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CAP. CXIX.

An Act to enable the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, to purchase certain Houses and Ground contiguous to the *East India* House, and to widen the North End of *Lime Street*. [18th *May* 1796.]

WHEREAS the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies* are the Owners and Proprietors in Fee Simple of a certain Edifice called the *East India House*, and of divers Offices and Warehouses thereunto adjoining, situate in *Leadenhall Street* in the City of *London*, and extending in the back Part thereof to the West Side of *Lime Street* in the said City; in which House, besides other valuable Property, the said United Company keep all their Records, Books, Papers, and Writings, of great Consequence to the Publick as well as to the said United Company: And whereas the Houses contiguous to the *East India* House on the East Side thereof, are very hazardous Buildings with respect to Fire: And whereas the Business of the said United Company requires an Extension of the Buildings belonging to the said House called *The India House*: And whereas the North End of *Lime Street*, opposite to the said Houses, is very narrow and inconvenient to the Publick, and the said United Company are desirous to widen the same, so as to make it of the Width of Twenty-two Preamble.

Feet from the Entrance thereof up to a Building in *Lime Street*, belonging to the ſaid United Company now uſed as a Shipping Office for private Trade, and other Offices over the ſame: And whereas for the making of ſafe and convenient additional Buildings to the ſaid Houſe called *The India Houſe*, and for widening the North End of *Lime Street* as aforeſaid, it is expedient that the ſaid United Company ſhould be poſſeſſed of all the Ground and Buildings in *Leadenhall Street* Eaſtward, up to *Lime Street*, and alſo of the Buildings in *Lime Street*, from the North-weſt Corner thereof, up to the ſaid Buildings in *Lime Street*, belonging to the ſaid United Company; and, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, the ſaid United Company have purchaſed all the ſaid Ground, Houſes, and Buildings, except the Three ſeveral Meſſuages or Tenements hereinafter mentioned; to wit, a Meſſuage or Tenement in *Leadenhall Street* belonging to *John Goldſborough Ravenſhaw* Eſquire and *Elizabeth* his Wife; which Premiſes are in Settlement upon their Family, and are alſo ſubject with other Eſtates to an Annual Payment of Forty-five Pounds for Charitable Purpoſes; a Meſſuage or Tenement in *Lime Street* heretofore deviſed by the Will of *Thomas Rich* deceaſed to Truſtees, to pay the Rents and Profits thereof to the Parſon and Churchwardens of the Pariſh of *Saint Andrew Underſhaft* in the City of *London*, for ſundry charitable Purpoſes; and another Meſſuage or Tenement in *Lime Street* aforeſaid, belonging to the Governors of *Chriſt's Hoſpital* in *London*, for the Purpoſes of that Charity: And whereas the ſaid United Company have contracted and agreed for the Purchaſe of the ſaid Three Meſſuages or Tenements and Premiſes, at and for the ſeveral Rates and Prices herein-after mentioned; to wit, the ſaid Meſſuage or Tenement belonging to the ſaid *John Goldſborough Ravenſhaw* and his Wife, at and for the Price or Sum of Two thouſand three hundred Pounds, free from the ſaid Charity Payment chargeable thereon, and all other Incumbrances; the ſaid Meſſuage or Tenement in *Lime Street* belonging as aforeſaid to the ſaid Parſon and Churchwardens of *Saint Andrew Underſhaft*, at and for ſo much Three Pounds *per Centum* Bank Annuities as will produce an Income of Twenty Pounds a Year; and the ſaid Meſſuage or Tenement in *Lime Street* belonging to the Governors of *Chriſt Hoſpital* for the Sum of One thouſand Pounds Conſolidated Three Pounds *per Centum* Bank Annuities: But by reaſon of the ſaid Settlement, and the ſaid Charitable Uſes and Truſts, the ſaid United Company cannot complete ſuch Purchaſes, and get good Titles to the Premiſes, 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 immediately after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants for Life or in Tail, Huſbands, Truſtees, and Feoffees in Truſt or for Charities, Guardians and Committees for Lunaticks and Ideots, Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Guardians whatſoever, not only for or on Behalf of themſelves, their Heirs and Succeſſors, but alſo for and on Behalf of their *Ceſtuique* Truſts, whether Infants or Iſſue unborn, Perſons entitled in Remainder, Lunaticks, Ideots, Femes Covert, or other Perſons whatſoever, to ſell and convey the ſaid Meſſuage or Tenement in *Leadenhall Street* belonging to the

Power for Bodies Politick, &c. to agree for Sales.

the ſaid *John Goldſborough Ravenſhaw* and his Wife, the ſaid Meſſuage or Tenement belonging as aforeſaid to the Parſon and Churchwardens of *Saint Andrew Underſhaft*, and the ſaid Meſſuage or Tenement in *Lime Street* belonging to the Governors of *Chriſt's Hoſpital*, and all Rents iſſuing out of the ſame Premiſes reſpectively, with their and every of their Hereditaments, Rights, Members, and Appurtenances, and all Eſtates and Intereſts therein, unto and to the Uſe of the ſaid United Company, their Succeſſors and Aſſigns, by Indenture, expreſſing the Conſideration or Conſiderations *bona fide* paid for the Premiſes to be therein compriſed, and to whom or in what Manner the ſame ſhall be paid; and that ſuch Indenture, being enrolled in the Court of Huſtings of the ſaid City of *London*, within Six Months from the Date and Execution thereof, ſhall have the ſame Force as Fines and Recoveries duly levied and ſuffered, and ſhall veſt the Meſſuages, Houſes, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, and Hereditaments therein compriſed, for ſuch Eſtate or Eſtates as ſhall be therein expreſſed to be conveyed, in the ſaid United Company, their Succeſſors and Aſſigns, as effectually as if the Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Conveyance had been ſeized or poſſeſſed of the Premiſes conveyed for the Eſtate or Eſtates thereby expreſſed to be conveyed.

Perſons entitled to Premiſes for charitable Purpoſes, authoriſed to convey, where Truſtees cannot be found.

II. And whereas in the Year One thouſand ſix hundred and ſeventy-two, the ſaid Meſſuage or Tenement in *Lime Street*, the Rents and Profits whereof are payable, and from that Time have been paid to the Parſon and Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Andrew Underſhaft*, were deviſed to and veſted in ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Truſts, and upon their Deaths other Truſtees were to have been choſen and appointed by the Parſon, Churchwardens, and Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, but no new Truſtees have ſince been appointed; and it will now be impoſſible, in conſequence of the great Length of Time which hath elapſed ſince the ſaid Deviſe to diſcover the Perſon or Perſons in whom the legal Eſtate of the ſaid Premiſes may now be veſted ſo as to obtain a Conveyance thereof; be it therefore further enacted, That the Parſon and Churchwardens for the Time being of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Andrew Underſhaft*, and who ſhall be in Receipt of the Rents and Profits of the Premiſes ſettled for the Uſe of ſuch Charity, ſhall and may contract for, ſell, and convey ſuch Houſes, Buildings, Ground, and Hereditaments, in the ſame Manner as if they were or was actually ſeiſed of the legal Eſtate of the ſaid Meſſuage or Tenement and Premiſes, and that after the Purchaſe Money to be paid for the ſame ſhall be paid in the Manner directed by this Act, the ſame Meſſuage or Tenement and Premiſes, Houſes, Buildings, Ground, and Hereditaments, ſhall be veſted in the ſaid United Company, their Succeſſors and Aſſigns, as fully and effectually as if the ſame had been conveyed to them by the Perſon or Perſons ſeiſed of the legal Eſtate thereof or therein.

In caſe of Difference reſpecting the Price, or there being no Perſon to treat for the Sale.

III. And be it further enacted, That if it ſhall happen that any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants for Life, Huſbands, Truſtees, and Feoffees in Truſt or for Charities, Guardians and Committees for Lunaticks and Ideots, Executors or Adminiſtrators, or other Perſon or Perſons who are now,

now, or hereafter ſhall be, ſeiſed or poſſeſſed of or intereſted in the ſaid Three Meſſuages, Tenements, Rents, or Hereditaments, or any of them, ſhall hereafter refuſe to ſell in purſuance of the Contracts entered into as aforeſaid, or if there ſhall be no Perſon or Perſons in being who, as Truſtees or otherwiſe, under the Powers of this preſent Act, can ſell, or if ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall not produce and evince a clear Title to the Premiſes, or to the Term, Eſtate, or Intereſt they may reſpectively claim in their own Right, or to be empowered to ſell under the Powers given by this Act, then and in every ſuch Caſe, in order to ſettle and aſcertain the Value of ſuch Ground, Meſſuages, Buildings, and Hereditaments, or of ſuch Eſtate, Right, or Intereſt therein, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Sheriffs of the City of *London*, and they are hereby required, from Time to Time, upon a Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, to be iſſued and directed to them for this Purpoſe, from Time to Time, by the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City, commonly called *The Lord Mayor's Court*, (which Warrants or Precepts the ſaid Court are hereby empowered and required to iſſue upon Demand of the Court of Directors for the Time being of the United Company, to be ſignified by their Secretary for the Time being), to impannel and return before the ſaid Court a competent Number of ſubſtantial and diſintereſted Perſons qualified to ſerve on Juries, not leſs than Forty-eight or more than Seventy-two, and out of ſuch Perſons ſo to be impannelled, ſummoned, and returned, a Jury of Twelve Perſons ſhall be drawn by ſome Perſon to be by the ſaid Court appointed, in ſuch Manner as Juries for the Trial of Iſſues joined in His Majeſty's Courts at *Weſtminſter*, by an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of Juries*, are directed to be drawn; and the Perſons ſo to be impannelled, ſummoned, and returned as aforeſaid, are hereby required to come and appear before the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen, at ſuch Time and Place as in ſuch Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, ſhall be directed and appointed, and to attend the ſaid Court from Day to Day until diſcharged by the ſaid Court; and all Parties concerned ſhall and may have their lawful Challenges againſt any of the ſaid Jurymen, but ſhall not be at Liberty to challenge the Array; and the ſaid Court is hereby authorized and empowered by Precept or Precepts from Time to Time, as Occaſion ſhall require, to call before them all and every Perſon and Perſons whomſoever, who ſhall be thought proper or neceſſary to be examined as a Witneſs or Witneſſes on their Oath or Oaths concerning the Premiſes; and the ſaid Court, if they think fit, ſhall and may likewiſe authorize and require the ſaid Jury to view the Place or Places in queſtion, in ſuch Manner as they ſhall direct; and the ſaid Court ſhall have Power to command ſuch Jury, Witneſſes, and Parties, to attend until all ſuch Affairs for which they were ſummoned ſhall be concluded; and the ſaid Jury upon their Oaths (which Oaths, as alſo the Oaths to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be called upon to give Evidence, the ſaid Court is hereby empowered and required to adminiſter) ſhall inquire of the Value of ſuch Meſſuages, Houſes, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, Rents, and Hereditaments, and of the Value of the reſpective Eſtate, Term, and Intereſt, of every Perſon ſeiſed or poſſeſſed thereof, or intereſted and claiming any Intereſt therein, or of or in any Part thereof, and ſhall aſſeſs and award the Sum or Sums to be paid to every ſuch Perſon and Perſons

Sheriffs of *London* to ſummon a Jury.

Perſons for the Purchaſe of ſuch their Eſtates, Terms, and Intereſts; except that no Value ſhall be ſet on any Life Eſtate diſtinct from the Reverſion of the ſame Premiſes; and the ſaid Court ſhall give Judgement for ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſo to be aſſeſſed; and that ſuch Verdict or Verdicts, and the ſaid Judgement thereon, ſhall be binding and concluſive, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, againſt all and every Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick, Corporate, and Collegiate, now or at any Time hereafter claiming or to claim any Eſtate, Right, Title, Truſt, Uſe, Term, or Intereſt, in, to, or out of the ſaid Meſſuages, Houſes, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and Premiſes, either in Poſſeſſion, Reverſion, Remainder, Contingency, Expectancy, or Poſſibility, and againſt their reſpective Heirs, Succeſſors, Heirs in Tail, and all Perſons claiming through or under them, and againſt the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors; ſo that Notice in Writing be given to the Perſon or Perſons, or to the principal Officer of the Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, intereſted, or hereby authorized to ſell, at leaſt Fourteen Days before the Time of ſuch Aſſeſſment, declaring the Time and Place of the Meeting of the ſaid Court or Jury, by ſuch Notice being left at the Dwelling Houſe of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, or principal Officer, or at his, her, or their uſual Place or Places of Abode, if ſuch Dwelling Houſe or Abode ſhall be within the City of *London* or the Liberties thereof; or if the Dwelling Houſe or uſual Place of Abode of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, or principal Officer, ſhall not be within the City of *London* or the Liberties thereof, then by leaving ſuch Notice with ſome Tenant or Occupier of ſome of the Meſſuages, Houſes, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, intended to be valued or aſſeſſed; or if ſuch Meſſuages, Houſes, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſhall not be occupied, then by affixing ſuch Notice as aforeſaid upon ſome conſpicuous Part or Parts of the ſame Meſſuages, Houſes, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments.

Verdict of the Jury to be binding.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Sum of Two Guineas ſhall be paid to every Juryman who ſhall ſerve upon Juries to be ſummoned for the Purpoſes and in the Manner herein-before mentioned, for his Trouble in attending as ſuch Juryman, upon every ſeparate Jury, and that the Witneſſes who ſhall be ſummoned to attend to give Evidence reſpecting the Premiſes ſhall be allowed their reaſonable Expences, and a reaſonable Compenſation for their Loſs of Time; and that the Payments aforeſaid, and all the other Expences of the Proceedings to be had in the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen, ſhall be paid and borne by the ſaid United Company; but if ſuch Proceedings ſhall have been occaſioned by a Difference between the ſaid United Company and the Owner or Owners of any of the Hereditaments and Premiſes to be purchaſed, or any Perſon or Perſons by this Act authorized to treat and agree for the Sale of the ſame Premiſes, or by ſuch Perſon or Perſons refuſing to treat or agree for the Sale of the Premiſes, and the Jury to be ſo ſummoned as aforeſaid ſhall not value the Premiſes at a Price greater than that which ſhall have been offered by the ſaid United Company, then and in ſuch Caſe the ſaid Jury ſhall proceed to conſider of the Coſts and Expences aforeſaid, and ſhall aſſeſs them to their full Amount, which ſhall be expreſſed in the Judgement to be given by the Court; and it ſhall be lawful

Expences of Proceeding in the Mayor's Court.

lawful for the ſaid United Company to deduct and retain to themſelves the Sum ſo aſſeſſed out of the Money to be awarded as the Value of the ſame Premiſes.

Proceedings in the Mayor's Court to be entered in a Book, and to be deemed Records.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Proceedings, Verdicts, and Judgements to be had and given in the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen, ſhall be entered in a diſtinct Book or Books, which ſhall be kept among the Records of the ſaid Court, and the ſaid Proceedings, Verdicts, and Judgements, ſhall be deemed and taken to be Records, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, and the ſame, or true Copies thereof, ſhall be deemed and taken to be good and effectual Evidence and Proof in any Court or Courts of Law or Equity whatſoever; and all Perſons ſhall and may have Recourſe to the ſame *gratis*, and take Copies thereof, paying Sixpence for every Copy not exceeding Two hundred Words, and Sixpence more for every additional Two hundred Words or leſs.

Upon Payment of the Purchaſe Money, proper Conveyances to be made.

VI. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Purchaſe Money or Conſideration to be paid for the reſpective Purchaſes, to the Perſon or Perſons authorized to receive the ſame, or in caſe no Perſon or Perſons ſhall be authorized to receive the Purchaſe Money to be paid for the ſame, then upon Payment of ſuch Purchaſe Money into the Bank of *England*, in the Manner herein-after directed, the Owner or Owners of the ſaid reſpective Premiſes, or the Perſon or Perſons hereby authorized to make Conveyances of the ſame, ſhall, at the Expence of the ſaid United Company, their Succeſſors, or Aſſigns, make, or procure to be made to them, ſuch Conveyances as are herein-before mentioned, of the ſaid Meſſuages, Houſes, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, Rents, and Hereditaments, or of ſuch Eſtate, Term, or Intereſt for which ſuch Purchaſe Money as aforeſaid ſhall be paid, and ſhall procure all the neceſſary Parties to execute ſuch Conveyances, and ſhall do, or cauſe to be done, all Acts, Matters, and Things, neceſſary and requiſite to make a good, clear, and perfect Title to the ſaid United Company, their Succeſſors, and Aſſigns; and ſuch Conveyances ſhall contain all ſuch reaſonable and uſual Covenants as on the Part of the ſaid United Company, their Succeſſors and Aſſigns, ſhall be reaſonably required; and from and immediately after the Purchaſe Money or Conſideration for the Hereditaments and Premiſes to be purchaſed reſpectively as aforeſaid, ſhall be ſo paid as aforeſaid, and ſuch Conveyances as aforeſaid ſhall be executed; or in caſe there ſhall not be any Perſon capable of making ſuch Conveyances as aforeſaid, or a clear Title ſhall not be evinced to the Premiſes, then upon Payment of the ſame Purchaſe Money into the Bank of *England*, in the Manner herein-after directed, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid United Company, their Succeſſors and Aſſigns, to take Poſſeſſion, or to cauſe Poſſeſſion to be taken, of the Premiſes to be purchaſed, and to hold and enjoy the ſame againſt all Perſons whomſoever, in the ſame Manner as they could hold and enjoy the ſame if the ſaid Premiſes were conveyed to them by all the Perſons entitled thereto, or intereſted therein, and ſuch Perſons were competent to make ſuch Conveyances.

VII. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That it ſhall not be lawful for the ſaid United Company to turn out of Poſſeſſion of the Premiſes to be purchaſed, the actual Occupiers, without giving to ſuch Occupiers reſpectively Six Calendar Months Notice, unleſs the Eſtates or Terms held by ſuch Perſons reſpectively ſhall ſooner determine by Effluxion of Time or otherwiſe; but if any ſuch Occupier or Occupiers ſhall refuſe to give up the Poſſeſſion of the Premiſes held by him, her, or them, to the ſaid United Company, upon the Determination of their reſpective Eſtates, or at the Expiration of Six Calendar Months, to be computed from the Time ſuch Notice as aforeſaid ſhall be given, then and in ſuch Caſe (the Purchaſe Money to be paid by the ſaid United Company being firſt paid or tendered in the Manner directed by this Act) it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen to iſſue their Precept or Precepts to the Sheriff of the ſaid City, to deliver Poſſeſſion of the Premiſes to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall in ſuch Precept or Precepts be nominated to receive the ſame on the Behalf of the ſaid United Company; and the ſaid Sheriffs are hereby required to deliver ſuch Poſſeſſion accordingly of the ſaid Premiſes.

Occupiers not to be turned out without Notice unleſs their Terms expire.

In caſe of Refuſal, Sheriff to deliver Poſſeſſion.

VIII. And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid, That the reſpective Monies or Conſiderations to ariſe by the Sale to the ſaid United Company of the Ground, Meſſuages, Tenements, Rents, Hereditaments, and Premiſes to be ſold to them, under the Authority of this Act, ſhall be laid out in the Purchaſe of other Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Rents, or Hereditaments, of an Eſtate of Inheritance in Fee Simple, and ſhall be conveyed, ſettled, and aſſured, to ſuch of the Uſes, and upon ſuch of the Truſts, and for ſuch Intents and Purpoſes, and with, under, and ſubject to ſuch of the Powers, Proviſoes, Conditions, and Declarations, upon and under which the ſame Premiſes now ſtand ſettled and limited, which ſhall then remain undetermined and capable of taking Effect; which ſaid Purchaſes and Settlements ſhall be made by the Truſtees of the ſame Premiſes, or by and under the Direction and Authority of the High Court of Chancery, as the ſaid Court, upon Petition in a ſummary Way, ſhall order and direct.

Purchaſe Monies to be applied to the ſame Purpoſes.

IX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Purchaſe Money, or Conſideration for the Purchaſe of the ſaid Meſſuage or Tenement, and Premiſes belonging to the ſaid *John Goldſborough Ravenſhaw* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, in Settlement as aforeſaid, ſhall be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the Purchaſer, purſuant to the Method preſcribed by the Statute of the Twelfth Year of King *George* the Firſt, Chapter the Thirty-ſecond, and the General Rules and Orders of the ſaid Court of Chancery, and without Fee or Reward, according to the Act of the Twelfth Year of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, Chapter the Twenty-fourth, and that the ſame, when ſo paid in, ſhall be laid out in the Purchaſe of Navy or Victualling Bills, or Exchequer Bills, and that the Intereſt of the Money ſo laid out, except as herein-after is mentioned, and the Money received for the ſaid Navy or Victualling Bills or Exchequer Bills, as they ſhall reſpectively be paid off by Government, ſhall be laid out in the Name of the ſaid Accountant General in the Purchaſe of other Navy,

Placing Purchaſe Money belonging to Sir *Ravenſhaw* in the Bank, until new Purchaſe made.

Victualling, or Exchequer Bills, which ſhall be depoſited in the Bank, and ſhall there remain until a proper Purchaſe or Purchaſes be found and approved of, and until the ſame ſhall, upon a Petition ſetting forth ſuch Approbation, (to be preferred to the Court of Chancey in a ſummary Way, by the Perſon or Perſons who would be entitled to the Rents of the Hereditaments to be purchaſed therewith, if the ſame were purchaſed), be ordered to be ſold by the ſaid Accountant General for the completing ſuch Purchaſe, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Court ſhall think juſt and direct; and that if the Money ariſing by the Sale of ſuch Navy, Victualling, or Exchequer Bills, ſhall exceed the Amount of the original Purchaſe Money ſo laid out as aforeſaid, then and in that Caſe only, except as herein-after is mentioned, the Surplus which ſhall remain, after diſcharging the Expences of the Applications to the ſaid Court, ſhall be paid to ſuch Perſon or Perſons reſpectively as would have been entitled to receive the Rents and Profits of the Lands and Hereditaments to be purchaſed, in caſe the ſame had been purchaſed, provided that ſo far as reſpects the ſaid Charity Money of Forty-five Pounds a Year, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Court to order the ſame to be paid as it becomes due, out of the Intereſt Money from Time to Time to accrue and become due on the ſaid Navy, Victualling, and Exchequer Bills.

For placing Purchaſe Monies belonging to the Pariſh of *St. Andrew Underſhaft* and to *Chriſt's Hoſpital*, in the Bank, until new Purchaſe made.

X. And, with reſpect to the Funds agreed to be transferred as the Conſideration for the Purchaſe of the ſaid Meſſuages or Tenements, Hereditaments and Premiſes, belonging to the ſaid Parſon and Churchwardens of *Saint Andrew Underſhaft*, and the ſaid Governors of *Chriſt's Hoſpital*, or ſuch other Purchaſe Money as ſhall be paid for the ſame: Be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſame ſhall be transferred into the Name of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, with his Privity, in the ſame Method and Manner as other Funds are transferred unto and put in his Name, according to the Rules and Orders of the ſaid Court, and ſhall be ſubject to the Orders and Directions of the ſame Court, upon Petition in a ſummary Way; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Court to order the ſame Funds to be continued or to be ſold out, and the Produce thereof inveſted in Navy or Victualling Bills or Exchequer Bills, until a proper Purchaſe or Purchaſes can be found, and then to order the ſame to be ſold and applied in Payment for ſuch Purchaſe or Purchaſes; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Court to order the Dividends of the ſaid Funds, or the Intereſt of the ſaid Navy, Victualling, or Exchequer Bills, or any Part thereof, to be applied to the Purpoſes of the ſaid Charities, or to be retained and accumulate, until a proper Purchaſe or Purchaſes ſhall be found, as the ſaid Court ſhall think fit; and in caſe the ſaid Court ſhall ſee proper to retain the ſaid Dividends and Intereſt, or any Part thereof, then the Surplus of the Dividends or Intereſt ſo retained, which ſhall remain after diſcharging the Expence of the Applications to the ſaid Court, ſhall be paid and applied to ſuch Purpoſes to which the growing Rents and Profits of the Premiſes purchaſed ſhall be applicable.

Bargains and Sales enrolled in the Huſtings of the City, to

XI. And be it further enacted, That all Bargains and Sales whatſoever to be made and acknowledged by any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, and which ſhall be enrolled in the Huſtings of the ſaid City, of any ſuch Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as ſhall be purchaſed by

by virtue of and for the Purpoſes of this Act, ſo far as reſpects the ſaid United Company, ſhall abſolutely veſt the Premiſes therein mentioned in the ſaid United Company, their Succeſſors and Aſſigns, according to the Purport, true Intent, and Meaning thereof, and ſo far as reſpects the Perſons making ſuch Conveyances as aforeſaid, the ſame ſhall have the Force, Effect, and Operation in Law, to all Intents and Purpoſes, which any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries whatſoever, would have had if levied or ſuffered by the Bargainor or Bargainors, or any Perſon or Perſons ſeiſed of any Eſtate in the Premiſes, in Truſt, for or to the Uſe of the Bargainor or Bargainors in any legal Manner or Form whatſoever. be as effectual as Fines and Recoveries

XII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Perſon and Perſons whomſoever, not incapable by Law to purſue his, her, or their Rights, having or claiming any Right, Title, Term, Intereſt, Uſe, Property, Claim, and Demand whatſoever, in Poſſeſſion, Reverſion, Remainder, or Expectancy, into or out of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which by virtue and for the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall be purchaſed and conveyed, or mentioned or intended to be conveyed, by any ſuch Bargain and Sale, and all Perſons who at that Time ſhall be under any legal Diſability, ſhall, within Five Years next after ſuch Diſability ſhall be removed as aforeſaid, ſhall, within the Space of Five Years, to be computed from the Date of the Enrolment of ſuch Bargain and Sale, enter a Memorial of ſuch their Right, Title, Term, Intereſt, Property, Claim, and Demand, in a Book to be for that Purpoſe prepared and kept by the Town Clerk of the ſaid City, which Book the ſaid Town Clerk is hereby required to prepare and keep accordingly, and for which Entry he ſhall be entitled to ſuch Fee, and no other, as the Regiſter of the County of *Middleſex* is by Law entitled to for the Regiſtry of a Memorial containing the ſame Number of Words; and any Perſon or Perſons, upon eſtabliſhing ſuch Claim, ſhall recover from the ſaid United Company the Value and Amount thereof, not exceeding the Amount of the Purchaſe Money paid for the ſame Premiſes by the ſaid United Company, and ſhall alſo recover ſuch Intereſt as ſhall be equivalent to the Meſne Profits of the Premiſes during the Time of their being poſſeſſed by the ſaid Company, which they would have been entitled to recover in caſe this Act had not been made; and the ſaid United Company ſhall have their Remedy over againſt the Perſon or Perſons from whom they purchaſed; and all and every Perſon or Perſons whomſoever not entering ſuch Right, Claim, and Demand, within ſuch Time and in ſuch Manner as aforeſaid, or having ſo entered the ſame, and not proſecuting ſuch their Right, Claim, or Demand with Effect, within the Space of Five Years, to be computed from the Time of ſuch Entry, ſhall be for ever barred of all Right, Title, Uſe, Equity, Property, Claim, and Demand, whatſoever, whether in Poſſeſſion, Reverſion, Remainder, or Expectancy, into, upon, or out of the ſaid Premiſes, and every Part thereof; and the ſaid United Company, and thoſe claiming by, from, or under them, ſhall be quieted in the Poſſeſſion of all ſuch ſuch Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premiſes; any Law, Statute, Uſage, Matter, or Thing whatſoever to the contrary notwithſtanding. Power to make Claims within Five Years after Enrolment, and Proviſion for Satisfaction on Recovery; but in Default of Claim, or of proſecuting the ſame, all Perſons to be barred.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That any Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Claim, and recovering thereon as herein-before is mentioned, ſhall be Power to ſue for Meſne Profits on Claims eſtabliſhed.

be at Liberty to bring any Action or Suit as he ſhall think fit, againſt any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have poſſeſſed or received the Rents and Profits of the Premiſes, before the ſaid United Company ſhall have taken Poſſeſſion thereof, for recovering the Meſne Rents and Profits thereof, before that Time, in like Manner as might have been done if this Act had not been made.

Penalty on Sheriffs, &c. making Default.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen ſhall have Power from Time to Time to impoſe any reaſonable Fine or Fines, not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds for each Fine, on ſuch Sheriffs, or their Deputy or Deputies, Bailiffs or Agents reſpectively, making Default in the Premiſes, and on any of the Perſons who ſhall be ſummoned and returned on any Jury or Juries who ſhall not appear, or who ſhall refuſe to be ſworn on the ſaid Jury or Juries, or being ſo ſworn, ſhall not give his or their Verdict; and alſo on any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be ſummoned to give Evidence touching any of the Matters aforeſaid, and ſhall not attend, or ſhall refuſe to be ſworn, or who being ſworn ſhall refuſe to give his, her, or their Evidence, and alſo on any other Perſon or Perſons who ſhall in any other Manner wilfully neglect his or their Duty in the Premiſes, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and from Time to Time to levy ſuch Fine or Fines, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offender's Goods, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, together with the reaſonable Charges of every ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owners.

The Company to complete Purchaſes and widen *Lime Street*, with all convenient Speed.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid United Company ſhall, with all convenient Speed after the paſſing of this Act, make and complete ſuch Purchaſes as they are herein-before authorized to make, and that, with all convenient Speed after ſuch Purchaſes ſhall be completed, the ſaid United Company ſhall pull down the Houſes and Buildings in *Lime Street*, and ſhall make the ſame Street, from the North End thereof up to the Building belonging to the ſaid United Company, and uſed as a Shipping Office for private Trade, at leaſt Twenty-two Feet wide from Wall to Wall, and ſhall make the Foot Way along the Weſt Side thereof at leaſt Four Feet wide, and ſhall pave the ſame with *Purbeck* Stone, in an effectual Manner, and ſhall pave the Whole of the Carriage Way in an effectual Manner, in the ſame Way and with the ſame Kind of Stone in and with which the Carriage Ways in the other Streets of *London* are moſt uſually paved, and for that Purpoſe may take up the preſent Pavement and lay the ſame down again, or convert the Materials to their own Uſe, and pave the ſaid Street with new Materials.

United Company not liable to pay future Repairs thereof.

XVI. Provided always, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to charge the ſaid United Company alone with repairing or making good the Pavement of *Lime Street* aforeſaid in future; but that, from and after the ſame ſhall have been well and effectually paved as aforeſaid by the ſaid United Company, the ſame ſhall for ever then after be kept in Repair by ſuch Perſon or Perſons, Companies or Societies, which now are or hereafter ſhall be chargeable with the Repairs of the Publick Streets in the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Andrew Underſhaft*.

Committee may be appointed to carry the Act into Execution.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Court of Directors for the Time being of the said United Company, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time to appoint a particular Committee, or any of the Standing Committees of the Court of Directors of the said United Company, to manage and transact such Matters and Things as shall be necessary in or about the Execution of the Purposes intended by this Act; and the Committee so to be appointed shall have such or so much of the Powers and Authorities by this Act given to the Court of Directors for the Time being of the said United Company as they shall from Time to Time think fit or proper to delegate to such Committee.

Empowering the Company to purchase, although they may, together with the Messuages now in their Possession, exceed the Annual Value limited by Law.

XVIII. And whereas the Purchases of Ground and Buildings which the said United Company are hereby authorized to make, together with the other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, of which the said United Company are now possessed, will, after the same shall be improved by the new Buildings intended to be made therein, exceed the annual Value of Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in *Great Britain*, which the said United Company are restricted by Law to purchase or be possessed of, and such Purchases and Buildings being necessary to the said United Company; be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said United Company to purchase the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which they are hereby empowered to purchase, over and besides the other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in *Great Britain*, which they are now possessed of, and to build upon and improve all and every the same Premises so to be purchased, and also those of which the said Company are now possessed, in such Manner as they shall think fit, although the same Premises shall or may in yearly Value exceed the yearly Value of Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to which the said Company's Purchases and Possessions in *Great Britain* are limited; any Law or Statute to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Limitations of Actions.

General Issue.

Double Costs.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Action shall be brought or Suit commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, or in relation to the Premises, or any of them, such Action or Suit shall be laid or brought within Six Months after the Fact done, and shall be laid or brought in the City of *London*, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence on any Trial to be had thereon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the same shall appear to have been so done, or if any Action or Suit shall not be brought within the Time before limited, or shall be brought in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuit, or suffer Discontinuance of his, her, or their Action or Actions, or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall have Double Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in other Cases by Law.

Publick Act.

XX. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed a Publick Act, and ſhall be taken Notice of as ſuch, by all Judges, Juſtices, and all other Perſons whomſoever, without its being ſpecially pleaded.

FINIS.