ANNO REGNI

GEORGII III.

REGIS

Magna Britanniae, Franciae, & Hiberniae,

TRICESIMO SEPTIMO.

At the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster, the Twelfth Day of July Anno Domini 1796, in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued by several Prorogations, to the Twenty-seventh Day of September 1796; being the First Session of the Eighteenth Parliament of Great Britain.

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CAP. LXXXVI.

An Act for amending an Act, passed in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Harbour of Ramsgate, in the County of Kent; and for cleansing, amending, and preserving, the Haven of Sandwich, in the same County.

[19th June 1796.]

HEREAS an Act was passed in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Harbour of Ramsgate, in the County of Kent; and for cleansing, amending, and preserving the Haven of Sandwich, in the same County, whereby it was amongst other Things enacted, that the Elder Brethren of Trinity House Deptford Strand for the Time being, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and his Deputy for the Time being, the Mayor of Sandwich for the Time being, and divers other Persons, in the said Act particularly named, should be, and they were thereby appointed Trustees for carrying the said Act into Execution, and for enlarging, building, finishing, maintaining, supporting, and improving the said Harbour of Ramsgate; and that any Nine or more of the said Trustees, of whom the Chairman, or in his Absence the Deputy Chairman, or in the Absence of both of them, the Deputy
Matter of Trinity House Deptford Strand should be One, should, in all Cases where the contrary was not provided for by the said Act, be a sufficient Number to constitute a Meeting for transacting the Business of the said Act: And whereas it hath frequently happened that the said Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Deputy Master of Trinity House, have been all prevented from attending, or that a sufficient Number of Trustees, as prescribed by the said Act, have not met for the Dispatch of Business, whereby great Delays and Inconvenience have arisen, so that the said Act requires to be amended, and some other Powers and Provisions are wanting for carrying the Intent thereof into complete Effect: 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 a General Meeting of the Trustees, appointed by the said Act, shall be held at the Ramsgate Harbour Office, in Agin Friars, in the City of London, within Fourteen Days after the passing of this Act, of which Meeting, and the Purpose thereof, Seven Days Notice at the least shall be given in The London Gazette, by the Secretary of the said Trustees for the Time being; and that at such General Meeting a Committee shall be appointed, consisting of the said Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the Time being, and the Deputy Master of the Trinity House aforesaid, together with Nine others of the Trustees, to be chosen and elected by Ballot at the said General Meeting, and such Committee shall be called The Committee of Managers or Directors, and shall hold Meetings monthly, or oftener, (if necessary), for transacting the Business and Affairs of the said Act; and they, or any Five or more of them, shall be, and are hereby declared to be alone competent and sufficient, in all Respects, to manage and transact the Business and Affairs of the said Act, and shall have the Powers and Authorities which are thereby given to the Nine or more Trustees as therein mentioned; and in case it shall happen that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman shall be both absent at any of the Meetings of the said Committee of Managers or Directors, then and so often it shall and may be lawful for such of the Members of the said Committee of Managers or Directors as shall be present (provided they amount to the Number Five) to elect and appoint, from amongst themselves then present, a Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the Day, who shall have the same Power and Authority as the Chairman and Deputy Chairman aforesaid would have had if they had been respectively present.

If. And be it further enacted, That such Three of the said Committee as at the said Election shall have had the least Number of Votes, shall go out of Office on the Third Wednesday in March which will be in the Year One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and on which Day the General Annual Meeting of the Trustees is directed to be held by the said Act, and shall be succeeded by Three other Trustees, to be elected by Ballot at the said General Annual Meeting, to serve for Three Years; and that such Three other of the said Committee so to be appointed, as shall have stood next in Inferiority of Votes at the said original Election, shall go out of Office at the General Annual Meeting to be held in the Year One thousand eight hundred, and be succeeded by Three others, to be elected as aforesaid, at the same Meeting, for a
like Term of Three Years; and that the other Three of the said first-appointed Committee shall go out of Office at the General Annual Meeting to be held in the Year One thousand eight hundred and one, and be succeeded in Manner aforesaid; and that after that Time the Members of the Committee shall go out in Rotation at the End of the Third Year from their Appointment, and their Places be supplied by other Trustees, to be elected by Ballot as aforesaid at every General Annual Meeting, so that there may be at all Times a standing Committee of Nine Persons, exclusive of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, and Deputy Master aforesaid, who shall be Members of all Committees; and that no Member of the Committee, who shall go out by Rotation, shall be competent to be re-elected a Member of the said Committee till after an Interval of One Year from the Time of his going out of Office; and that as often as it shall happen that One or more Vacancy or Vacancies shall happen in the Committee of Managers or Directors appointed as aforesaid, by Death, Resignation, or otherwise, before the regular Period of going out, every such Vacancy shall, in like Manner, be filled up by Ballot at the next Annual Meeting for Election of Committee Men, which shall be held after every such Vacancy; and that Notice of every such Vacancy shall be inserted in the Notice for the subsequent General Meeting at which the same is to be filled up; and every Person so elected to supply any Vacancy, shall continue a Member of the said Committee so long only as the Member in whose Place he shall be elected would have done; Provided always, that in case it shall happen at the First Annual Election, that any Two or more Persons shall have an equal Number of Votes, then and in such Case the Names of the Persons having such equal Number of Votes shall be put into a Box to be kept for that Purpose, and be drawn out by the Clerk, and the Trustee whose Name shall be first drawn out shall be deemed to have the lesser Number of Votes, and so successively until the Whole shall be drawn.

III. And whereas, by the said recited Act it was enacted, that there should be a General Meeting of the Trustees held on the First Wednesday in every Month, for carrying on and conducting the Purposes of the same Act: And whereas it will be much more convenient to the said Trustees that such Meetings should be held on the Second Friday in every Month instead of the First Wednesday; he it therefore further enacted, That every such General Meeting for the Purposes aforesaid, shall hereafter be held on the Second Friday in every Month, in the same Manner as directed by the said Act with respect to the General Meetings thereby appointed; provided that nothing herein contained shall extend to prevent the Trustees assembled at any Meeting, from meeting as much oftener as the Majority of them shall agree upon.

IV. And be it further enacted, That in case at any General Meeting to be held by virtue of the said Act, or this Act, a sufficient Number of Trustees shall not attend, the Secretary to the Trustees for the Time being shall adjourn such Meeting to that Day Fornight, and shall give Seven Days Notice thereof at least in the London Gazette, and so from Time to Time until a sufficient Number of Trustees shall attend to form a General Meeting.

V. And
V. And whereas by the said Act it was also enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures, which by the said Act, or any Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, or Ordinances, to be made in pursuance thereof, should be imposed or incurred, as mentioned in the same Act, the Manner of recovering and levying whereof was not otherwise particularly directed, should be levied and recovered by Action of Debt, as therein particularly mentioned, or by Distres and Sale, by virtue of the Warrant of any Justice of the Peace, Mayor, Alderman, Bailiff, or other Magistrate of the Town, District, or Place, wherein the Offender or Offenders should reside, which Warrant such Justice of the Peace, Mayor, Alderman, Bailiff, or other Magistrate, was thereby required to grant, either on the Condemnation of the Party, or the Information of One or more Witnesses upon Oath, and which Oath such Justice, Alderman, Bailiff, or other Magistrate, was thereby required to administer, and in case of no sufficient Distres being found, that such Justice of the Peace, Mayor, Alderman, Bailiff, or other Magistrate, should and might commit such Offender to Prison, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Space of Time not exceeding Three Months nor less than Thirty Days, at his Discretion, unless such Fine or Fines should be sooner paid: And whereas Offences are very frequently committed against the said Act, or the Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Ordinances, made in pursuance thereof, by Persons not residing within Ramsgate or Sandwich aforesaid, against whom the Magistrates of Ramsgate and Sandwich aforesaid apprehend they have no Power to grant Warrants, and in consequence thereof such Offenders escape from Justice, and with Impunity commit Offences against the same Act; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace, Alderman, Bailiff, or other Magistrate of any Town, District, or Place, wherein such Offender or Offenders may happen to be found, to grant a Warrant or Warrants against such Offender or Offenders, for the Purposes expressed in the said Act, and in every Respect to proceed against such Offender or Offenders in like Manner as if such Offender or Offenders had resided within the Town, District, or Place, where he, she, or they may happen to be found or apprehended.

VI. And whereas the aforesaid Office of Member of the said Committee of Managers or Directors, will be attended with considerable Trouble to the Trustees who from Time to Time shall be elected into such Office, and the frequent Attendance of such Trustees will greatly promote the Benefit of the said Trust; be it therefore further enacted, That the Annual Sum of Three hundred Pounds shall be allowed to the said Committee of Managers or Directors for their Attendance, and which said Annual Sum of Three hundred Pounds the Committee of Treasury appointed by virtue of the said Act are authorized and directed to pay and allow to the aforesaid Committee of Managers or Directors, as they shall, from Time to Time, shew to calling or receive the same.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all the Expenses incurred in obtaining and passing this Act, and in relation thereto, shall be paid by and out of the Tolls and Duties raised and to be raised under Authority of the said Act passed in the Thirty-second Year of His Majesty's Reign.
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VIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be judged, Publick Act, deemed, and taken, to be a Publick Act; and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such, by all Judges, Justices, and other Persons whatsoever, without specially pleading the same.

FINIS.