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An Act for the better Regulation of the Traffic in the Streets of the City of *London*, and for the Prevention of Obstructions therein.

[28th *July* 1863.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that better Provision should be made for the Regulation of Omnibuses, Cabs, Carriages, Carts, and other Vehicles passing through the Streets of the City of *London* or the Liberties thereof so as to prevent Obstruction, and enable the increasing Traffic of the said City to be conducted with less Delay and in a safer Manner; 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 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, as follows; (that is to say,)

1. In citing this Act for any Purpose it shall be sufficient to use the Short Title. Expression "*The City of London* Traffic Regulation Act, 1863."

2. In the Construction of this Act the following Words and Expressions shall have the several Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless

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there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction :

City. "The City" shall mean the City of *London* and the Liberties thereof :

Court. "The Court" shall mean the Court of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London* :

Street. The Word "Street" shall include any Street, Lane, Road, Square, Court, Alley, Passage, Place, or other public Way.

Power to
Court to
make Rules
and Orders.

3. It shall be lawful for the Court to make from Time to Time such Byelaws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations as they may think necessary or expedient for all or any of the Purposes following; (that is to say,)

For regulating the several Routes to be followed, and the particular Streets or Portions of Streets to be used, by all or any of the Omnibuses, Metropolitan Stage Carriages, Vans, and other Carriages licensed for the Conveyance of Passengers at separate Fares, and for preventing unreasonable Obstructions in such Streets in any Case where the same may be thronged or liable to be obstructed by reason of the Amount or Nature of the Traffic :

For regulating the Height and Width to which Carts, Waggon, Drays, and other Vehicles for the Conveyance of Goods, Wares, and Merchandise using the Streets of the City between the Hours of Nine in the Morning and Six in the Evening may be laden, and for regulating the Breadth between the Outsides of the Wheels of any such Vehicle; provided that no Vehicle in use at the Time of the passing of this Act shall be required to be altered :

For determining the Period of the Day and Night during which Carts, Waggon, or other Vehicles wholly or partially laden with Timber, Scaffolding and other Poles, Logs of Wood, Masts, Spars, and other Articles and Things, whether consisting of Wood, Metal, or any other Material exceeding Twenty-five Feet in Length, or Eight Feet Six Inches in Breadth, may, by reason of the Amount of Traffic in the Streets, be allowed to pass or be prohibited from passing :

For regulating the Mode in which Cabs or Hackney Carriages shall be distinguished when empty and when actually plying for Hire :

For determining the Period of the Day during which Coals may be delivered into Cellars through Openings in the Streets :

For appointing Places at which Street Shoeblocks may stand to exercise their Calling, and for determining the Number of Shoeblocks who may stand at each of such Places, and for preventing unreasonable Obstructions at such Places.

Byelaws
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varied or
repealed.

4. Such Byelaws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations may at any Time be varied, altered, or repealed as the Court may consider expedient, and the Court

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Court shall not be in any Manner liable for any Loss, Cost, Damage, or Expense that may accrue or arise, or be alleged to have accrued or arisen, to any Person or Vehicle by reason or in consequence of any such Byelaw, Rule, Order, or Regulation, or of any Act done in accordance with or in obedience to any Byelaw, Rule, Order, or Regulation; provided such Byelaws, Rules, Orders, or Regulations be not repugnant to the Laws of the United Kingdom or to the Provisions of this Act.

5. Every Person who within the City shall offend against such Byelaws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations shall be liable to a Penalty of not more than Forty Shillings for every such Offence.

Byelaws, &c. may be enforced by Penalties.

6. The Justice by whom any Person shall be convicted and adjudged to pay any Sum of Money for any Offence against such Byelaws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations may adjudge that such Person shall pay the same either immediately or within such Period as he shall think fit.

Time may be given for Payment of Penalties.

7. For the Purposes of this Act and the Recovery of Penalties the Provisions of Sections 43, 44, 49, and 97 to 103, both inclusive, of the Act of the Third Year of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating the Police in the City of London*, shall be incorporated with this Act, and be read as if they were here re-enacted: Provided always, that the Justice who shall, upon a Conviction under this Act or the said recited Act, inflict or impose any Penalty, Forfeiture, or other Sum of Money upon any Person, may, without issuing a Warrant of Distress, commit the Offender to Prison for such Term as he is authorized to do by the said Act, the Imprisonment to cease on Payment of the Sum or Sums adjudged to be paid by such Offender: Provided also, that the Right of Appeal to a Superior Court given by the Act of the Twentieth and Twenty-first Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Forty-three, shall apply to the Proceedings before Justices under this Act.

Certain Provisions of 2 & 3 Vict. c. xciv. and 20 & 21 Vict. c. 43. incorporated.

8. No Byelaws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, or any Alteration thereof, shall come into operation until One Month after the same shall have been approved under the Hand of One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Byelaws, &c. not to be enforced until confirmed.

9. No Byelaw, Rule, Order, and Regulation, or any Alteration thereof, shall be submitted for such Approval until One Month after the Intention to apply for such Approval shall have been advertised in the "*London Gazette*," and in One or more of the *London* daily Newspapers, and during the said Month printed Copies of such intended Byelaws or Alterations of Byelaws shall be posted at the *Mansion House* and at the *Royal Exchange*, and be delivered, at a Price not exceeding One Penny, at the Office of the Town Clerk of the City to all Persons seeking the same.

Notice of Byelaw to be published.

10. When

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Byelaws, &c.
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10. When any such Byelaws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations shall be made, varied, or altered, and the same shall have been approved of as aforesaid, they shall, within One Week after the Date of such Approval, be signed by the Town Clerk of the City, and be advertised in One or more than One of the *London* daily Newspapers, and printed Copies thereof shall be posted at the *Mansion House*, the *Guildhall*, the *Royal Exchange*, *Temple Bar*, the *Custom House*, the *General Post Office*, *St. Martin's-le-Grand*, and in such other public Place in the City as the Court shall think necessary to make the same publicly known.

Expenses of
Act.

11. The Costs, Charges, and Expenses of applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act shall be paid out of the Police Rate of the City.

Term of Act.

12. This Act shall continue in force for the Term of Seven Years from the passing thereof, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

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