

“ tion of lastage and ballastage in the River Thames, and for enabling the Corporation of Trinity-house of Deptford Strond to reduce, alter, modify, relinquish, or abolish dues payable to the said Corporation, and for other purposes connected therewith,” after reciting that, under the authority and by virtue of the several Acts of Parliament, and grants therein recited, as well as of other Acts of Parliament, and of divers charters, grants, and letters patent of Kings and Queens of this realm, and also by prescriptive right, the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being of Trinity-house of Deptford Strond aforesaid, had collected, taken, levied, and received from, or in respect of, ships and vessels requiring ballast, the several rates and prices specified in the Act of the forty-fifth year of the reign of His said late Majesty King George the Third, therein mentioned, and certain dues or duties, rates or tolls, of various denominations, from, or in respect of, all British ships or vessels, and from, or in respect of, all foreign ships and vessels, entering or departing from the ports, harbours, or roadsteads of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; and that the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Trinity-house of Deptford Strond aforesaid had not, by the terms of the said several Acts of Parliament, charters, grants, and letters patent, or any of them, any power to reduce, modify, alter, relinquish, or abolish any of the rates, prices, dues, duties, and tolls, imposed or granted, collected, taken, levied, and received as aforesaid: and that it was expedient that the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants should be empowered (under the regulations hereinafter contained) to reduce, alter, modify, relinquish, or abolish, and at any time or times thereafter to revive and re-establish, any of the rates, prices, dues, duties, and tolls aforesaid, or any part or parts thereof, from time to time, as to them the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants should seem meet, just, and reasonable; it is thereby enacted, that the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being of the Corporation of Trinity-house of Deptford Strond aforesaid shall be, and they are thereby authorised and empowered, from time to time, and at any time or times thereafter, upon the requisition or with the consent of His said late Majesty, His heirs and successors, in His or their Most Honourable Privy Council, to reduce, relinquish, abolish, alter, or modify all or any or either of the rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls imposed or granted by the said several grants, charters, or

Acts of Parliament, or any of them, or collected, taken, levied, and received under the authority thereof respectively, or by ancient usage, custom, or prescription, or any part or parts thereof, so far as may be consistent with the charitable and other uses, purposes, and intents for which the said Corporation has been established and maintained; and that it shall also be lawful for the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being of the said Corporation of Trinity-house of Deptford Strond, at any time or times after the passing thereof, to revive and re-establish any rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls which may have been relinquished or abolished, or to increase or otherwise alter or modify any rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls which may have been reduced, altered, or modified under the authority of the said Act, and so from time to time to relinquish or abolish and revive or re-establish, and reduce or increase, alter or modify, all or any of such rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls as occasion may require; so as nevertheless that no such rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls shall at any time be increased beyond the amount which might be collected, taken, levied, or received by the said Corporation in respect thereof before the passing of the said Act: and it is thereby provided, that no such relinquishment, abolition, reduction, alteration, or modification, or subsequent revival, re-establishment, increase, alteration, or modification of any such rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls, or any or either of them, or any part or parts thereof, shall at any time be deemed valid or take effect until the same shall have been submitted by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants to and shall have been assented to and confirmed by His said late Majesty, His heirs, or successors in His or their Most Honourable Privy Council, and such assent and confirmation shall have been signified in writing unto the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants; and that it shall be lawful for the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants to fix and determine the period (so that the same do not exceed three calendar months from the receipt by them of such assent or confirmation as aforesaid), from and after which all and every the rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls so relinquished or abolished shall be discontinued and no longer collected, taken, levied, or received, or from and after which all and every the rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls so received or re-established, reduced, increased, altered, or modified respectively as aforesaid, shall and may be collected, received, levied, or taken: and whereas the said