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CAP. LXIV.

An Act to enable His Majeſty to grant to *George Finch Hatton* Eſquire, his Heirs and Aſſigns, in Fee Simple, all the Eſtate, Right, Title, and Intereſt, remaining in His Majeſty in and upon the Lawn of *Beneſield*, and the Bailiwick of *Rockingham*, in the Foreſt of *Rockingham*, in the County of *Northampton*, upon a full and adequate Conſideration to be paid for the ſame. [26th *April* 1796.]

WHEREAS Her late Majeſty Queen *Elizabeth*, in and by Letters Patent, bearing Date the Fifth Day of *July*, in the Twenty-fifth Year of Her Reign, did give and grant unto Sir *Chriſtopher Hatton*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, the Cuſtody of Her Launde of *Beneſield*, within the Foreſt of *Rockingham*, in the County of *Northampton*, with the Office of Valet and Groom Keeper of the ſame Launde, and the Wild Beaſts within the Launde aforeſaid; and alſo the Office of Keeper of the Outwoods called *Thornhawe Wood*, *Woodhawe*, alias *Wadhawe*, and *Corby Woods*, within the Foreſt aforeſaid; and alſo the Office of Keeper of *Gretton Woods*, alias *Gratton Woods*, and of the Weſt Bailiwick, within the ſaid Foreſt of *Rockingham*, and within the Bailiwick of *Rockingham* in the ſaid Foreſt; and alſo the Cuſtody and Governance of the Wild Beaſts within the Launde, Offices, Woods, and Bailiwick aforeſaid, to hold to and to the Uſe of the ſaid Sir *Chriſtopher Hatton*, his Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, together with all Wages and other Profits whatſoever, to the ſaid Office and Keeperſhip, and either of them, due Preamble.

and accuſtomed to be paid; and alſo all Wind-fallen Trees, Deer-fallen Wood, Browſe Wood, and Vermyn, and dead Trees, within the Launde and Woods aforeſaid; and alſo all that capital Meſſuage called *The Launde Lodge*, within the Launde aforeſaid; to hold to and to the Uſe of the ſaid Sir *Chriſtopher Hatton*, his Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, but reſerving to the Warden of the Foreſt the Uſe of the ſaid Meſſuage, from Time to Time in the ſurveying the ſaid Foreſt, but not otherwiſe: And Her ſaid Majeſty, in and by the ſaid Letters Patent, did alſo grant to the ſaid Sir *Chriſtopher Hatton* all the Herbage and Pannage of the ſaid Launde, to hold to and to the Uſe of the ſaid Sir *Chriſtopher Hatton*, his Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, paying for ſuch Herbage and Pannage the ancient and accuſtomed Rents; and in and by the ſaid Letters Patent, Her ſaid Majeſty did give and grant to the ſaid Sir *Chriſtopher Hatton*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, Power and Authority at his and their free Will, from Time to Time for ever, with reaſonable Hedges and Fences to aſſart, incloſe, and incoppice, all his Woods, Underwoods, and Woodlands, called *Gretton Woods*, alias *Gratton Woods*, and *Little Weldon Woods*, within the Foreſt of *Rockingham*, and alſo all other Woods and Underwoods, Coppices and Woodlands whatſoever, of the ſaid Sir *Chriſtopher Hatton*, in the Foreſt aforeſaid; and at his Will and Pleaſure to cut down, take, and carry away, all and all Manner of Woods, Underwoods, and Trees, whatſoever, of, in, and upon his Woods, Underwoods, Woodlands, and Coppices aforeſaid, growing or to grow or be; and alſo his ſaid Woods, Underwoods, Coppices, and Woodlands aforeſaid, at the Will and Pleaſure of the ſaid Sir *Chriſtopher Hatton*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, to incloſe, and keep incloſed, and retain, after cutting thereof, and to do the ſame without any Licence whatſoever: And whereas, by ſeveral Meſne Conveyances, Acts, and Deeds in the Law, the ſaid Offices, and other the Premiſes granted to the ſaid Sir *Chriſtopher Hatton*, in and by the ſaid Letters Patent, are now veſted in *George Finch Hatton* Eſquire: And whereas the ſaid Woods, Underwoods, Lands, and Grounds, called *Gretton Woods*, otherwiſe *Gratton Woods*, and *Little Weldon Woods*, are now veſted in the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, and his Heirs; and the ſaid Woods called *Corby Woods* are now veſted in the Right Honourable *James* Earl of *Cardigan*; and divers other Perſons are Owners and Proprietors of the ſeveral other Woods, Underwoods, Coppices, Woodlands, and Grounds over which the ſaid Office extends, and in or over which the Deer of the Foreſt have a Right to feed and depaſture: And whereas the ſaid Sir *Chriſtopher Hatton* did not, nor have or hath any of the Perſons claiming under him the Office, Right, Title, Eſtate, and Intereſt mentioned in the ſaid Grant, incloſed the ſaid *Gretton Woods* and *Little Weldon Woods* againſt the Deer of the ſaid Foreſt, or removed the Deer from the ſame, in regard the ſaid Woods called *Gretton Woods*, alias *Gratton Woods*, and *Little Weldon Woods*, being commonable for Cattle belonging to Proprietors of Eſtates in ſome Villages or Towns within or adjoining to the ſaid Foreſt, the Commonable Cattle could not be excluded therefrom beyond the uſual Time of opening the ſaid Woods after each cutting of the Underwood therein, without the Conſent of the Commoners: And whereas, by the early Admiſſion of the Deer, and by the great Number of Cattle turned upon Commonable Parts of the ſaid Woods, Wood Lands, Coppices, and other Lands and Grounds, under a Claim of Common thereon, the young Sapplings and Staddils left at the Time of cutting the Underwood, in order to obtain a proper Succeſſion of Timber, are in great Meaſure deſtroyed, and the Underwood much injured

jured and reduced, ſo that it is impoſſible for the ſaid *George Finch Hatton* in his own Woods, nor for the now Owners or Proprietors of the other Woods mentioned in the ſaid Letters Patent, and over which the ſaid Office granted to the ſaid Sir *Chriſtopher Hatton*, and which is now veſted in the ſaid *George Finch Hatton* as aforeſaid, extends, to keep up a proper Succeſſion of Timber or Underwood within the ſaid Woods, Underwoods, and Premiſes, if the preſent Uſages thereon are continued: And whereas the ſaid Woods, Underwoods, Coppices, Woodlands, and other Lands and Grounds, are capable of Improvement, and ſo much and ſuch Parts thereof as are Woodlands would produce a large Quantity of Timber, and other Parts thereof, not materially covered with Wood, might be converted into and uſed as Farms, if the Deer and Commonable Cattle were excluded therefrom, and the ſeveral Proprietors thereof enabled to hold the ſame in Severalty: And whereas the ſaid *George Finch Hatton* is deſirous of agreeing with the ſeveral Proprietors of the Woods, Underwoods, Coppices, Woodlands, and other Lands and Grounds not belonging to the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, over which the ſaid Keepership extends, and on which the Deer have Right to feed and depaſture as aforeſaid, and in and upon which, by virtue of the ſaid Grant, he is entitled to Wind-fallen Trees, Deer-fallen Wood, Browſe Wood, Vermyn, and dead Trees, for the Sale of the Right and Intereſt of the ſaid *George Finch Hatton* in, over, and upon, the ſaid Woods and Premiſes, in order to enable ſuch Proprietors, after making a Compenſation to the Perſons, entitled to Right of Common thereon for ſuch Right of Common, and after making a full Recompence and Satisfaction to His Majeſty for his Right and Intereſt therein, to hold the ſame in Severalty: And whereas the ſaid Lawn called *Beneſield Lawn* is capable of Improvement, and the ſame might be converted into and uſed as Farms, if the Deer were excluded therefrom, and the ſaid *George Finch Hatton* enabled to hold the ſame in Severalty: And whereas, in order to enable him ſo to do, and alſo to enable him to contract and agree with the ſeveral Owners and Proprietors of the ſeveral Woods, Underwoods, Coppices, Woodlands, and other Lands and Grounds not belonging to the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, over which the Deer have Right to feed and depaſture as aforeſaid, for the Sale to them of the Right and Intereſt now remaining in His Majeſty, and alſo of the Right and Intereſt now veſted in the ſaid *George Finch Hatton* in, over, or upon, the ſaid Woods and Premiſes, he the ſaid *George Finch Hatton* hath made his humble Suit to Your Majeſty, that Your Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to give Leave that a Bill may be brought into Parliament, to enable Your Majeſty to grant to the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, in Fee Simple, all the Eſtate, Right, Title, and Intereſt, now remaining in Your Majeſty in, over, and upon the ſaid Launde of *Beneſield*, and alſo in, over, and upon the ſeveral Woods, Underwoods, Coppices, Woodlands, and other Lands and Grounds over which the Right of the ſaid *George Finch Hatton* extends, upon a full and adequate Conſideration, to be paid by the ſaid *George Finch Hatton* for the ſame; and Your Majeſty having been graciouſly pleaſed to ſignify your Conſent thereto: May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty, (at the humble Petition of the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*), 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 it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, at any Time or Times hereafter, by any Letters Patent,

His Majeſty enabled to grant His Right and Intereſt in the

Woods, &c. of *Rockingham Forest* to Mr. *Hatton* for an adequate Conſideration.

Patent, Indenture or Indentures, under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, hereafter to be made, to give and grant unto the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as he or they ſhall appoint, his or their Heirs and Aſſigns, upon or for an adequate Conſideration to be paid by the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, his Heirs or Aſſigns, for the ſame, to be valued and aſcertained by the proper Officers of the Crown for the Time being, all the Eſtate, Right, Title, and Intereſt now remaining in His ſaid Majeſty in or upon the ſaid Launde called *Benefield Lawn*, and in, over, and upon all and ſingular the ſaid Woods, Underwoods, Coppices, Woodlands, and other Lands and Grounds within the ſaid Bailiwick called *Rockingham Bailiwick*, and other the Woods, Lands, and Grounds mentioned and expreſſed in the ſaid recited Letters Patent, and over which the Deer have Right, or have been accuſtomed to feed and depaſture, together with all and ſingular the Rights, Members, and Appurtenances thereof, and all Timber and other Trees, and all Mines and Quarries in and upon the ſaid Lawn, with all the Herbage and Deer Browſe, and all the Deer and Wild Beaſts in and upon the ſaid ſeveral Premiſes, together with all and every the Profits, Privileges, Tythes, Rights, Members, Hereditaments, and Appurtenances whatſoever to the ſaid Premiſes, or any of them, or any Part thereof reſpectively belonging or in anywiſe appertaining, and the Reverſion and Reverſions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Iſſues, and other Profits of all and ſingular the ſaid Hereditaments and Premiſes, and every Part thereof, in as full and ample a Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as the ſame are now veſted in His ſaid Majeſty, or as His ſaid Majeſty can or may, or otherwiſe might have or enjoy the ſame, or any Part thereof, to have and to hold all and ſingular the ſaid Hereditaments and Premiſes unto and to the Uſe of the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as he or they ſhall appoint, his or their Heirs and Aſſigns, for ever, to the Intent and Purpoſe the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, his Heirs or Aſſigns, may for ever hereafter hold and enjoy the ſaid Launde of *Benefield*, and all and every the Woods, Underwoods, Coppices, Woodlands, and other Lands and Grounds which belong to or are the Property of the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, within the ſaid Bailiwick called *Rockingham Bailiwick*, and every Part thereof reſpectively, and all the Lodges therein, and the Ground and Soil thereof, and the Timber and Wood growing or to grow thereon, and may be enabled to grant and convey to the Proprietors or Owners of the ſeveral Woods, Underwoods, Coppices, Woodlands, and other Lands and Grounds not belonging to the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, over which the ſaid Offices veſted in the ſaid *George Finch Hatton* as aforeſaid extend, and which are liable to the Feed of the Deer and Wild Beaſts of the Foreſt, all the Eſtate and Intereſt now remaining in His Majeſty, and the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, reſpectively, in, over, and upon the ſame, freed, releaſed, and diſcharged of, from, and againſt all and every the Duties and Burthens to which the ſaid Launde, Woods, Underwoods, Coppices, Woodlands, and other Lands and Grounds, are by the Laws and Cuſtoms of the Foreſt now ſubject and liable, and of and from all Claims, Rights, Prerogatives, and Privileges which any of His ſaid Majeſty's Royal Predeceſſors, Kings and Queens of *England*, at any Time heretofore had or claimed, or which His ſaid Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, may or might otherwiſe have or claim therein.

II. And

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That ſuch Conſideration in Money as ſhall be aſcertained as aforeſaid, ſhall be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name of the Lord High Treaſurer of *England*, and ſhall be forthwith laid out, by the Order of the Surveyor General of His Majeſty's Land Revenue for the Time being, in the Purchaſe of Three *per Centum* Conſolidated Bank Annuities, in the ſame Manner, and to and for the ſame Uſes and Purpoſes as the Monies ariſing or to ariſe by the Sale of Fee Farm Rents are directed to be laid out by an Act, paſſed in the Thirty-fourth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the better Management of the Land Revenue of the Crown, and for the Sale of Fee Farm and other unimproveable Rents*; and that all and ſingular the Annuities to be purchaſed by virtue of this Act, ſhall be and remain inveſted, and the Intereſts or Yearly Dividends thereof ſhall be from Time to Time received, anſwered, accounted for, applied, and appropriated, in ſuch and the ſame Manner as by the ſaid recited Act is directed and enacted, in reſpect of the Annuities to be purchaſed in purſuance of the ſaid Act. Diſpoſal of the Conſideration Money.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That ſuch Grant of the ſaid Premiſes, or any Part thereof, as ſhall be made by His ſaid Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, by any ſuch Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures as aforeſaid, in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be, and is and are hereby declared and enacted to be good, valid, and effectual in the Law, according to the Tenor and Purport thereof in the ſaid Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures, to be expreſſed, notwithſtanding any Reſtriction, Matter, or Thing, contained in an Act of Parliament, made in the Firſt Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for the better Support of Her Majeſty's Houſehold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown*; or in an Act, made in the Firſt Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the Support of His Majeſty's Houſehold, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of* Great Britain, or any other Law or Statute to the contrary, or any Miſ-recital or Non-recital, Omiſſion or other Defect in the ſaid Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures, hereafter to be made in anywiſe notwithſtanding; and that, from and after ſuch Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures, ſhall be made, the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, his Heirs or Aſſigns, ſhall from thenceforth have, hold, and enjoy the ſaid Launde, and the ſaid ſeveral Woods, Underwoods, Coppices, Woodlands, and other Lands and Grounds, the Property of the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, and the Lodges therein, and the Ground and Soil thereof; and the ſeveral other Perſons to whom the ſaid Woods, Underwoods, Coppices, Woodlands, and other Lands and Grounds, not belonging to the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, over which the ſaid Office extends, and in or over which the ſaid Deer have Right to feed and depaſture, ſhall and may, after the ſaid *George Finch Hatton* ſhall have contracted and agreed for the Sale of the Intereſt of His Majeſty and the ſaid *George Finch Hatton* reſpectively therein, have, hold, and enjoy ſuch Woods, Underwoods, Coppices, Woodlands, and other Lands and Grounds, in as full, ample, and beneficial a Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, and with, under, and ſubject to all ſuch Rights, Privileges, Immunities, Freedoms, and Exemptions, as the ſame Premiſes reſpectively would be entitled to and have enjoyed if the ſame had remained in, and been and continued the Eſtate of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, but freed and diſcharged of and from the feeding and depaſturing of the Deer and Wild Beaſts Such Grant to be valid.

Beaſts of the ſaid Foreſt, and of and from all Courts of Swainmote and Attachment, and other Foreſt Courts which have been at any Time held, or might be otherwiſe hereafter held within or over the ſaid Launds, Woods, Underwoods, Coppices, Woodlands, and other Lands, Grounds, and Premiſes, or either of them, or any Part thereof reſpectively, and which may, can, or otherwiſe might affect the ſame, and of and from all Foreſterial and other Duties, Services, and Burthens to be paid, done, and performed in reſpect thereof, or otherwiſe howſoever, at any of the Courts of the Foreſt, and of and from all Rights, Prerogatives, Claims, Demands, and Privileges of His ſaid Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, in or over the ſame.

Of what Manor the Woods to be Part.

IV. And be it further enacted, That when any ſuch Grant or Grants as aforeſaid ſhall be made by His ſaid preſent Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, by any ſuch Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures as aforeſaid, the ſaid Launde called *Benefield Lawn*, with the Appurtenances, Parcel of the Premiſes to be comprized in ſuch Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures, ſhall immediately thereupon become and be Part or Parcel of the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*'s Manor of *Little Weldon* in the ſaid County of *Northampton*; and that if the ſame ſhall, in and by the ſaid Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures, be granted to any Perſon or Perſons to be named by the ſaid *George Finch Hatton* as aforeſaid, the Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame ſhall be ſo granted, his or their Heirs and Aſſigns, ſhall hold the ſame as Part or Parcel of the ſaid Manor of *Little Weldon*, by Suit and Service of Court, and by the Service of Fealty; and that if the ſame ſhall, in and by the ſaid Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures, be granted to the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, His Heirs and Aſſigns, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, to grant over the ſame in One or more Parcel or Parcels to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, his or their Heirs or Aſſigns, to be held of him the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, his Heirs or Aſſigns, or other the Perſon or Perſons, Lord or Lords for the Time being of the ſaid Manor of *Little Weldon*, and as Parcel thereof, by Suit and Service of Court, and the Service of Fealty; and that ſuch Rent or Rents ſhall or may be reſerved on ſuch Grant or Grants as ſhall be agreed upon by the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, his Heirs or Aſſigns, or other the Perſon or Perſons, Lord or Lords for the Time being of the ſaid Manor of *Little Weldon* aforeſaid; and that the Rent or Rents ſo to be reſerved ſhall be in the Nature of Rent Service, and that the ſaid Rents and Services ſhall be Parcel of the ſaid Manor of *Little Weldon*, and that the ſaid *George Finch Hatton*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, and other the Perſon or Perſons, Lord or Lords for the Time being of the ſaid Manor of *Little Weldon*, ſhall, from and after the making ſuch Letters Patent, Indenture or Indentures as aforeſaid, have and enjoy Free Hay and Free Warren in and over the ſame, and ſhall alſo have and enjoy ſuch and the ſame Manerial Rights in, upon, and over the ſame, as he the ſaid *George Finch Hatton* now has and enjoys in, over, or upon the other Lands which are Part or Parcel, or reputed to be Part or Parcel, of the ſaid Manor of *Little Weldon*.

FINIS.