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Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. XXV.

An Act to enable the Company of Proprietors of the *Grand Junction Canal* to finiſh and complete the ſame, and the ſeveral Cuts, and other Works, authorized to be made and done by them, by virtue of ſeveral Acts of Parliament.

[24th *December* 1795.]

WHEREAS, by an Act of Parliament, made in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, certain Perſons, and their Succeſſors, incorporated by the Stile of *The Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal*, are authorized to make a Navigable Canal from the *Oxford* Canal Navigation at *Braunſton*, in the County of *Northampton*, to join the River *Thames* at or near *Brentford*, in the County of *Middleſex*, and certain Collateral Cuts from the ſaid Canal, and to raiſe any Sum of Money towards defraying the Expences thereof, not exceeding Six hundred thouſand Pounds: And whereas, by an Act of Parliament, made in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, the ſaid Company of Proprietors are authorized to make and complete Navigable Cuts from the Towns of *Buckingham* and *Ayleſbury*, to communicate with the ſaid Canal, and a Cut or Feeder from the Town of *Wendover*, to the Summit of the ſaid Canal, in the Pariſh

Preamble recites Act 33 *Geo.* III.

34 *Geo.* III.

Three Acts of 35 *Geo.* III.

Pariſh of *Tring*, in the County of *Hertford*, for the Purpoſe of ſupplying the ſaid Canal with Water; and in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament an Act was made to authorize the ſaid Company of Proprietors to vary the Courſe of a certain Part of the ſaid Canal, in the County of *Hertford*, and for amending and altering the ſaid firſt recited Act; and Two other Acts were made, one for making a Navigable Cut from the ſaid Canal, in the Precinct of *Norwood*, in the County of *Middleſex*, to *Paddington*, in the ſame County; and the other, to make a Navigable Cut from the Town of *Watford* to the Town of *Saint Alban*, in the County of *Hertford*: And whereas the ſaid Company of Proprietors are proceeding in making the ſaid Canal, and have already completed a conſiderable Part thereof, in which Work they have expended a very large Sum of Money; but find the ſaid Sum of Six hundred thouſand Pounds will not be ſufficient for carrying the Purpoſes of the ſaid ſeveral Acts into Execution: In order therefore to prevent Delay in carrying on and completing the ſaid Works, may it 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,

Company impowered to raiſe a further Sum, not exceeding 225,000*l.*

That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Company of Proprietors, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to raiſe, in Manner herein-after mentioned, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Two hundred and twenty-five thouſand Pounds (although the Whole of the ſaid Sum of Six hundred thouſand Pounds may not have been raiſed); any Thing contained in the ſaid Act of the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty to the contrary notwithſtanding; and the Money ſo to be raiſed ſhall be applied in defraying the Expence of carrying on and completing the ſeveral Works authorized to be done and completed by the ſaid Acts; and in caſe the ſaid Sum of Two hundred and twenty-five thouſand Pounds, or any Part thereof, ſhall be raiſed by Subſcription, the ſame ſhall be divided into Four thouſand five hundred Half Shares, (being the Number of the Shares of One hundred Pounds each in the preſent Capital Stock of the ſaid Company of Proprietors), each Half Share to be of the Value of Fifty Pounds, and which Half Shares ſhall be numbered in numerical Progreſſion, in the like Order, and to correſpond with the Numbers of the ſaid Shares; and the ſaid Half Shares ſhall be deemed Perſonal Eſtate, and be tranſmiſſible as ſuch, and all and every the Bodies Politick, Corporate, and Collegiate, and other Perſons who have ſubſcribed for or towards raiſing the ſaid Four thouſand five hundred Half Shares, or any of them, or ſhall hereafter ſubſcribe for or otherwiſe become entitled thereto, and the ſeveral and reſpective Succeſſors, Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, of ſuch Bodies Politick, Corporate, and Collegiate, and Perſon and Perſons reſpectively as aforeſaid, ſhall be, and they are hereby declared to be, the Owners or Proprietors of the ſaid Half Shares in the ſaid Undertaking, and ſhall be, and they are hereby united to and incorporated with the ſaid Company of Proprietors; and the ſeveral Powers, Directions, Penalties, Forfeitures, and other Proviſions contained in the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them, ſhall extend to the calling for, raiſing, ſuing for, and recovering, the ſeveral Sums ſubſcribed for the ſaid Half Shares, and for compelling and obliging the ſeveral Subſcribers for, or Proprietors of, the ſaid Half Shares, to pay the reſpective Sums ſubſcribed or to be ſubſcribed as aforeſaid, and for dividing the

ſame into Half Shares of Fifty Pounds each, and for transferring, ticketing, and entering the ſame, and in all other Reſpects relating thereto, in like Manner as if the ſame were Part of the Money authorized to be raiſed by virtue of the ſaid Act of the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, or as if the ſaid ſeveral Powers, Directions, Penalties, Forfeitures, and other Proviſions contained in the ſaid Acts, were repeated and re-enacted in this Act; and that all and every the Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, and all other Perſons, and their ſeveral and reſpective Succeſſors, Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, who ſhall ſeverally ſubſcribe and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds for the ſaid Half Shares, ſhall be entitled to and receive the entire and net Diſtribution of a proportionable Part of the Profits and Advantages that ſhall and may ariſe and accrue to the ſaid Company of Proprietors, by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts and this Act, being equal to One Half of the Amount of the Diſtribution of ſuch Profits and Advantages to which the ſeveral Proprietors of the ſaid Shares of One hundred Pounds each ſhall be entitled; and all and every the ſaid Half Shares, and alſo the Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, and other Perſons entitled thereto, ſhall be ſubject to the like Regulations and Proviſions as the ſaid Shares of One hundred Pounds each, and the Proprietors thereof, are liable to; and that in the Qualification of Proprietors to vote in the General and other Aſſemblies of the ſaid Company of Proprietors, Two of ſuch Half Shares ſhall be conſidered equal to One of the ſaid Shares, but no ſuch Proprietor ſhall be entitled to give any ſuch Vote for and in reſpect of any ſingle Half Share: Provided always, that it ſhall be lawful for the General Committee of the ſaid Company at any Time or Times to leſſen or reduce the Fees payable to the Clerk to the ſaid Company for ticketing and transferring any of the ſaid Half Shares, or for transferring any of the preſent Shares in the ſaid Undertaking, and at any Time or Times afterwards to raiſe the ſame again to ſuch reſpective Sums as they ſhall think proper, ſo as the ſame do never exceed the reſpective Sums now payable by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them, for the ticketing and transferring of Shares; and alſo (at any Meeting to be held within Thirty Days next after the paſſing of this Act) to make ſuch Regulations and Alterations touching the transferring of Shares and Half Shares in the ſaid Undertaking, and the ticketing of ſuch Half Shares, as ſhall appear to them for the Benefit of the Perſons intereſted in ſuch Shares and Half Shares; and ſuch Regulations and Alterations ſhall be valid and binding; any Thing in the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Calls for Money not to exceed a certain Sum, nor be made at a leſs Diſtance than Three Months.

II. And be it further enacted, That no One Call for Money from the Subſcribers to and Proprietors of the ſaid Half Shares, ſhall exceed the Sum of Six Pounds Five Shillings on each Half Share, nor ſhall any ſuch Calls be made within a leſs Diſtance of each other than Three Calendar Months; and no Perſon ſhall be obliged or compellable to pay any ſuch Money in conſequence of any ſuch Calls, within a leſs Time than Twenty-one Days after the Calls ſhall have been made.

Power to raiſe the Money by Mortgage, or by Annuities.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in caſe the ſaid Company of Proprietors ſhall think it more adviſeable or proper to raiſe the ſaid Sum of Two hundred and twenty-five thouſand Pounds, or any Part thereof, by Mortgage of the Rates authorized to be collected by

virtue of the ſaid Acts and this Act, or any of them, or by granting Annuities payable out of the ſaid Rates, or any of them, inſtead of raiſing the ſame by the Ways and Means herein-before mentioned, then it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Company of Proprietors either to borrow and take up at Intereſt, by any ſuch Mortgage as aforeſaid, from any Perſon or Perſons, upon the Credit of the ſaid Rates, or any of them, the ſaid Sum of Two hundred and twenty-five thouſand Pounds, or any Part thereof, or to raiſe any ſuch Money by the granting of any ſuch Annuity or Annuities as aforeſaid, to or for the Uſe of any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the Treaſurer to the ſaid Company of Proprietors, any Sum or Sums of Money for the abſolute Purchaſe of any ſuch Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable for any Term or Number of Years, or during the natural Life of every ſuch Contributor, or the natural Life of ſuch Perſon as ſhall be nominated by or on the Behalf of ſuch Contributor at the Time of the Payment of his or her Contribution or Purchaſe Money, and either with or without Benefit of Survivorſhip; and the ſaid Company of Proprietors are hereby authorized and empowered to aſſign and make over their Intereſt and Property in the ſaid Canal, Cuts, and other Works, and the Rates to ariſe by virtue of the ſaid ſeveral recited Acts, or any of them, and of this Act, or any Part thereof, as a Security or Securities for any Sum or Sums of Money ſo to be borrowed, with Intereſt, to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall advance the ſame, or to his or their Truſtee or Truſtees, by Deed of Mortgage, in like Manner and Form, and with and ſubject to the like Powers and Directions for transferring every ſuch Mortgage, and regiſtering the ſame, and to the like Remedies, Regulations, and Proviſions, touching and concerning the ſame, and the Intereſt ariſing therefrom, as are mentioned or contained in and by the ſaid recited Act of the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, reſpecting the borrowing of Money, and the Securities to be made for the ſame.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Grant of every ſuch Annuity as aforeſaid ſhall be by Deed under the Common Seal of the ſaid Company, according to the Form following; (that is to ſay),

Form of Grants of Annuity.

'WE, the Company of Proprietors of *The Grand Junction Canal*, 'in Conſideration of the Sum of to us paid 'by *A. B.* of do hereby, by virtue of an 'Act of Parliament, paſſed in the Thirty-ſixth Year of the Reign of 'King *George* the Third, intituled, [*ſet forth the Title of the Act*], 'grant unto the ſaid *A. B.* One Annuity or Yearly Sum of 'to be iſſuing out of all and ſingular the Rates 'ariſing by virtue of the ſeveral Acts of Parliament made for or relating 'to the making and maintaining of the Grand Junction Navigation: 'To hold unto the ſaid *A. B.* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſ'ſigns, for the Term of Years, [*or as the Caſe ſhall be*], 'to hold unto the ſaid *A. B.* and his Aſſigns, during his natural Life, '*or*, to hold unto the ſaid *A. B.* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and 'Aſſigns, for and during and ſhall be payable and paid at 'upon the yearly, by equal Portions, and the 'Firſt Payment thereof to be made upon the Day of 'next. Given under our Seal, this Day of

And

And every ſuch Grant ſhall be valid and effectual in the Law, to all Intents and Purpoſes; and that all the Grantees of ſuch Annuities ſhall be equally entitled to their Proportion of the ſaid reſpective Rates, according to their reſpective Annuities, without any Preference by Reaſon of the Priority of Date of any ſuch Grant, or on any other Account whatſoever; and an Entry or Memorial of every ſuch Grant, containing the Date thereof, and an Account of the Name or Names of the Party or Parties (with their proper Additions) to whom the ſame ſhall have been made, and of the Conſideration of ſuch Grant, and of the Annuity granted, and the Duration thereof, ſhall, within Thirty Days next after the Date thereof, be written and inſerted in a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe, by the Clerk to the ſaid Company of Proprietors; and all and every Perſon or Perſons to whom any ſuch Grant ſhall have been made, or who ſhall be entitled to the Annuity thereby ſecured, may from Time to Time aſſign or transfer his, her, or their Right and Title therein, to any Perſon or Perſons, according to the Form following; (that is to ſay),

'I *A. B.* of in Conſideration of the Sum of
'to me paid by *C. D.* of do hereby transfer
'unto the ſaid *C. D.* a certain Grant made by the Company of Proprie-
'tors of *The Grand Junction Canal*, bearing Date the Day of
'of an Annuity of payable [*here mention*
'*the Duration of the Annuity*] and all my Right, Title, and Intereſt in
'and to the Annuity thereby ſecured, to hold the ſame unto the ſaid
'*C. D.* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns. In Witneſs
'whereof I have hereunto ſet my Hand and Seal, this
'Day of

And every ſuch Transfer ſhall, within Thirty Days after the Date thereof, be produced and notified to the Clerk to the ſaid Company of Proprietors, who ſhall thereupon cauſe an Entry or Memorial to be made thereof, containing the Date, Names of the Parties, and the Annuity thereby transferred, in the ſaid Book, for which Entry ſuch Clerk ſhall be paid the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence, and no more; and after ſuch Entry made, every ſuch Aſſignment ſhall entitle ſuch Aſſignee or Aſſignees, his, her, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, to the full Benefit of the original Grant; and it ſhall not be in the Power of ſuch Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have made any ſuch Transfer, at any Time afterwards to make void, releaſe, or diſcharge the ſaid Annuity, or any Part thereof; and the ſaid Annuities to be ſo granted as aforeſaid, ſhall be paid to the ſeveral Perſons entitled thereto in Preference to any Intereſt or Dividends due and payable by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, or this Act, to the ſaid Company of Proprietors: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained ſhall be conſtrued to hinder or prevent the ſaid Company of Proprietors from raiſing ſuch Part of the ſaid Sum of Six hundred thouſand Pounds as hath not been already raiſed; but that the ſaid Company of Proprietors ſhall have the like Powers and Authorities in all Reſpects for raiſing the ſame upon the Credit or Security of the Rates granted by the ſaid recited Acts, and this Act, or any of them, as they would have had upon the Credit or Security of the Rates granted by the ſaid recited Acts, in caſe this Act had not been made.

Company empowered to collect additional Rates.

V. And whereas, in conſideration of the great additional Expence the ſaid Company of Proprietors muſt ſuſtain and be put to in making and completing the ſaid Canal, and the ſeveral Cuts and other Works directed to be made by the ſaid ſeveral Acts, beyond what was eſtimated and propoſed when the Rates of Tonnage and Wharfage payable by virtue of the ſaid firſt recited Act were ſettled and fixed, it is reaſonable that they ſhould be authorized to collect ſome additional Rates towards anſwering ſuch additional Expence; be it therefore further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Company of Proprietors (over and above the Rates of Tonnage and Wharfage they are entitled to take and receive by virtue of the ſaid ſeveral recited Acts) to aſk, demand, take, and recover, for their own proper Uſe and Behoof, the ſeveral additional Rates of Tonnage and Wharfage herein-after mentioned, for all Minerals, Merchandize, and other Goods, Matters, and Things, which ſhall be carried or conveyed upon the ſaid Canal, and upon all and every the ſaid Navigable Cuts, authorized to be made by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof reſpectively, (except the Cut from the ſaid Canal in the Precinct of *Norwood* to *Paddington* aforeſaid); that is to ſay,

For all Lime, Lime Stone, Iron Stone, Flint, and other Stones, and all Bricks, Tiles, Slates, and Coal, and all Kinds of Manure, the Sum of One Farthing *per* Ton *per* Mile:

And for all other Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and Things whatſoever the Sum of One Halfpenny *per* Ton *per* Mile:

Which ſaid additional Rates hereby granted ſhall and may be aſcertained, collected, levied, and revovered, by ſuch and the like Ways and Means, and in ſuch and the like Proportions and Manner, and ſubject to ſuch and the like Exemptions, as the Rates of Tonnage and Wharfage granted and made payable to the ſaid Company of Proprietors, in and by the ſaid recited Act of the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, are thereby directed to be aſcertained, collected, levied, and recovered, and are ſubject to.

Conveyance by Lords of Manors, of Land taken from Commons, to be ſufficient.

VI. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes where there ſhall be Occaſion to cut through, take, or uſe Part of any Commons or Waſte Grounds for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Acts, or any of them, the Conveyance thereof by the Lord or Lady of the Manor wherein the ſame ſhall be ſituate, ſhall be a good and ſufficient Conveyance to the ſaid Company of Proprietors for the Purpoſe of veſting in them the Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof, as fully and effectually as if every Perſon having Right of Common upon ſuch Commons or Waſte Grounds had joined in and executed ſuch Conveyance, and that the Compenſation to be paid for any Right of Common upon any ſuch Commons or Waſte Grounds as aforeſaid, ſhall be paid by the ſaid Company of Proprietors to the Churchwardens of the reſpective Pariſhes wherein ſuch Commons or Waſte Grounds ſhall lie, and ſhall be by ſuch Churchwardens received and applied for ſuch general or publick Purpoſes within ſuch Pariſhes reſpectively, as a Veſtry of every ſuch Pariſh to be convened by ſuch Churchwardens for that Purpoſe ſhall direct; any Thing in the ſaid Acts, or any of them, to the contrary hereof notwithſtanding.

Manner of charging the Company to Pariſh Rates.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all Parochial Rates and Aſſeſſments which ſhall or may at any Time be laid, aſſeſſed, or impoſed upon the Rates and Perſonal Eſtate of the ſaid Company of Proprietors, ſhall be laid, aſſeſſed, or impoſed in each Pariſh, Townſhip, Hamlet, or Place reſpectively, in Proportion to the Length of the ſaid Canal and Cuts reſpectively in ſuch reſpective Pariſh, Townſhip, Hamlet, or Place, and not otherwiſe.

Quorum of Commiſſioners reduced.

VIII. And whereas it hath been found difficult to procure the Attendance of ſuch a Number of the Commiſſioners as are required to attend to put the ſaid Acts in Execution; Be it therefore further enacted, That for the future any Five or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners may meet and proceed in the Execution of the Powers veſted in the Commiſſioners by the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them, and all Acts, Matters, and Things, done and performed at any Meeting of any Five or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall be as valid and effectual in the Law, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the Number of Commiſſioners required to put the ſaid recited Acts in Execution had been preſent at ſuch Meetings, any Thing contained in the ſaid recited Act of the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Company not compelled to erect Stones on the Side of the Canal nearer each other than One Mile.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Company of Proprietors ſhall not be obliged to erect or maintain Stones, with Inſcriptions, on the Sides of the ſaid Canal or Cuts, at a leſs Diſtance from each other than One Mile, any Thing contained in the ſaid Act of the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty to the contrary hereof notwithſtanding.

Materials not to be taken or worked on the Lands of Sir *John Filmer*, without his Conſent.

X. And be it further enacted, That nothing in the ſaid recited Acts contained ſhall extend to authorize or impower the ſaid Company of Proprietors, or any of their Agents or Servants to dig in or upon any of the Pleaſure Grounds, Meadows, or other Lands or Grounds whatſoever of Sir *John Filmer* Baronet, in the Pariſhes of *King's Langley*, *Abbot's Langley*, and *Watford*, in the County of *Hertford*, within the Diſtance of One Mile from the Manſion Houſe of the ſaid Sir *John Filmer*, in the Occupation of Sir *Beaumont Hotham* Knight, (ſuch Diſtance to be meaſured in a ſtraight Line to be drawn from the ſaid Manſion Houſe) for the Purpoſe of getting any Brick Earth, Clay, Gravel, or other Materials, for the Purpoſe of making the ſaid Canal, or any of the Works thereto belonging, or to burn or manufacture thereon any ſuch Materials, without the Conſent in Writing of the ſaid Sir *John Filmer*, his Heirs or Aſſigns, for that Purpoſe firſt had and obtained: Provided nevertheleſs, that nothing herein contained ſhall extend to hinder or prevent the ſaid Company of Proprietors, their Agents, Workmen, or Servants, from burning, working up, or manufacturing, in or upon any of the ſaid Lands and Grounds of the ſaid Sir *John Filmer*, any Earth, Clay, or other Materials already dug, gotten, or provided within or upon any ſuch Lands and Grounds, ſo that the ſame be done and completed on or before the Firſt Day of *October* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix.

XI. And

Further Reſtrictions reſpecting the Lands of Sir *John Filmer*.

XI. And be it further enacted, That no more of the Turf and Soil of the ſeveral Meadows of the ſaid Sir *John Filmer*, in the ſaid Pariſh of *Abbot's Langley*, ſhall be cut or removed by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, than ſhall lie within the Line of the ſaid Canal, and the Towing Path thereto belonging, and the neceſſary Drains for waſte Water; and that the Towing Path to be made on the Side of the ſaid Canal, within the Lands and Grounds of the ſaid Sir *John Filmer*, in the ſaid Pariſhes of *King's Langley* and *Abbot's Langley*, ſhall be carried on the Weſt Side of the ſaid Canal, and ſhall not (without the Conſent of the ſaid Sir *John Filmer*, his Heirs or Aſſigns) exceed Six Feet in Breadth where the ſame ſhall not be required to be fenced off from the adjoining Lands, but that the ſaid Towing Path ſhall, at the proper Coſts and Charges of the ſaid Company of Proprietors, be fenced off through all the Meadows, Lands, and Grounds of the ſaid Sir *John Filmer*, in the ſaid Pariſh of *Abbot's Langley*, now in the Occupation of the ſaid Sir *Beaumont Hotham*, ſufficiently to keep off Sheep and other Cattle, and that the ſaid Company of Proprietors ſhall, at their own proper Coſts and Charges, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, maintain and ſupport ſuch Fences ſo to be ſet up and made through the ſaid Meadows, Lands, and Grounds, and the ſaid Company of Proprietors ſhall at all Times keep the ſaid Towing Path, and alſo the Banks of the ſaid Canal within the ſaid Lands and Grounds, free and clear from all Nuiſances and Annoyances, and cauſe ſuch Banks to be kept in a neat State and Condition.

Purchaſe Money for the Land forming the Reſervoir on *Aldenham Common* aſcertained, &c.

XII. And whereas the Commiſſioners appointed by the ſaid recited Act of the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty have, in purſuance of the ſaid Act, ſet out Sixty-eight Acres One Rood and Twenty-two Perches of Land upon a certain Common called *Aldenham Common*, in the Pariſh of *Aldenham*, in the County of *Hertford*, for the Purpoſe of making and forming Part of a Reſervoir for collecting Flood Waters to ſupply with Water the Rivers or Streams called the *Gade* and *Colne*, for the Benefit of the Mills thereon, with a Quantity of Water equal, at leaſt, to what ſhall be taken therefrom for the Uſe or Supply of the ſaid Canal, and the ſaid Company are willing to pay the Sum of Two thouſand and fifty-one Pounds Twelve Shillings and Sixpence for the abſolute Purchaſe of the Land ſo ſet out, but ſome Difficulties have ariſen as to the Mode of apportioning the ſaid Purchaſe Money between the Lord of the Manor of *Aldenham* aforeſaid, and the ſeveral other Perſons entitled to and intereſted in the ſaid Land; in order therefore to ſettle and aſcertain the ſame, and to veſt the ſaid Land ſo ſet out as aforeſaid in the ſaid Company of Proprietors, on Payment of the ſaid Purchaſe Money, be it further enacted, That the Commiſſioners appointed by the ſaid Act, or any Three of them, ſhall, within One Calendar Month after the paſſing of this Act, call a Meeting of the Lord of the Manor, and the ſeveral Perſons intereſted in the ſaid Common, in the Veſtry Room of the ſaid Pariſh of *Aldenham*, by giving One Calendar Month's Notice at leaſt thereof, immediately after Divine Service, in the Church of the ſaid Pariſh, for the Purpoſe of ſettling what Share or Proportion of the ſaid Purchaſe Money ought to be paid as the Share of the Lord of the ſaid Manor for or in reſpect of the ſaid Land, and for the nominating Truſtees for the Purpoſes hereinafter mentioned,

tioned, and ſuch Sum as the Lord of the ſaid Manor, and the major Part of the Perſons intereſted in the ſaid Common, preſent at ſuch Meeting, ſhall agree upon as the Share or Proportion which ought to be paid to the Lord of the Manor for or in reſpect of ſuch Land, ſhall be forthwith paid by the ſaid Company of Proprietors to the Lord of the ſaid Manor accordingly, but in caſe the Lord of the ſaid Manor and ſuch Majority cannot agree, then the Share or Proportion which ought to be paid to the Lord of the ſaid Manor ſhall, within One Month afterwards, be ſettled by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby impowered and required to ſettle the ſame accordingly, and immediately thereupon the ſame ſhall be paid to the Lord of the ſaid Manor by the ſaid Company of Proprietors.

Manner of applying the Proportion of the Purchaſe Money belonging to the Commoners.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That when and ſo ſoon as the Share or Proportion of the Lord of the ſaid Manor ſhall be agreed upon, or ſettled and paid as aforeſaid, the Reſidue of the ſaid Sum of Two thouſand and fifty-one Pounds Twelve Shillings and Sixpence ſhall be laid out and inveſted by the ſaid Company in the Publick Funds, in the Names of Three Truſtees, to be choſen and appointed by the major Part of the Perſons intereſted in the ſaid Common, preſent at the ſaid Meeting, by Writing under their Hands, or (in Default of ſuch Choice or Appointment of Truſtees, or in caſe of ſuch Choice and Appointment, and the Names of ſuch Truſtees, ſhall not be notified to the ſaid Company of Proprietors, by Writing under the Hands of the Perſons making ſuch Appointment, to be delivered to One of their Clerks or Agents within Twenty Days after ſuch Meeting), then in the Names of Three Truſtees, Proprietors of Lands within the ſaid Pariſh, to be for that Purpoſe appointed by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Three or more of them, to remain in the Publick Funds, and the Dividends, Intereſt, and Produce thereof to be from Time to Time again laid out and inveſted, as aforeſaid, by ſuch Truſtees, in order that the ſame may accumulate, until the major Part of the Perſons intereſted in the ſaid Common (at ſome ſubſequent Meeting or Meetings at the ſame Place, to be called by the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, or by Seven Perſons intereſted in the ſaid Common, after Divine Service, and after Twenty Days previous Notice at the leaſt), ſhall ſignify their Deſire in Writing to the ſaid Truſtees of having the Intereſt applied, or the Capital, or any Part or Parts thereof, ſold out of the ſaid Funds for the Purpoſe of uſing and diſpoſing of the ſame for ſome publick Uſe, Benefit, or Advantage, in the ſaid Pariſh, and the ſaid Truſtees, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, or the Executors or Adminiſtrators of ſuch Survivor, are and is hereby authorized from Time to Time, on ſuch Application being made to them, him, or her, to apply ſuch Intereſt or Dividends, or ſell all or any Part of ſuch Monies out of the ſaid Publick Funds, and apply and diſpoſe of the ſame accordingly, firſt deducting the Coſts and Charges which he, ſhe, or they ſhall neceſſarily ſuſtain in the Execution of the Truſts ſo to be repoſed in him, her, or them.

Upon Payment of the Purchaſe Money, that Land to veſt in the Company.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That immediately upon the Payment, laying out, and inveſting of ſuch Purchaſe Money as aforeſaid, the ſaid Sixty-eight Acres One Rood and Twenty-two Perches of Land, Part of the ſaid Common ſo ſet out for the Purpoſe herein-before mentioned,

tioned, ſhall become veſted in the ſaid Company of Proprietors for ever, but nevertheleſs ſubject to ſuch Recompence and Satisfaction for or in reſpect of the Great and Small Tythes of the ſaid Sixty-eight Acres One Rood and Twenty-two Perches of Land, as the ſaid Company of Proprietors are ſubject to make in reſpect to Tythes, by or under the ſaid Act of the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty.

A further Quantity of the Common may be taken for that Reſervoir.

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in caſe it ſhall appear that the ſaid Company of Proprietors have taken, or ſhall hereafter take or uſe, or require a larger Portion of the ſaid Common than the ſaid Sixty-eight Acres One Rood and Twenty-two Perches, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for them ſo to do, ſo as that the further Quantity of Land taken or to be taken ſhall not exceed Ten Acres, and paying for the ſame after the Rate of Thirty Pounds *per* Acre to the Truſtees ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, or the Executors or Adminiſtrators of ſuch Survivor, to be by them, him, or her applied in the ſame Manner, and to the like Uſes and Purpoſes, as is and are herein-before directed concerning the Purchaſe Money to be paid for the ſaid Sixty-eight Acres One Rood and Twenty-two Perches, and upon Payment thereof, and of ſuch Coſts and Expences as ſhall or may be ſuſtained in aſcertaining the further Quantity of Land ſo uſed, or to be uſed, or required, ſuch Land ſhall become veſted in the ſaid Company of Proprietors for ever, but ſubject to ſuch Recompence and Satisfaction for or in reſpect of the Tythes as aforeſaid: Provided, that in caſe any ſuch further Quantity ſhall be wanted, the ſame ſhall be taken on or before the Twenty-ſixth Day of *December* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, and previous Notice thereof ſhall be given to the Truſtees ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid.

XVI. Provided always, That nothing herein contained ſhall prejudice or affect whatever Right of Fiſhery the Lord of the ſaid Manor for the Time being is or may be entitled unto.

XVII. Provided alſo, That in caſe any Damage from Floods, or other unexpected Accidents, ſhall ariſe from or out of the ſaid Reſervoir, or from the making or continuing any Cut or Cuts leading thereto, then and as often as any ſuch Damage ſhall happen, the ſame ſhall be eſtimated, adjuſted, and ſettled in the Manner directed by the ſaid recited Act of the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty.

Expences of the Act.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Charges and Expences attending the obtaining and paſſing of this Act ſhall and may be paid by the ſaid Company of Proprietors; and that this Act ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Publick Act; and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch, by all Judges, Juſtices, and other Perſons, without ſpecially pleading the ſame.

Publick Act.

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