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CAP. LXXXIX.

An Act for conſolidating and rendering more effectual the ſeveral Acts for the Purchaſe of Buildings and further Improvement of the Streets and Places near to *Weſtminſter Hall*, and the Two Houſes of Parliament. [16th *July* 1806.]

WHEREAS divers Proviſions and Regulations have from Time to Time been made by various Acts of Parliament for the Security of *Weſtminſter Hall*, and the Courts of Juſtice there, and for the Accommodation of the Two Houſes of Parliament, and for making convenient Ways, Streets, and Paſſages to and from the ſame, and for rendering ſuch Ways, Streets, and Paſſages open and commodious, and for preventing and abating Nuiſances and Annoyances, and for preſerving the Beauty and Uniformity of the Buildings therein, which Proviſions and Regulations have not yet been fully executed: And whereas it is expedient that Commiſſioners ſhould be appointed to carry into effect all ſuch Plans as may be found neceſſary for completing the Purpoſes aforeſaid; be it therefore 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

Commissioners. That the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer at *Westminster*, the Dean of the Collegiate Church of *Saint Peter* of *Westminster*, the High Steward of *Westminster*, and the Clerk of the Parliaments, all for the Time being, and also such Four other Persons as His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, shall from Time to Time appoint by Warrant under His or their Sign Manual for that Purpose, shall be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for executing this Act, and the said Commissioners shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to carry into Execution this Act, and to do all such Acts, Matters, and Things under the Regulations of this Act, for the Security and Accommodation of the Two Houses of Parliament, *Westminster Hall*, the Courts of Exchequer, and the other Courts of Justice there, and the several Offices belonging thereto, and for improving the Access and Approaches to the same, and the immediate Vicinity thereof respectively, as the said Commissioners or any Three of them, (whereof the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, or any One of the Commissioners so to be appointed by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors for the Time being, shall always be one), shall think requisite and necessary; any Act or Acts of Parliament heretofore made or in force at the Time of the passing of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ground and Premises purchased under 41 G. 3. c. 13. II. And be it further enacted, That all Ground, Buildings, Houses, and Premises, purchased by the Commissioners named in an Act, made in the Forty-first Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to enable Commissioners to purchase certain Buildings for the Accommodation of the Two Houses of Parliament*; and also all Ground, Buildings, Houses, and Premises, purchased by the Special Commissioners named in an Act, made in the Forty-fourth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, 44 G. 3. c. 62 *An Act to amend Two Acts, made in the Eighteenth and Thirty-ninth Years of His present Majesty, for the erecting a Court House for the holding of Sessions of the Peace in the City of* Westminster; *and for purchasing certain Buildings and Ground between* Saint Margaret Street, Union Street, *and* King Street, *in the said City, for the Use of the Publick*; and also all Ground, Buildings, Houses, and Premises, purchased by the said Special Commissioners, under or by virtue of an Act, made in the Forty-fifth 45 G. 3. c. 115. Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for purchasing certain Buildings and Ground in and near* Palace Yard, Westminster, *for the Use of the Publick*; shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be and remain vested in His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Purposes of this present Act; and that all Powers and Authorities given to or vested in the Commissioners named in the said recited Act of the Forty-first Year aforesaid by the said Act, or given to or vested in the Special Commissioners named in the said recited Act of the Forty-fourth Year aforesaid, by the said recited Acts of the Forty-fourth Year and Forty-fifth Year, or either of them, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, cease and determine, except as to any Thing or Things done or contracted to be done by virtue thereof, and before the passing of this Act; any Thing in the said recited Acts, or either of them, to the contrary notwithstanding.

shall remain vested in His Majesty.

Powers of recited Acts vested in Commissioners to cease.

Commissioners empowered to purchase III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners appointed and to be appointed for executing this Act, or any

Three of them, (whereof the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, or any One of the Commissioners to be appointed by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, under this Act, for the Time being, shall always be one), and they are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase all Ground, Buildings, Houses, and Premises whatever, situate within any of the Streets or Places described in the said herein-before recited Acts of the Forty-first Year, Forty-fourth Year, and Forty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, or either of them, which the Commissioners under any of the said recited Acts were empowered to purchase for the Use of His Majesty, and which shall not have been so purchased before the passing of this Act; and the said Commissioners, for the Execution of this Act, (or any such Three of them as aforesaid), are hereby also authorized and empowered to purchase all such Ground, Buildings, Houses, and Premises, as the said Commissioners shall think necessary, lying and being in any of the Streets or Places following, (that is to say), on the North Side of *Union Street*, and at the Back of the same on the South Side of *Bridge Street*, and between *Union Street* and *Bridge Street*, fronting East on *Parliament Street*, and West on *King Street*; and also all Ground, Buildings, Houses, and Premises, fronting East on *King Street*, from the South-East Corner of *Great George Street*, to the South End of *King Street*, or fronting South on the *Broad Sanctuary* and *Saint Margaret's Church Yard*, from the South End of *King Street* to the South-East Corner of the New Court House, for the holding of Sessions of the Peace for the City of *Westminster*, or fronting West on the *Little Sanctuary*, the said New Court House, or *Little George Street*, or adjoining North on the Back of the Houses and Premises in *Great George Street*, *Little George Street*, and *King Street*; and also all Ground, Buildings, Houses, and Premises whatever, situate to the West of *King Street*, the North of *Saint Margaret's Church Yard*, the East of the said New Court House and *Little George Street*, or the South of *Great George Street*, within the Limits before described; and also all Ground, Buildings, Houses, and Premises whatever, situate between the *Broad Sanctuary* on the South, *Bow Street* on the North, *Green Alley* on the East, and *Tothill Street* and *Princes Street* on the West; and also all Ground, Buildings, Houses, and Premises between *Love Lane* and the *Broad Sanctuary*; and also all other Ground, Buildings, Houses, and Premises whatever, adjoining to and next surrounding *Westminster Hall*, or the Two Houses of Parliament, or either of them, and the Courts of Justice in *Westminster Hall*, and the Courts of Exchequer, or either of them; and the said Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, or any such Three of them as aforesaid, are hereby also authorized and empowered, by and with the Consent and Approbation, in Writing, of the Lord High Treasurer of *Great Britain*, or of the Commissioners for executing the said Office of Lord High Treasurer, or any Three of them, to purchase all such other Ground, Buildings, Houses, and Premises whatever, as the Commissioners for executing this Act may by and with such Consent and Approbation as aforesaid, think necessary to be purchased and employed for the Purposes of this Act; and all such Ground, Buildings, Houses, and Premises whatever, which shall be purchased under or by virtue of this Act, shall, when so purchased, be vested in His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and shall be taken Possession of by the Surveyor General of the Crown Lands, and shall be employed for the Purposes of this Act, according to the Directions of the Commissioners for executing this Act, under the Regulations in this Act mentioned and contained.

all Ground and Premises in the Streets and Places described in the recited Acts, which shall not have been so purchased; and also the Ground and Premises in the Streets and Places herein described.

and with the Consent of the Treasury may purchase such other Premises as they think fit.

Premises when so purchased to vest in His Majesty.

IV. Provided

Commiſſioners may direct or contract for taking down Houſes, &c. and for diſpoſing of the Materials.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners for executing this Act, or any Three of them (whereof the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, the Lord Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer, or any One of the Commiſſioners ſo to be appointed by His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, for the Time being, ſhall always be One) from Time to Time to direct or contract for the taking down any Houſes or Buildings purchaſed or to be purchaſed under the ſaid recited Acts of the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Years of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, or under this Act, and for the ſelling and diſpoſing of the Materials of all ſuch Houſes and Buildings; and all ſuch Materials, and the Money ariſing from the Sale thereof ſhall be and are hereby veſted in the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing this Act, and all ſuch Money (after paying and deducting the neceſſary Expences of pulling down ſuch Houſes and Buildings, and of the Sale of the Materials thereof) ſhall and may be diſpoſed of and applied under the Direction of the ſaid Commiſſioners (or any ſuch Three of them as aforeſaid) in laying out or paving the Ground on which ſuch Houſes or Buildings were erected, or in paving or making good the Pavement of the Street or Place adjoining ſuch Ground, or in the Repair of any contiguous Buildings or Houſes, or in the erecting, repairing, enlarging, or improving any Houſes, Buildings, Offices, or Places, for the Accommodation of the Courts of Juſtice, in *Weſtminſter Hall*, or otherwiſe, as the ſaid Commiſſioners (or any ſuch Three of them as aforeſaid) ſhall think fitting and expedient, according to a Plan or Plans to be propoſed by the ſaid Commiſſioners, and to be approved of by the Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, or by the Commiſſioners for executing the ſaid Office of Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being, in Manner herein mentioned; and the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act ſhall from Time to Time render and give an Account to the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer, or to the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing the ſaid Office of Lord High Treaſurer, of the Amount of all Money received by the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing this Act, for the Materials of any Houſes or Buildings ſo pulled down and ſold as aforeſaid, and of the Application thereof for the Purpoſes of this Act, in Manner aforeſaid; and the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer or Commiſſioners for executing the ſaid Office of Lord High Treaſurer, ſhall and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required to examine every ſuch Account, and in caſe they ſhall approve thereof, to ſignify ſuch their Approbation in Writing, at the Foot of ſuch Account, ſigned by the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer, or by the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing the ſaid Office of Lord High Treaſurer, or any Three of them, and to tranſmit and return the ſame ſo approved to the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing this Act, and every Account ſo approved and ſigned as aforeſaid, ſhall be a full and ſufficient Diſcharge of the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act, from or on Account of all ſuch Sums of Money as ſhall be mentioned in any ſuch Account, and for the Expenditure and Application thereof; and the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing this Act ſhall not be compelled or compellable to give or render any further or other Account of any ſuch Money, or of the Expenditure or Application thereof; any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Money ariſing from the Sale of Materials to be applied in paving the Streets and erecting Buildings, &c.

Commiſſioners to render an Account to the Treaſury.

Premiſes not to be leaſed under any Act

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That none of the Grounds, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes which are or ſhall become veſted in

in His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, under or by virtue of this Act, or of the said recited Acts, or either of them, shall be granted or leased under any Act or Acts relating to any Crown Lands, or any of the Provisions thereof, unless with the Concurrence and Consent, in Writing, of the Commissioners appointed for carrying this Act into Execution, or any Three of them, whereof the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Lord Chief Baron or any One of the Commissioners to be appointed by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, under this Act for the Time being, shall be one.

relating to the Crown Lands, unless with the Consent of the Commissioners.

VI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the General Commissioners named in the said recited Act of the Forty-fourth Year aforesaid, to proceed in the erecting the Court House for the holding of Sessions of the Peace in the City of *Westminster*, under the Directions of the said recited Act of the Forty-fourth Year aforesaid, this Act or any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

General Commissioners named in recited Act 44 G. 3. c. 61. to proceed in erecting the Sessions House.

VII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons seised or possessed of or interested in any Ground, Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Tenements, which shall be deemed necessary to be purchased by the Commissioners appointed under this Act, shall refuse to treat or agree for the Sale thereof, or shall not agree in the Sum of Money offered to be given for the same, or shall not or cannot produce a clear Title to the Premises they are in Possession of, or the Interest they claim therein, that then and in every such Case, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Three of them, whereof the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Lord Chief Baron, or any One of the Commissioners to be appointed by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, under this Act for the Time, shall be One, by Writing under their Hands to require the Sheriff of the County of *Middlesex*, who shall thereupon, and is hereby authorized and required to impannel, summon, and return a competent Number of substantial and disinterested Persons qualified to serve as Juries not less than Twenty-four nor more than Forty-eight, and out of such Persons so to be impannelled, summoned, and returned, a Jury of Twelve Men shall be drawn by some Person to be by the said Commissioners, or any such Three of them, appointed in such Manner as Juries for the Trial of Issues joined in His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster* are by an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of Juries*, directed to be drawn; which Persons so to be impannelled, summoned, and returned as aforesaid, are hereby required to come and appear before the said Commissioners, or any such Three of them, at any such Time and Place as in such Summons shall be appointed; 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 Commissioners, or any such Three of them, are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time as Occasion shall require, to call before them all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, who shall be thought proper and necessary to be examined as a Witness or Witnesses, on his, her, or their Oath or Oaths touching or concerning the Premises; and the said Commissioners or any such Three of them, if they think fit, shall and may likewise authorize the said Jury to view the Place or Places, or Premises in Question in such Manner as they shall direct, and the said Jury

Value of Premises, in case of Dispute or Defect of Title, &c. to be settled by a Jury:

upon their Oaths (which Oaths as alſo the Oaths of ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be called upon to give Evidence, the ſaid Commiſſioners or any ſuch Three of them are hereby empowered and required to adminiſter) ſhall enquire of the Value of ſuch Ground, Houſes, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and of the proportionable Value of the reſpective Eſtates and Intereſts of all and every Perſons and Perſon ſeiſed or poſſeſſed thereof, or intereſted therein, or of or in any Part or Parts thereof, and ſhall aſſeſs and award the Sum or Sums of Money to be paid to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, Party or Parties reſpectively, for the Purchaſe of ſuch Ground, Houſes, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and of ſuch reſpective Eſtates and Intereſts therein, and alſo for Good-will, Improvements, or any Injury or Damage whatſoever that may affect any ſuch Perſon or Perſons, Party or Parties, either as Leaſeholder or Tenant at will; and the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Three of them, ſhall and may give Judgement for ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſo to be aſſeſſed; which Verdict or Verdicts, and the Judgement and Judgements, Determination and Determinations thereupon, ſhall be binding and concluſive, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, againſt all and every Perſons and Perſon claiming any Eſtate, Right, Title, Truſt, Uſe, or Intereſt, in, to, or out of ſuch Ground, Houſes, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and Premiſes, in Poſſeſſion, Reverſion, Remainder, or Expectancy, as well Infants and Iſſue unborn, Lunaticks, Idiots, and Femes Covert, and Perſons under any other legal Incapacity or Diſability, as all other *Ceſtuiques* Truſts, their, his, and her Heirs, Succeſſors, Executors, and Adminiſtrators, and againſt all other Perſons whomſoever; and the ſaid Verdicts, Judgements and Determinations, and all other Proceedings of the ſaid Commiſſioners and Juries, ſo to be made, given, and pronounced as aforeſaid, ſhall be fairly written on Parchment, and ſigned by the Clerk of the Peace, for the Time being, of the County of *Middleſex*.

Verdict to be final.

Conveyances of Premiſes to be executed on Tender of Purchaſe Money aſſeſſed.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of any ſuch Sum or Sums ſo aſſeſſed to the Party or Parties to whom the ſame ſhall be ſo awarded, or on Tender thereof made at his, her, or their Dwelling Houſe, or if he, ſhe, or they ſhall have no Dwelling Houſe, then at the Houſe of ſome Tenant or Occupier of ſome Lands or Tenements of ſuch Party or Parties near the ſaid intended Works, he, ſhe, or they ſhall execute a Conveyance of the Premiſes which ſhall be ſo purchaſed to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Three of them, (whereof the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, or any One of the Commiſſioners to be appointed by His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, under this Act for the Time being, ſhall always be One), for the Purpoſes of this Act; and in caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſhall be ſo awarded as aforeſaid, ſhall not be able to make a good Title to the Premiſes to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any ſuch Three of them, or ſhall refuſe to execute ſuch Conveyance or Conveyances, or in caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſhall be ſo awarded as aforeſaid cannot be found, or if the Perſon or Perſons entitled to ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments be not known or diſcovered, then and in every ſuch caſe as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any ſuch Three of them, to order the ſaid Sum and Sums aſſeſſed and awarded for any Purchaſe Money, or in Recompence for any Damage as aforeſaid, to be paid into

In Default of Title, or Refuſal to execute Conveyance, Money to be paid into the Bank.

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, to the Credit of the Parties intereſted in the ſaid Ground, Houſes, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, (deſcribing them), ſubject to the Order, Controul, and Diſpoſition of the ſaid Court of Chancery, which ſaid Court of Chancery, on the Application of any Perſon or Perſons making Claim to ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, ſhall be, and is hereby empowered in a ſummary Way of Proceeding or otherwiſe, as to the ſame Court ſhall ſeem meet, to order the ſame to be laid out and inveſted in the Publick Funds, and to order Diſtribution thereof or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the reſpective Eſtate or Eſtates, Title or Intereſt of the Perſon or Perſons making Claim thereto, and to make ſuch other Order in the Premiſes as to the ſaid Court ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable; and the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Bank of *England*, who ſhall receive ſuch Sum and Sums of Money, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for ſuch Sum or Sums, mentioning and ſpecifying for what and for whoſe Uſe the ſame is or are received, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall pay any ſuch Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforeſaid.

On Payment of Money into the Bank, Premiſes to veſt in His Majeſty.

IX. And be it further enacted, That immediately after paying ſuch Purchaſe Money as aforeſaid into the Bank, the ſaid Ground, Houſes, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in reſpect whereof the ſame ſhall have been ſo paid, ſhall veſt in His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, for the Purpoſes of this Act, who ſhall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Poſſeſſion thereof, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, freed and diſcharged from all former and other Eſtates, Rights, Titles, Intereſts, Claims, and Demands whatſoever.

Money belonging to Corporations or incapacitated Perſons, amounting to 200*l.* to be paid into the Bank, and to be applied under the Direction of the Court of Chancery.

X. And be it further enacted, That if any Money ſhall be agreed or awarded to be paid for any Ground, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes, purchaſed by virtue of this Act, for the Purpoſes thereof, which ſhall belong to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatick, or Perſon or Perſons under any Diſability or Incapacity, ſuch Money ſhall, in caſe the ſame ſhall amount to the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed, be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account *ex parte* the Commiſſioners for executing this Act, to the Intent that ſuch Money ſhall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the ſaid Court, to be ſignified by an Order, made upon a Petition, to be preferred in a ſummary Way by the Perſon or Perſons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Ground, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes, in the Purchaſe of the Land Tax, or towards the Diſcharge of any Debt or Debts, or ſuch other Incumbrance, or Part thereof, as the ſaid Court ſhall authorize to be paid, affecting the ſame Ground, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes, or affecting other Ground, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes, ſtanding ſettled therewith, to the ſame or the like Uſes, Intents, or Purpoſes; or where ſuch Money ſhall not be ſo applied, then the ſame ſhall be laid out and inveſted under the like Direction and Approbation of the ſaid Court, in the Purchaſe of other Ground, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes, which ſhall be conveyed and ſettled to, for, and upon ſuch

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and the like Uſes, Truſts, Intents, and Purpoſes, and in the ſame Manner as the Ground, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes, which ſhall be ſo purchaſed as aforeſaid, ſtood, ſettled, or limited, or ſuch of them as at the Time of making ſuch Conveyance and Settlement ſhall be exiſting, undetermined, and capable of taking effect; and in the mean Time, and until ſuch Purchaſe ſhall be made, the ſaid Money ſhall, by Order of the Court of Chancery, upon Application thereto, be inveſted by the ſaid Accountant General, in his Name, in the Purchaſe of Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated, or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the mean Time, and until the ſaid Bank Annuities ſhall be ordered by the ſaid Court to be ſold for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the ſaid Conſolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities ſhall, from Time to Time, be paid by Order of the ſaid Court, to the Perſon or Perſons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Grounds, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes, ſo hereby directed to be purchaſed, in caſe ſuch Purchaſe or Settlement were made.

Application of ſuch Purchaſe Money if exceeding 20 l. and not exceeding 200 l.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money ſo agreed or awarded to be paid for any Ground, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes purchaſed for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Perſon or Perſons under Diſability or Incapacity as aforeſaid, ſhall be leſs than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and ſhall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all ſuch Caſes the ſame ſhall at the Option of the Perſon or Perſons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Ground, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes ſo purchaſed, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in caſe of Infancy or Lunacy, to be ſignified in Writing under their reſpective Hands, be paid into the Bank, in the Name and with the Privity of the ſaid Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforeſaid, in order to be applied in Manner hereinbefore directed, or otherwiſe the ſame ſhall be paid at the like Option to Two Truſtees to be nominated by the Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Option, and approved of by Three or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing this Act (ſuch Nomination and Approbation to be ſignified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties) in order that ſuch principal Money, and the Dividends ariſing thereon, may be applied in any Manner herein-before directed, ſo far as the Caſe be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the ſaid Court of Chancery.

Application of Purchaſe Money where it is leſs than 20 l.

XII. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That where ſuch Money ſo agreed or awarded to be paid as next before-mentioned, ſhall be leſs than Twenty Pounds, then and in all ſuch Caſes the ſame ſhall be applied to the Uſe of the Perſon or Perſons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Ground, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes, ſo purchaſed for the Purpoſes of this Act, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing this Act, or any Three or more of them, ſhall think fit, or in caſe of Infancy or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Uſe and Benefit of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo entitled reſpectively.

XIII. And

XIII. And be it further enacted, That where any Queſtion ſhall ariſe touching the Title of any Perſon to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, in purſuance of this Act, for the Purchaſe of any Ground, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes, or of any Eſtate, Right, or Intereſt, in any Ground, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes, to be purchaſed in purſuance thereof, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchaſed with any ſuch Money, or to the Dividends or Intereſt of any ſuch Bank Annuities, the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have been in Poſſeſſion of ſuch Ground, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes, at the Time of ſuch Purchaſe, and all Perſons claiming under ſuch Perſon or Perſons, or under the Poſſeſſion of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, ſhall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to ſuch Ground, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes, according to ſuch Poſſeſſion, until the contrary ſhall be ſhewn to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Court of Chancery; and the Dividends or Intereſt of the Bank Annuities to be purchaſed with ſuch Money, and alſo the Capital of ſuch Bank Annuities, ſhall be paid, applied, and diſpoſed of accordingly, unleſs it ſhall be made appear to the ſaid Court, that ſuch Poſſeſſion was a wrongful Poſſeſſion, and that ſome other Perſon or Perſons was or were lawfully entitled to ſuch Ground, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes, or to ſome Eſtate or Intereſt therein.

Perſons in Poſſeſſion of Premiſes deemed lawfully entitled, until the contrary ſhall be ſhewn to the Court of Chancery,

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where, by reaſon of any Diſability or Incapacity of the Perſon or Perſons, or Corporation entitled to any Ground, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes to be purchaſed under the Authority of this Act, the Purchaſe Money for the ſame ſhall be required to be paid into the ſaid Court, and to be applied in the Purchaſe of other Ground, Buildings, Houſes, or Premiſes, to be ſettled to the like Uſes in purſuance of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Court to order the Expences of all Purchaſes from Time to Time to be made in purſuance of this Act, or ſo much of ſuch Expences as the Court ſhall deem reaſonable, together with the neceſſary Coſts and Charges of obtaining ſuch Order, to be paid by the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing the Purpoſes of this Act, out of ſuch Purchaſe Money, and ſuch Commiſſioners ſhall, from Time to Time, pay ſuch Sums of Money thereout, for ſuch Purpoſes as the ſaid Court ſhall direct.

who may order the Expences of Purchaſes to be paid by the Commiſſioners.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the Commiſſioners for carrying into Execution this Act, or any Three of them, (whereof the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, or any One of the Commiſſioners to be appointed by His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, under this Act for the Time being, ſhall always be one), ſhall, from Time to Time, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required to propoſe, aſſign, and lay out Plans for the repairing, altering, pulling down, or re-building, any Houſes, Offices, or Places, which ſuch Commiſſioners ſhall think proper and neceſſary to be repaired, altered, pulled down, or rebuilt, for the Purpoſes of this Act; and the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall alſo propoſe, aſſign, and lay out Plans of the Manner in which Houſes and Buildings ſhall be erected and built on any Ground which is or ſhall or may become veſted in His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, for the Purpoſes of this Act, and alſo in what Manner any vacant Ground on which the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall not

Commiſſioners to lay out Plans for altering, pulling down, or re-building Houſes, &c.

and to make Regulations for preventing Annoyances.

think proper that any Houſes or Buildings ſhould be erected or built, ſhall be employed and laid out; and the ſaid Commiſſioners are alſo hereby authoriſed, empowered, and required, from Time to Time, to frame ſuch Rules and Regulations as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall think neceſſary and expedient for the preventing and abating of all Nuiſances and Annoyances whatever, within the Precincts of the Two Houſes of Parliament, *Weſtminſter Hall*, and the Courts of Juſtice there, or within any of the Places adjoining to, or next ſurrounding the ſame, and which are or may be veſted in His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, for the Purpoſes of this Act, or in or about the Houſes, Ground, Buildings, and Premiſes, which ſhall be erected, built, or laid out under the Directions of the ſaid Commiſſioners, by virtue of this Act.

Plans and Regulations to be laid before the Treaſury for their Approbation, &c.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That all ſuch Plans for repairing, altering, pulling down, or rebuilding, any Houſes, Offices, or Places as aforeſaid, or for laying out or employing any vacant Ground as aforeſaid, and all ſuch Rules and Regulations for preventing and abating Nuiſances and Annoyances as aforeſaid, to be from Time to Time framed by the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act, ſhall by the ſaid Commiſſioners be laid before and ſubmitted to the Lord High Treaſurer, or to the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain* for the Time being; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners for executing the ſaid Office of Lord High Treaſurer, or any Three or more of them, to examine and conſider all ſuch Plans, and all ſuch Rules and Regulations, and to determine upon and approve the ſame, or to make any Alteration therein reſpectively, and to direct either that ſuch Plans and Regulations reſpectively ſhall be carried into Execution, or ſhall be ſuſpended or laid aſide, or ſhall be varied or altered, in Part or in the Whole, as ſuch Lord High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners for executing the ſaid Office of Lord High Treaſurer, ſhall think fitting and expedient; and the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners for executing the ſaid Office of Lord High Treaſurer, ſhall give Notice in Writing under the Hand of the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer, or the Hands of any Three of the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing the ſaid Office of Lord High Treaſurer, of ſuch their Approbation, or other Determination reſpectively, to the Commiſſioners for executing this Act; and the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing this Act ſhall proceed to carry into Effect all ſuch Plans for repairing, altering, pulling down, and rebuilding any Houſes, Offices, or Places, or laying out any vacant Ground as ſhall be approved of or directed by the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners for executing the ſaid Office of Lord High Treaſurer; and ſuch Houſes, Offices, and Places, ſhall be pulled down, altered, repaired, or rebuilt accordingly, and ſuch vacant Ground ſhall be laid out under the Directions of the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing this Act, either by the Comptroller and Surveyor General of His Majeſty's Works at *Weſtminſter*, or by Contracts to be made for that Purpoſe by the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing this Act, or any Three of them, (whereof the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, or any One of the Commiſſioners to be appointed by His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, ſhall be one,) by and with the Conſent and Approbation of the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners for executing the ſaid Office of Lord High Treaſurer, ſignified in Manner aforeſaid; and all ſuch Rules and Regulations for preventing

venting Nuiſances and Annoyances, as ſhall be approved of or directed by the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners for executing the ſaid Office of Lord High Treaſurer, ſhall be carried into Effect under the Directions of the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing this Act.

Commiſſioners may iſſue their Orders to any Officers or Perſons they think neceſſary for carrying their Plans into Effect.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners for executing this Act, or any Three of them, (whereof the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, or any One of the Commiſſioners to be appointed by His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, under this Act for the Time being, ſhall always be one) from Time to Time to iſſue and give any ſuch Orders and Directions to any Officers or other Perſons as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall think fitting and neceſſary for the fully carrying into Effect, and completing all ſuch Plans, Rules, and Regulations as ſhall have been approved of and directed by the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer or the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing the ſaid Office of Lord High Treaſurer under the Proviſions of this Act, and all ſuch Officers and other Perſons ſhall obey, fulfil, and perform all ſuch Orders and Directions accordingly, and ſhall be puniſhable on Preſentment or Indictment for any wilful Diſobedience or Neglect of any ſuch Orders or Directions after the ſame ſhall have been ſignified to them, in Writing, under the Hands of any ſuch Three of the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act.

Commiſſioners to make a Report yearly to the Treaſury of the Progreſs made in their Plans.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act ſhall, on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* in every Year, (or oftener if it ſhall ſeem fitting and expedient to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners for executing the ſaid Office of Lord High Treaſurer) make a Report in Writing to the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners for executing the ſaid Office of Lord High Treaſurer, of the Progreſs made in the repairing, altering, pulling down, and rebuilding of any Houſes, Offices, or Places, or in the laying out of any vacant Ground, or in the framing and executing any Rules or Regulations under or by virtue of this Act, together with ſuch Obſervations and Suggeſtions for the better effecting the Purpoſes of this Act, as the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing this Act ſhall from Time to Time think requiſite and neceſſary.

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