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CAP. LXIII.

An Act to amend several Acts for enabling His Majesty's Postmaster General of *Ireland* to purchase Premises for the Enlargement of the General Post Office in the City of *Dublin*. [27th *May* 1814.]

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to enable His Majesty's Postmaster General of* Ireland *to purchase Premises for the Enlargement of the General Post Office in the City of* Dublin; and by another Act made in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, to amend the said recited Act of the Forty-eighth Year, certain Powers are given for enabling His Majesty's Postmaster General to purchase Houses, Buildings, or Ground adjoining or contiguous to the General Post Office in *Dublin*, for the Purpose of making any Addition to the said General Post Office; and also for purchasing the Ground or Premises whereon the said Post Office and its Appendances and Appurtenances, and all Buildings belonging thereto had been erected and then stood; and it is expedient that the said Powers should be enlarged in Manner hereafter mentioned; 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 from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty's Postmaster General of *Ireland* for the Time being, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to contract with the Owner or Owners, or Proprietor or Proprietors of any House or Houses, or Building or Buildings, or Parcel or Parcels, or Plot or Plots of

48 G. 3. c. 48.

49 G. 3. c. 70.

Postmaster General may contract with Owners for the Purchase of Premises for building a Post Office.

of Ground within the City or County of the City of *Dublin*, and with the Leſſee or Leſſees of any ſuch Houſe, Building, or Ground, or with any Truſtee or Truſtees for any ſuch Owner or Proprietor, or Leſſee, or with the Guardian or Guardians, Truſtee or Truſtees, Committee or Committees, or Aſſignee or Aſſignees of any Infant, Feme Covert, Idiot, Lunatic, or Bankrupt reſpectively, for the Purchaſe of any ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Building or Buildings, Parcel or Parcels, or Plot or Plots of Ground, and for the reſpective Intereſts of all ſuch Perſons who ſhall be entitled thereto, to and for the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, in order and for the Purpoſe that a new and more convenient Poſt Office may be made, erected, and built upon the Scite of ſuch Houſe or Houſes, or Building or Buildings, and Ground reſpectively; ſubject nevertheleſs to and under all and ſingular the Clauſes, Powers, Proviſoes, Reſtrictions, Limitations, and Conditions in the ſaid recited Acts, or either of them contained, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purpoſes as if all the ſaid Clauſes, Powers, Proviſoes, Reſtrictions, Limitations, and Conditions were repeated and re-enacted in this Act, except only ſo far as the ſame are altered by this Act; and that all Sales, Grants, and Conveyances by any Perſon or Perſons, or his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Truſtee or Truſtees, Committee or Committees, or Aſſignee or Aſſignees of any Houſe or Houſes, Building or Buildings, Parcel or Parcels, or Plot or Plots of Ground under this Act, ſhall have the ſame Force and Effect to all Intents and Purpoſes as any Sale, Grant, or Conveyance made or executed under or by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, or either of them.

The preſent Poſt Office may be ſold.

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Poſtmaſter General of *Ireland*, for the Time being, to ſell, diſpoſe of, and convey the preſent General Poſt Office, ſituate at *College Green*, in the City of *Dublin*, and all Buildings, Offices, and Grounds thereunto belonging; and that all and every Sum and Sums of Money to ariſe or be produced by ſuch Sale, ſhall be applied in like Manner and for ſuch Purpoſes as the Revenues ariſing from the Duties on the Poſtage of Letters under the Controul and Management of the ſaid Poſtmaſter General of *Ireland*.

In caſe of Abſence of Guardians, &c. the Court of Chancery may order Conveyance to be made of Premiſes.

III. And be it further enacted, That in caſe it ſhall at any Time happen that there ſhall be Two or more Guardians, Truſtees, Aſſignees, or Committees for any Owner or Proprietor, or Leſſee, or other Perſon beneficially intereſted in any Houſe or Houſes, Building or Buildings, Plot or Plots, or Parcel or Parcels of Ground, required to be purchaſed for the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Acts or this Act; and that any one or more of ſuch Guardians, Truſtees, Aſſignees, or Committees ſhall be abſent out of the United Kingdom, in Foreign Parts beyond the Seas, it ſhall and may be lawful for His Majeſty's Poſtmaſter General of *Ireland* for the Time being, to prefer a Petition to the Court of Chancery in *Ireland*, praying that the Guardian or Guardians, Truſtee or Truſtees, Aſſignee or Aſſignees, Committee or Committees, who ſhall be within the United Kingdom, may be directed to execute a Conveyance or Conveyances, and to deliver the Poſſeſſion of any ſuch Premiſes, or to make and execute any Contract, or to do any other Matter or Thing requiſite for the Conveyance of ſuch Premiſes ſo required to be purchaſed for the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Acts or this Act; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Court of Chancery, upon the hearing of ſuch Petition, to order and direct

direct any such Conveyance, and to proceed in all Respects in any such Manner to cause such Postmaster General to be put in Possession of such Premises as the said Court is empowered to do under and by virtue of the said recited Act of the Forty-eighth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, in the Case of any Person or Persons, or Guardian or Guardians of any Infant or Infants, neglecting or refusing to execute any Conveyance under the Provisions of the said recited Act, and to make such other Order in the Premises for the effectuating of such Conveyance, as to the said Court of Chancery shall seem just and reasonable; and all Conveyances of any Premises made and executed under the Order of the said Court of Chancery, shall be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and shall have the like Force and Effect in Law and Equity as if the Guardian or Guardians, Trustee or Trustees, Assignee or Assignees, or Committee or Committees so being absent out of the said United Kingdom had joined in executing such Conveyance, and as if such Conveyance had been executed by all and every Persons and Person in whom the Title in or to such Premises was legally vested, any Deed, Act, Law, Statute, or other Matter or Thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons may be summoned to give Evidence before Jury.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Postmaster General, or for the Secretary of the said General Post Office respectively for the Time being, and they are hereby respectively authorized and empowered to summon in Writing such Person or Persons as may be found necessary to give Evidence before any Jury to be impanelled for the Purposes of the said recited Acts or this Act, as well on behalf of the said Postmaster General or Secretary of the said General Post Office, as of any Owner, Proprietor, or Lessee of any Premises, or of any Guardian, Trustee, Assignee, or Committee of any such Owner, Proprietor, or Lessee; and in case such Person or Persons who shall be so summoned as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to attend at the Place in such Summons to be specified, within Twenty-four Hours if resident in the City of *Dublin*, and if resident at a Distance from the said City, within a reasonable Time after Service thereof, or shall refuse to give Evidence, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Postmaster General or Secretary of the said General Post Office for the Time being (upon Proof of the Service of such Summons by the Oath of some credible Person, which Oath they are respectively hereby empowered to administer), to impose such Fine or Fines on such Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting to attend as aforesaid, or refusing to give Evidence, as to them the said Postmaster General or Secretary of the said General Post Office may seem proper, any such Fine not to exceed Fifty Pounds.

Clauses in recited Acts to extend to this Act.

V. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Clauses, Provisoes, Conditions, Powers, and Restrictions, and all Penalties and Modes of recovering the same in the said recited Acts or either of them mentioned or contained, shall extend and be applied in the Execution of this Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the said several Clauses, Provisoes, Conditions, Powers, and Restrictions, Penalties and Modes of recovering the same, were repeated and re-enacted in this Act; and that the said recited Acts and this Act shall be construed together as one Act.

VI. And

Money to be paid out of the Duty on Postage.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Postmaster General of *Ireland* for the Time being, to pay all such Sums of Money as shall be necessary for the Purposes of this Act, and of the said recited Act, out of any Money in his Hands arising from the Duty on the Postage of Letters in *Ireland*.

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