acts passed in the Sixth, Twenty-eighth, and Forty-ninth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third shall be and the same are hereby declared to be repealed.

Recited Acts  
repealed.

This Act to  
be put in  
execution for  
amending the  
Roads herein  
described.

II. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence and be put in execution, for and during the Term herein-after mentioned, for the Purpose of more effectually amending, widening, improving, and keeping in repair the present Turnpike Road commencing from the Bottom of *Heath Lane* in the Parish of *Dartford* in the said County of *Kent*, and passing from thence through and into the several Parishes or Townships of *Dartford* aforesaid, *Wilmington*, *Darenth*, *Sutton at Hone*, *Horton Kirby*, *Farningham*, *Eynsford*, *Otford*, *Shoreham*, and *Sevenoaks*, all in the said County of *Kent*; and also the Road, being about a Quarter of a Mile, leading out of the before-mentioned Road at the South-west Corner of the Garden Wall belonging to *Sutton Place* in the Parish of *Sutton at Hone* aforesaid, to the South-west Corner of the Garden Wall belonging to the Mansion House in *Darenth Street* in the said County, now in the Occupation of *Thomas Fleet Esquire*; and the Road leading from *Eynsford Church* to the Farm House belonging to *George Pawley* at the West End of *Eynsford* aforesaid.

Trustees.

III. And be it further enacted, That all His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Time being acting for the County of *Kent*, together with *Edward Allen*, *Francis Motley Austen*, *Joseph Berens*, *Henry Berens*, *William Berens*, *Richard Beauvoir Berens*, *John Kenward Shaw Brooke Clerk*, *John Calcraft*, *Thomas Caldecott*, *Mumford Campbell*, *Newell Campbell*, *Bertie Cornelius Cator*, *James Chapman*, *James Chapman the younger*, *William Chapman*, *Thomas Chapman*, *Henry Chapman*, *William Colyer*, *Thomas Colyer of Greenhithe*, *James Colyer*, *Charles Colyer*, *Sir Thomas Dyke Baronet*, *Percival Hart Dyke*, *Percyvall Hart Dyke the younger*, *George Hart Dyke*, *Thomas Dyke Clerk*, *Francis Hart Dyke*, *Isaac Espenasse*, *Eveleigh*, *Alexander Evelyn*, *John Fellows*, *Charles Hussey Fleet*, *William Fleet*, *Francis Bassett Grant*, *Sir Henry Hawley Baronet*, *James Hawley*, *Sir Samuel Hulse*, *Multon Lambard*, *Thomas Lambard*, *Richard Leigh*, *Charles Milner*, *Isaac Minet*, *Charles William Minet*, *Sir Charles Morgan Baronet*, *John Nash*, *Peter Nowaile*, *William Peete*, *Peter Rashleigh*, *George Rashleigh*, *Edward Rawlings*, *Richard Saltvey*, *Benjamin Sandford*,  
Thomas



*Thomas Selby, Sir John Gregory Shaw Baronet, John Kenward Shaw, John Tasker, William Tasker, Richard Wilks,* and their Successors, being duly qualified according to the Provisions and Directions of the several Acts for maintaining Turnpike Roads in *England*, shall be and they are hereby appointed Trustees for amending, widening, improving, and keeping in repair the said Roads, and for otherwise carrying this Act into execution.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall meet together on the Third *Thursday* next after the passing of this Act, or as soon after as conveniently may be, between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the House called or known by the Name or Sign of the *Black Lion*, in the Town of *Farningham* in the said County of *Kent*, or at some other convenient Place near to the said Roads, and shall then and there proceed to carry this Act into execution, and shall and may then and from Time to Time afterwards adjourn to and meet at such Times and at such Place or Places on or near to the said Roads as the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, present at any such Meetings, shall think proper and appoint.

Meetings of  
Trustees.

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

Appointment  
of additional  
Trustees.

VI. 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 at each and every Turnpike, Toll Gate, Bar, or Chain now set up and continued or which shall hereafter be set up upon or across or by the Side of the said Roads or any Part thereof, by each and every such Person or Persons as the said Trustees shall from Time to Time, by virtue of this Act, continue or appoint to receive the same, before any Horse, Beast, or Cattle, or any Carriage, shall be permitted to pass through the same; (that is to say,)

Power to  
take Tolls.

For every Horse, Mule, Ass, or other Beast (except Oxen) drawing any Carriage of any Kind or Description whatsoever, the Sum of Sixpence:

Tolls.

For every Ox drawing any Carriage of any Kind or Description whatsoever, the Sum of Four-pence:

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

For every Drove of Oxen, Cows, or Neat Cattle, the Sum of One Shilling



Shilling and Three-pence *per* Score, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number:

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

And for every Dog drawing any low Cart, Truck, or other such like Carriage, the Sum of Four-pence:

Which said Tolls shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said Trustees, and shall be applied for the Purposes of this Act in manner herein-after mentioned; and although the same may be fixed and ascertained at the said first Meeting of the Trustees for carrying this Act into execution at less than any of the Sums or Rates herein-before mentioned, the same or any of such Tolls may at any Time or Times afterwards be increased, lessened, varied, or altered, so as 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 in force relating to Turnpike Roads.

Limitation as  
to Tolls.

VII. And be it further enacted, That no more than Three full Tolls shall be demanded or taken on the same Day, to be computed from Twelve of the Clock at Night to Twelve of the Clock in the next succeeding Night, for the same Horses, Cattle, Beasts, or Carriages, for once passing and repassing in any One Day (to be computed as aforesaid) through all the Turnpikes or Toll Gates, Side Bars or Side Gates or Chains, erected or to be erected on or along the whole Line of the said Roads.

Tolls to be  
paid but  
once a Day.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the Toll hereby authorized to be taken shall have been paid for the passing of any Horse, Cattle, Beast, or Carriage through any One of the Toll Gates to be continued or erected by virtue of this Act, such Horse, Cattle, Beast, or Carriage shall, upon a Ticket denoting the Payment of such Toll for that Day being produced (which Ticket the Collector or Collectors of such Tolls is and are hereby required to deliver, *gratis*, to the Person paying the same, and whereon shall be named and specified the Gate at which the same shall have been paid, and also the Gate or Gates, if any, freed by the Payment of such Toll,) be permitted to pass Toll-free through the same Toll Gate, and also through such other Gate or Gates as the Ticket for such Payment shall free, at any Time or Times during the same Day, such Day to be computed from Twelve of the Clock in one Night to Twelve of the Clock in the next succeeding Night, except as is herein-after provided with respect to Horses drawing Stage Carriages and Post Chaises.

Horses, &c.  
for which  
Toll has been  
paid at a  
Toll Gate to

IX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall have paid the Toll hereby authorized to be taken for the passing of any Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage through any Turnpike or Toll Gate standing and being or continued or erected by virtue of this Act in, upon,



upon, or across the said Roads or any Part thereof, such Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage shall, upon a Ticket denoting the Payment thereof for that Day being produced, be permitted to pass Toll-free through any Side Bar or Side Gate or Chain standing and being or continued or erected by virtue of this Act on the Side or Sides of the said Roads which shall be situate between such Place of Payment and the next Turnpike or Toll Gate in, upon, or across the said Roads, at any Time during the same Day, to be computed as aforesaid; and if any Person shall have paid the Toll hereby authorized to be taken for the passing of any Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage through any Side Bar or Side Gate or Chain standing and being or continued or erected by virtue of this Act on the Side or Sides of the said Roads, such Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage shall, upon a Ticket denoting the Payment thereof for that Day being produced, be permitted to pass Toll-free through the next Turnpike or Toll Gate standing and being or continued or erected in, upon, or across the said Roads or any Part thereof, at any Time during the same Day, to be computed as aforesaid.

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tain Side  
Gates.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Tolls hereby made payable shall be paid for and in respect of all Horses or Cattle drawing any Stage Coach, Diligence, Van, Caravan, or Stage Waggon, or other Stage Carriage or Cart, conveying Passengers or Goods for Pay or Reward, for every Time of passing or repassing along the said Road: Provided nevertheless, that no further or additional Toll shall be payable in respect of Stage Coaches on account only of the Horses drawing the same having been changed; and the Tolls hereby made payable shall be paid for and in respect of all Horses or other Beasts drawing any Post Chaise or other Carriage travelling for Hire, for every Time of passing or repassing along the said Roads, whenever a new Hiring of such Post Chaise or other Carriage shall have taken place.

Stage  
Coaches to  
pay every  
Time of  
passing.

Post Chaises,  
&c. on every  
fresh Hiring.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall and they are hereby required to continue or to erect upon each and every Branch of Road comprised in this Act a Toll Gate or Toll Gates, Bar or Bars, and to demand and take thereat the Tolls hereby granted, subject to the Provisions of this Act, and the Acts for the Time being in force for regulating Turnpike Roads in *England*: Provided always, that no Money arising from any of the Tolls hereby authorized to be taken shall be applied in or towards the Repair of any Branch Road upon which there shall not be a Toll Gate or Toll Bar continued or erected under the Authority of this Act: Provided also, that no more of the Monies arising by virtue of this Act shall be laid out or expended upon any such Branch of Road than shall be actually raised or received upon or in respect of such Branch Road respectively.

Gates to be  
erected and  
Tolls taken  
on each  
Branch.

XII. And be it further enacted, That out of any Monies already received by virtue of the said Three recited Acts hereby repealed, or out of the first Monies which shall be produced or received by virtue of this Act, the said Trustees shall in the first place pay and

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discharge all the Expenses and Costs relative to the procuring and passing of this Act; and the Remainder of such Monies shall from Time to Time be employed in erecting Turnpikes, Toll Houses, and Weighing Machines, and in amending, widening, altering, and improving the said Roads, and in keeping the same in repair, and in defraying all the Charges and Expenses of carrying this Act into execution, and in repaying the Principal Monies by this Act or by any former Act or Acts charged or to be borrowed, and the Interest due and to grow due thereon.

Not to expend Money in repairing Streets of Dartford and Sevenoaks.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to empower the said Trustees to lay out or apply any of the Money received, raised, or borrowed by virtue of the said recited Acts or any of them, or to be received, raised, or borrowed by virtue of this Act, in lighting, paving, or repairing any Highway or Street in the Towns of Dartford and Sevenoaks, or either of them.

Public Act.

XIV. 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.

Term of Act.

XV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence on the Third *Thursday* next after the passing thereof, and shall continue and be in force for the Term of Thirty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

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