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CAP. XLIX.

An Act to continue the Period for purchasing the Legal Quays in the Port of *London*, and to enable the Lords of the Treasury to purchase Buildings in *Thames Street*, for the Purpose of erecting a new Custom House. [5th *May* 1812.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Period within which the Lord High Treasurer or Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, were required by an Act passed in the Forty-seventh Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to give further Time for purchasing the legal Quays and Warehouses in the Port of* London, to purchase the Legal Quays and Warehouses, Buildings, and other Works annexed thereto, and Dwelling Houses, Premises or other Works as particularly mentioned and described in an Act passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to authorize the Advancement of further Sums of Money out of the Consolidated Fund, to be applied in the Improvement of the Port of* London, *by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of* London, *in Common Council assembled, and to empower the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to purchase the legal Quays between* London Bridge *and the Tower of* London, should be further extended; 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 the Period within which the Lord High Treasurer or Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, are required to purchase the said legal Quays, Warehouses, Buildings, and other Works, or any Dwelling Houses, Warehouses,

47 G. 3. Sess. 2. c. 60.

43 G. 3. c. 126. (Loc. & Per.)

Period for purchasing Legal Quays extended.

Houſes, Buildings, or Premiſes ſituate adjoining thereto, ſhall be further extended to Two Years from and after the Expiration of the Period to which the ſame was extended by the ſaid Act of the Forty-ſeventh Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign.

Certain Premiſes in Lower Thames Street to be purchaſed for the Scite of a New Cuſtom Houſe.

II. And whereas the Cuſtom Houſe and Buildings and Premiſes forming a Part thereof, in the Port of *London*, have been for ſome Time found inadequate to the Accommodation of the Trade thereof, and are at preſent in a State ſo ruinous and dilapidated, that the neceſſary Enlargement and Repair thereof could not be made without creating a Chaſm in the Diſpatch of Commercial Buſineſs, which would be deſtructive to the Merchants of *Great Britain*, nor yet without incurring an Expence which could not be juſtified by the probable Duration of the Building when repaired: And whereas it is therefore expedient to erect a new Cuſtom Houſe in the City of *London*, and for that Purpoſe the Purchaſe of certain Premiſes ſituate in *Lower Thames Street* in the Pariſh of *Saint Dunſtans in the Eaſt* has become neceſſary; be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Lord High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the Time being, and they are hereby required, within the Period of Two Years next after the paſſing of this Act, to purchaſe of the ſeveral Owners, Leſſees, and Occupiers of all or any of the Dwelling Houſes, Warehouſes, Buildings, or Premiſes, the Scites of which will be wanted for the ſaid new Cuſtom Houſe, or any Part or Parts thereof, their ſeveral and reſpective Eſtates and Intereſts of and in the ſame Premiſes reſpectively; and for that Purpoſe ſhall have all neceſſary and requiſite Powers to contract with any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever for ſuch Price or Prices as may be agreed upon, and in caſe of Difference, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lord High Treaſurer or the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, and he and they is and are hereby required to proceed in all Reſpects as to empannelling a Jury, receiving Conveyances, paying Purchaſe Money into the Bank, in caſe of defective Titles, or Refuſal to execute Conveyances, and in appropriating Purchaſe Money awarded by the Verdict of a Jury or Juries to Corporations and incapacitated Perſons, and in abiding by any Order or Orders to be made by the Court of Chancery, in Caſes of ſuch Incapacity, as is by an Act paſſed in the Forty-ſixth Year of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *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*, provided in ſimilar Caſes with reſpect to the Commiſſioners appointed by the ſaid Act; provided that the Requiſition, Warrant or Precept for the impannelling of a Jury ſhall be under the Hands of the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, and directed to the Sheriffs of the City of *London*, inſtead of the Sheriffs of *Middleſex*; and the ſaid Sheriffs are hereby authorized, directed, and required to impannel, ſummon, and return a competent Number of ſubſtantial and diſintereſted Perſons qualified to ſerve on Juries not leſs than Forty-eight, nor more than Seventy-two, to come and appear before the then next Court of General or Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, to be holden in and for the ſaid City of *London*, or at ſome Adjournment thereof, as in ſuch Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts ſhall be directed and appointed, and to attend ſuch Court of General or Quarter Seſſions from Day to Day until diſcharged by the ſaid Court; and out of ſuch Perſons ſo to be impannelled, ſummoned and returned, a Jury of Twelve Men ſhall be drawn by the proper Officer of

Contracts may be made, and in caſe of Difference, a Jury ſhall ſettle it in Manner herein mentioned.

the ſaid Court, 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, and the ſaid Jury in ſettling ſuch Price or Prices ſhall conſider as well the good Will and Improvements as any Injury or Damage that may affect any ſuch Perſon or Perſons, either as Owner, Leſſee, or Occupier, and when and ſo ſoon as ſuch Purchaſe Money as may have been agreed on or may have been ſettled by the Verdict of a Jury or Juries ſhall have been paid to the Parties intereſted, or into the Bank, as the Caſe may be, the Premiſes in reſpect of which ſuch Money ſhall have been ſo paid, ſhall immediately veſt in His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, ſhall be and are hereby empowered and directed to pay ſuch Purchaſe Money or Monies out of all or any of the Duties, Revenues and Income, compoſing the Fund called *The Conſolidated Fund*.

Purchaſe Money to be paid out of the Conſolidated Fund.

III. And whereas the Sum of Two hundred and twenty Pounds Twelve Shillings and Ten-pence Halfpenny is annually paid by the Direction of the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury in reſpect of the preſent Cuſtom Houſe, and other Premiſes contiguous to or connected therewith, which by Law are not rateable, and another Sum amounting to Two hundred and twenty Pounds Twelve Shillings and Tenpence Halfpenny, is legally payable and paid as Rates in reſpect of the Legal Quays in Front of the ſaid Cuſtom Houſe and Premiſes aforeſaid, to the reſpective Collectors of the Parochial and Ward Rates and Aſſeſſments in the ſaid Ward of *Tower*, and in the Pariſh of *Allhallows Barking*, within the ſaid Ward, and it is expedient, that the Payment of the ſame reſpective Annual Sums ſhould be continued; be it therefore further enacted, That the reſpective Annual Sums now paid as aforeſaid, ſhall yearly and every Year for ever hereafter be paid out of Conſolidated Cuſtoms to the reſpective Collectors, for the Time being, of the Rates and Aſſeſſments to whom the ſame reſpectively are now paid, without any Deduction or Abatement whatever, in the ſame Parts, Shares and Proportions, on or at the ſame Days or Times and in the ſame Manner as the other Rates or Aſſeſſments of the ſaid Ward and Pariſh reſpectively, ſhall, for the Time being be paid, and ſhall be conſidered as Part of the Produce thereof.

Certain Payments for Rent and Rates of the preſent Cuſtom Houſe ſecured.

IV. And whereas by reaſon of the Houſes and other Buildings in *Lower Thames Street* aforeſaid becoming veſted in His Majeſty, for the public Purpoſes aforeſaid, Deficiencies will be occaſioned in the Produce of the Parochial and Ward Aſſeſſments and Rates in the Pariſh of *Saint Dunſtan in the Eaſt*, and the Pariſh of *Saint Mary-at-hill*, and the Wards of *Tower* and *Billingsgate*, wherein the ſame are ſituated; and it is not conſiſtent with Equity that an additional Burthen ſhould be impoſed on the ſaid Wards and Pariſhes, in conſequence of the Application of Premiſes ſituated therein, to Purpoſes of general public Utility; be it therefore further enacted, That from and after the Completion of the Purchaſe of the ſaid Premiſes, according to the Proviſions of this Act, the Sum of Eight hundred and ſixteen Pounds Seven Shillings and Five-pence, being the Amount of what was aſſeſſed as the Parochial and Ward Aſſeſſments and Rates on the ſaid Houſes and Buildings, according to the laſt Aſſeſſments or Rates thereof, made before the paſſing of this Act, ſhall be paid, and the

816l. 7s. 5d. to be paid yearly in lieu of Parochial Rates for the Premiſes in Lower Thames Street.

the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms are hereby authorized and directed yearly and every Year for ever hereafter, to pay the reſpective Collector or Collectors for the Time being of the ſame Rates or Aſſeſſments reſpectively, out of Conſolidated Cuſtoms without any Deduction or Abatement whatever, in the ſame Parts, Shares and Proportions, on or at the ſame Days or Times, in the ſame Manner and for the ſame Purpoſes as the ſame or the like reſpective Aſſeſſments and Rates ſhall for the Time being be paid, and ſhall be conſidered as Part of the Produce thereof.

The preſent and the new Cuſtom Houſe to be exempt from the Payment of Rates and Aſſeſſments.

V. And whereas the preſent Cuſtom Houſe being public Property, is by Law exempt from the Payment of all Rates and Aſſeſſments, and the ſaid Premiſes in *Lower Thames Street* about to be purchaſed under and by virtue of this Act, will be when the ſame ſhall ſo become public Property alſo exempt from the Payment of all Rates and Aſſeſſments; be it further enacted, That from and after the ſaid Fifth Day of *April* the ſaid preſent Cuſtom Houſe, and after the Completion of the Purchaſe thereof, the ſaid Premiſes in *Lower Thames Street*, ſhall be and be deemed and conſidered to be, to all Intents and Purpoſes, free and exempt from the Payment of all and all Manner of Rates and Aſſeſſments, although the ſame and each and every of the ſaid Premiſes may become private Property by the Sale or Aſſignment thereof to Individuals, any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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