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Lands at Blue Town, repealed.

Isle of *Sheppey* and County of *Kent*, shall be and the same is hereby repealed to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; save and except as to any Proceedings had or taken under the Provisions of the said recited Act prior to the passing of this Act, all which Proceedings shall be and continue to be of the same Force and Effect as the same were before the passing of this Act.

Certain Lands called Finsborough Marsh contiguous to Chatham Dock vested in certain Persons in Trust for the Owners until Possession is taken by the Commissioners of the Navy, and the Purchase Money paid.

II. And whereas it is expedient that His Majesty should be possessed of and enabled to purchase the Lands and Hereditaments herein-after particularly mentioned, which lie contiguous to His Majesty's Dock Yard at *Chatham*, and are wanted for the Public Service: And whereas the said Lands and Hereditaments are or may be vested in or belong to Bodies Politic or Corporate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, Infants, Femes Covert, Trustees, or other Persons who by Law are disabled to make any Contracts or Conveyances; in all which Cases, as also when any Owner or other Person or Persons entitled to or interested in the same, designing to obstruct the Public Service, or to make any unreasonable Gain to themselves, insist on extravagant Rates or Prices, it will be necessary to have Recourse to the same Methods that have been taken in Cases of the like Nature: To the End therefore that the true and real Value of the said Lands and Hereditaments, and the Estates, Rights, and Interests therein, may be ascertained, and the Owners and Proprietors thereof, or Persons entitled thereto or interested therein, may have a just and reasonable Satisfaction for the same; be it further enacted, That all that Piece or Parcel of Salt Marsh Land, situate, lying, and being in the Parishes of *Gillingham* and *Chatham*, in the County of *Kent*, or in one of them, called or known by the Name of *Finsborough Marsh*, otherwise *Saint Mary's Marsh*, otherwise *Warden's Marsh*, containing together in the Whole One hundred and eighty-eight Acres or thereabouts, the same forming an Island, and being bounded on the North, East, and West Sides thereof by the River *Medway*, and separated from the Main Land on the South Side thereof by a certain Creek called *Saint Mary's Creek*, which said Piece or Parcel of Salt Marsh Land is now in the Whole or in Part occupied by *George Nash*, together with all Ways, Paths, Passages, Waters, Watercourses, Creeks, Inlets, Mounds, Banks, Ditches, Fences, Easements, Liberties, Privileges, Commodities, Rights, Members, and Appurtenances whatsoever, to the said Piece or Parcel of Salt Marsh Land, or any Part or Parcel thereof, belonging or in anywise appertaining, or deemed, taken, or known as Part, Parcel, or Member thereof or appurtenant thereto, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Right Honourable *Charles Manners Sutton*, the Right Honourable *William Huskisson*, Sir *Edward Knatchbull* Baronet, *William Philip Honeywood* Esquire, and *John Wilson Croker* Esquire, their Heirs and Assigns, in Trust nevertheless for such Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, as at or immediately before the Time of making this Act was or were the Owner or the several and respective Owners thereof, or had any Estates, Rights, or Interests therein, according to their several Estates, Rights, and Interests, in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or otherwise, until such Estates, Rights, and Interests respectively shall be adjudged and determined, and Possession thereof taken by the Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy,

Trustees.

Navy, or other Persons acting under their Authority (which Possession they are hereby empowered to take when it shall be found necessary for His Majesty's Service), and until the Purchase Monies for the same, together with Interest from the Time of taking Possession, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, for the Sum or Sums of Money that shall be agreed upon or assessed as the true Value or Values thereof, shall be paid; and that the said Purchase Monies shall be paid and applied to such and the same Uses, Intents, and Purposes as the said Estates, Rights, and Interests so vested in the above-mentioned Trustees were limited and settled previous to the passing of this Act, so far as the Rules of Law will allow thereof; and that in the mean time, and until such Possession taken and Payment made as aforesaid, the Rents and Profits of the said Lands and Hereditaments shall be paid and applied by the said Trustees to, and all such Estates, Rights, and Interests as aforesaid shall be held and enjoyed by such Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, as was or were entitled to have, receive, hold, and enjoy the same respectively, and in such Proportions, Manner, and Form, as the same were payable and were held and enjoyed previous to the passing of this Act.

His Majesty may appoint Commissioners to hear and determine Titles and Claims, for which Purpose, and for ascertaining the Value of the Premises, an Inquest may be called.

III. And be it further enacted, That for the better ascertaining the several Owners and Proprietors of and Persons interested in the said Lands and Hereditaments vested by and to be purchased in pursuance of this Act, and the respective Titles, Rights, Interests, and Claims of such Owners and Proprietors and other Persons thereto; it shall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty, by One or more Commission or Commissions, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, to authorize and appoint any Number of Persons to be Commissioners to hear and determine all Titles, Rights, Interests, and Claims that shall or may be set up to the said Lands and Hereditaments, or to any Part or Parcel thereof; which Commissioners so to be appointed, or any Three or more of them, shall and may and they are hereby authorized and required in a summary Way, by and upon the Testimony of Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath they or any Three or more of them are hereby empowered to administer), or upon the Inspection and Examination of Deeds, Writings, and Records, or by the Inquest of Twelve good and lawful Men to be impannelled and sworn in Manner herein-after mentioned and directed, or by all or any of the said Ways or otherwise according to their Discretion, to inquire into and to proceed, act upon, and determine all and all Manner of Rights, Titles, Estates, Claims, and Interests, and all Controversies, Debates, and Questions which shall happen or arise between any Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate whomsoever, or any other Matter or Thing relating to any of the Premises or any Part thereof; and shall have Power to send for any Person or Persons, and oblige them to produce their Deeds or Writings upon Oath relating to any of the same Premises; and also shall and may, by Agreement with the respective Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, that shall be determined to be the Owners and Proprietors of, and Persons interested in the said Lands and Hereditaments vested by and to be purchased in pursuance of this Act, or by the said Inquest of the said Twelve good and lawful Men to be impannelled and sworn, inquire into, proceed, act, and determine touching

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ing and concerning the true and real Value of the said Premises or any Part or Parcel thereof; and the said Commissioners so to be appointed, or any Three or more of them, are hereby required to cause all their Judgments and Decrees to be entered fairly in Books, which Judgments and Decrees shall expressly mention and specify the respective Number of Acres or Parcels of Land, with their several Abuttals and Boundaries, together with the Name or Names of all and every Person or Persons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, interested respectively in the same, and the respective Sum or Sums of Money that shall be so agreed for or assessed by the said Jury to be paid for the same respectively; which Judgments and Decrees shall be fairly engrossed on Parchment, and certified to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and to the King's Remembrancer in His Majesty's Court of Exchequer; and such Judgments and Decrees made as aforesaid shall be final, and shall conclude all and every Person and Persons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, Ecclesiastical and Civil, their Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, notwithstanding any Disability or Incapacity whatsoever; any Law, Statute, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding; Copies of which said Judgments and Decrees shall be laid forthwith before both Houses of Parliament, that full Compensation and Satisfaction may be made to the several Owners and Proprietors of, and Persons interested in the said Lands and Hereditaments.

Decrees of Commissioners to be entered in Books, which Decrees shall specify the Number of Acres of Land, the Names of the Owners, and the Money agreed for or assessed by the Jury.

Bodies Corporate, &c. and others may treat and agree for the Purchase.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners so to be appointed, or any Three or more of them, or their Agent or Agents thereunto authorized by Writing under their respective Hands, shall and may and they are hereby authorized and empowered to treat and agree with all or any of the Owners or Proprietors of and Persons interested in the said Lands and Hereditaments for the absolute Purchase thereof, and of all Estates, Rights, and Interests therein; and it shall and may be lawful for all Bodies Politic or Corporate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, and for all Tenants for Life and Tenants in Tail, and for Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Committees, or Attornies of such of the Owners or Proprietors of or Persons interested in any of the said Lands or Hereditaments as shall be Femes Covert, Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Persons beyond the Seas, or otherwise incapable of acting for themselves, and for all and every other Person or Persons whomsoever, not only for and on Behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on Behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, Remainder Men or other Person or Persons, to contract for and agree with the said Commissioners or any Three or more of them, or such Agent or Agents as aforesaid, for the Sale of all or any of the said Lands or Hereditaments, Rights and Interests, for the Purpose aforesaid; and all such Contracts and Agreements shall be valid and effectual in the Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and all Bodies Politic or Corporate, Ecclesiastical and Civil, and all Persons whomsoever, are hereby indemnified for what they or any of them shall do in pursuance of this Act; but if it shall happen that any such Body Politic or Corporate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, Tenant for Life, Tenant in Tail, Husband, Guardian, Trustee, Committee, or Attorney as aforesaid, or any other Person or Persons interested in such Lands or Hereditaments shall, for the Space of

Contracts entered into valid.

In default of treating or agreeing for the Purchase the Price shall be de-

Thirty Days next after Public Notice in Writing subscribed by the said Commissioners or any Three or more of them, shall have been affixed on the principal Doors of the respective Parish Churches of *Chatham* and *Gillingham*, and inserted in the *London Gazette*, and also next after such Notice shall have been given to the principal Officer or Officers of any such Body Politic or Corporate, or to such Tenant for Life, Tenant in Tail, Husband, Guardian, Trustee, Committee, or Attorney, or to such other Person or Persons as aforesaid, or left at his, her, or their respective Place or Places of Abode (if it shall be convenient or practicable to give such last-mentioned Notice), neglect or refuse to treat or agree, or by reason of Absence shall be prevented from treating or agreeing with the said Commissioners or any Three or more of them, or such Agent or Agents as aforesaid, or shall refuse to accept what they the said Commissioners or any Three or more of them, or such Agent or Agents as aforesaid, shall think a reasonable Recompence or Satisfaction for such Lands or Hereditaments, Rights and Interests as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Commissioners or any Three or more of them shall, with all convenient Speed, proceed to inquire into, ascertain, and assess the true and real Value of such Lands, Hereditaments, Rights, and Interests, by the Inquest of Twelve good and lawful Men, or by such other Ways and Means, and in such Manner and Form in all Respects whatsoever, as herein is particularly mentioned and directed. termined by a Jury.

V. And be it further enacted, That for the better carrying into Execution the said Commission or Commissions by virtue of this present Act to be issued, the said Commissioners so to be appointed, or any Three or more of them, shall and lawfully may, and they are hereby authorized and required to issue forth their Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to be directed to the Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, thereby commanding him to impannel, summon, and return before the said Commissioners, at such Time and Place as shall be appointed in such Warrant or Warrants, Twenty-four good and lawful Men of the said County of *Kent* qualified to serve upon Juries at the Assizes, who upon their Oaths (which Oaths the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, are hereby empowered to administer) shall inquire into, and by their Verdict ascertain and assess, the true and real Value of such Lands and Hereditaments, and of the respective Estates, Rights, and Interests therein; and the said Sheriff is hereby required to impannel, summon, and return such Jury as aforesaid, and at the Return of such Warrant or Warrants to attend the said Commissioners with his Bailiffs or Officers, to prove, if necessary, upon Oath (which Oath the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, are hereby empowered to administer), the summoning the Jurors so to be impannelled and returned respectively; and in case the said Sheriff, or his Bailiffs or Officers, shall neglect or refuse (being duly served with such Warrant or Warrants Fourteen Days or more before the Return thereof) to impannel, summon, and return such Jury as aforesaid, or shall not attend the said Commissioners with his Bailiffs or Officers at the Return of such Warrant or Warrants as aforesaid; or if any Person summoned as a Witness shall not appear, or appearing shall refuse to be examined or to give Evidence before the said Commissioners, then and in either

Commissioners authorized to direct the Sheriff to call a Jury to assess the Value of the Premises.

Penalty on Sheriff, Witness, or Juryman neglecting his Duty.

either of the said Cases the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and required to impose a Fine upon such Sheriff, Bailiffs, Officers, and Witnesses, or any of them so making Default, not exceeding Twenty Pounds nor less than Ten Pounds, for any One Offence; and if any Person so to be impannelled, summoned, and returned, shall not appear at the Return of such Warrant or Warrants, or appearing shall refuse to be sworn for the Purposes aforesaid, or being sworn shall depart without the Licence of the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, before the Verdict is given, or shall not give his Verdict, or in any other Manner neglect his Duty in the Premises, in every such Case the said Commissioners then assembled or met, or any Three or more of them, may and they are hereby empowered to set a Fine upon such Person so offending, and not having lawful Excuse, to be allowed by the said Commissioners then sitting, or the major Part of them, not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds upon any one Person for any Offence; all which Fines the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and required to estreat into His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, to be levied to the Use of His Majesty.

In default of a sufficient Number of Jurymen attending, others may be returned.

VI. And be it further enacted, That in case a sufficient Jury shall not appear upon the Return of the said Warrant or Warrants to take the Inquest, it shall be lawful to and for the said Commissioners by virtue of this Act to be appointed, or any Three or more of them, from Time to Time to adjourn the Inquest to any future Day, not exceeding Fourteen Days nor less than Four Days from the Adjournment thereof, and to issue out their Warrant or Warrants for impannelling, summoning, and returning an equal Number of Jurors to those so making Default; and thereupon the Jurors who shall have been before returned by the said Sheriffs respectively, and shall have appeared upon such Return, together with those who shall be returned and shall appear upon such Second or any future Warrant and Return, or Warrants and Returns, from Time to Time to be issued and made, until a sufficient Jury can be obtained, shall inquire as aforesaid.

Inquest to be taken if 12 Jurors appear.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That Twelve good and lawful Men shall be sufficient to take the Inquest aforesaid; and that in case Twelve or more shall appear upon the Return of the said Warrant or Warrants, then and in such Case the said Commissioners by virtue of this Act to be appointed shall proceed to take the said Inquest, and after the Inquest shall be taken may adjourn to some future Day for making their Judgments and Decrees thereon.

Notice to be given of the Meeting of the Jury, and if Persons do not attend with their Deeds, &c. Commissioners shall proceed with the

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners by virtue of this Act to be appointed, or any Three or more of them, shall cause Notice to be given in Writing of the Days appointed for the Meeting of the said Jurors as aforesaid, Fourteen Days at the least before any such Meeting; which Notice shall be affixed on the Door of the respective Parish Churches of *Chatham* and *Gillingham* aforesaid, and shall likewise cause the same to be published in the *London Gazette*; and if any Person or Persons shall not appear pursuant to such Notice, or shall refuse to show his, her, or their Deeds

or Writings relating to the Premises, that then the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, and also the said Jury, shall proceed and determine upon the best Information they can then procure or obtain, to make such Inquests, Judgments, and Decrees as hereinbefore directed; and all such Judgments and Decrees, being entered and certified as aforesaid, shall be final and conclusive. I

best Information they can obtain.

IX. And be it further enacted, That in case any Jury to be summoned and sworn pursuant to the Authority of this Act shall give in a Verdict or Assessment for more Money, as a Recompence, Compensation, or Satisfaction for the Right, Interest, or Property of any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, in any such Lands or Hereditaments, than shall have been offered for the same by the said Commissioners, or their Agent or Agents, before the summoning and returning of such Jury, then and in every such Case all the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences of causing and procuring such Recompence, Compensation, or Satisfaction to be assessed by a Jury, shall be settled by the Commissioners before whom such Claim shall have been tried, and shall be paid by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy; but if any Jury so summoned and sworn as aforesaid shall give in a Verdict or Assessment for no more or for less Money, as such Recompence, Compensation, and Satisfaction as aforesaid, than shall have been offered by the said Commissioners for the same, before the summoning and returning of the said Jury; or where the causing and procuring such Jury to be summoned shall have arisen from a Refusal to treat or agree with the said Commissioners by any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, or by any Person or Persons whomsoever, who is or are by the Provisions of this Act or otherwise legally empowered to treat, then all such Costs, Charges, and Expences, to be settled by such Commissioners in Manner aforesaid, shall be paid to the said Commissioners in Manner aforesaid, shall be paid to the said Commissioners of the Navy, or to such Person or Persons as they or any Three of them shall appoint, by the said Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, or other Person or Persons so claiming such Compensation, or refusing to treat and agree as before mentioned respectively; save only and except where by reason of Absence, or other like Cause, any Person shall have been prevented from treating or agreeing as aforesaid, in which Case no Costs, Charges, or Expences shall be allowed to either Party as against the other; and all Costs, Charges, and Expences hereby directed to be paid to the said Commissioners of the Navy shall and may be deducted and retained by them out of the Compensation Money so adjudged or assessed to be paid, or be deemed and taken to be so much Money advanced to and for the Use of the Person and Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, entitled to such Money so adjudged, and Payment or Tender of the Remainder of such Money shall be deemed and taken to be a Payment or Tender of the whole Sum or Sums so adjudged or assessed; or in case no Money, or no sufficient Sum of Money, shall be awarded or assessed to be paid, whereout such Costs, Charges, and Expences can be deducted, then the same shall and may be recovered by Action at Law, at the Suit of and in the Name of any Three of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy for the Time being, in the Nature of liquidated

If Jury give a Verdict for more Money than was offered, the Expence of the Inquest shall be paid by the Commissioners of the Navy; but if the Verdict be for no more or for less Money, the Expence shall be paid by the other Party.

dated Damages; and no such Action shall abate by reason of the Death of any of the said Commissioners.

After Payment of the Purchase Money, the Trustees before named shall stand seised of the Premises for the Use of His Majesty.

X. And be it further enacted, That immediately from and after the Time that Payment shall be made of the Sum and Sums of Money agreed for or to be assessed by the said Jury, and decreed and adjudged by the said Commissioners to be by virtue of this present Act appointed, or any Three or more of them, to the Owners and Proprietors of and Persons interested in the said Lands and Hereditaments vested by and to be purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any or either of them, the Trustees herein-before mentioned, and their Heirs shall be deemed and adjudged to stand seised of the said Premises respectively, to and for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for ever, freed and discharged of and from all and all Manner of Estates, Leases, Rights, Titles, Interests, Claims, and Demands whatsoever, which can or may be had, made, or set up, in, to, out of, or upon or in respect of the same Lands and Hereditaments, by any Bodies Politic or Corporate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, or any Person or Persons whomsoever, on any Account whatever.

Application of Money belonging to Bodies Corporate, &c. where it amounts to and exceeds 200*l.*

XI. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed or assessed to be paid for any Lands or Hereditaments, or for any other Matter, Right, or Interest of what Nature or Kind soever, purchased or taken by virtue of this Act for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Politic or Corporate, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or other Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity, or not legally entitled absolutely to dispose of the Premises by the Sale of which such Money shall be produced, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid to One of the Cashiers of the Bank of *England*, with the Privity and to the Account of the Accountant General of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer for the Time being, to the Credit and for the Use and Benefit of the Owners and Proprietors of and Persons interested in such Lands or Hereditaments; and such Cashier is hereby authorized and required to receive or accept and to give a Receipt or Discharge for the same, mentioning and specifying the Amount and to whose Use the same is received; and upon the Production of such Receipt or Discharge, the said Accountant General is hereby authorized and required to sign a Certificate to the Barons of the said Court of Exchequer, under his Hand, purporting and signifying that such Money or other Consideration was paid into the Bank of *England* in pursuance of this Act, to the Credit and for the Use and Benefit of such Owners or Proprietors, or other Persons interested, as shall be named in such Certificate; and the said Certificate shall be filed or deposited in the said Court of Exchequer, and an Office Copy thereof, signed by the proper Officer of the said Court for the Time being, shall and may be read and allowed as Evidence for the Purposes herein-after mentioned; and immediately upon the filing or depositing of such Certificate, the said Lands or Hereditaments shall be and become vested in the Trustees herein-before mentioned, and their Heirs, for the Public Service, in Trust for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors.

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Application of the Money, where less than 200*l.* and amounting to 20*l.*

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed or assessed to be paid for any Lands or Hereditaments purchased or taken for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Body Politic or Corporate, or to any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds and shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments so purchased or taken, or of the Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees of the Person or Persons so entitled, in case of Infancy or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid to One of the Cashiers of the Bank of *England*, with the Privity and to the Account of the said Accountant General of the said Court of Exchequer for the Time being as aforesaid, in order to be applied in the Manner herein-before directed with respect to Sums exceeding Two hundred Pounds; or otherwise the same shall be paid at the like Option to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate making such Option, and approved of by the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy or any Three or more of them (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties), in order that such Principal Money may be invested in the Purchase of Stock in the Public Funds; and that such Stock when purchased, and the Dividends arising therefrom, may be applied in the Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case may be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the said Court of Exchequer.

Application where the Sum shall be less than 20*l.*

XIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so agreed or assessed to be paid as herein-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, Body Politic or Corporate, who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments so purchased or taken for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Commissioners of the Navy 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.

Barons of the Exchequer to pronounce Orders in Cases where Money is paid into the Bank on Behalf of Bodies Corporate, &c. and others.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Barons of the said Court of Exchequer, or any One or more of them, shall and may, and they and he are and is hereby authorized and empowered, in a summary Way, upon Motion or Petition for and on Behalf of any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any Person or Persons entitled to the Benefit of, or interested in, any Money that shall or may be paid into the Bank of *England* under the Provisions of this Act, or the Interest or Produce thereof, and upon reading an Office Copy of the Certificate directed to be signed by the said Accountant General of the said Court for the Time being concerning the same as aforesaid, and receiving such further Satisfaction as they or he shall

think necessary to make and pronounce such Orders and Directions for paying the said Money or any Part of the same, or for placing out such Part thereof as shall be Principal in the Public Funds, or upon Government or Real Securities, and for Payment of the Dividends or Interest thereof, or any Part thereof, to the respective Persons entitled to receive the same, or for laying out the Principal or any Part thereof in the Purchase of other Lands or Hereditaments, to be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon the same Uses, Trusts, Intents, or Purposes, as the said Lands and Hereditaments so purchased or taken under this Act stood settled at the Time of the Payment of such Money as aforesaid, or as near thereto as the same can be done, or otherwise for the Disposition of the said Money or any Part thereof, and the Interest or Produce of the same, or any Part thereof, for the Benefit of the Person and Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, entitled to and interested in the same respectively, or for appointing any Person or Persons to be a Trustee or Trustees for all or any of such Purposes, as the said Court shall think just and reasonable; and also for raising and paying the Costs of any such Motion or Petition and the Proceedings to be had thereupon, or any Part of such Costs, out of the Principal Money paid into the Bank of *England* under the Provisions of this Act, or out of the Interest or Proceeds thereof, in such Manner and Proportions as the said Court in its Discretion shall think fit under the Circumstances of the Case.

Court of Exchequer in Cases of Purchases on behalf of incapacitated Persons to order the Commissioners of the Navy to pay the Expences.

XV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, entitled to any Lands or Hereditaments 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 of Exchequer, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands or Hereditaments 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 said Court shall deem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said Commissioners of the Navy, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Commissioners not liable to any Penalties under 25 C. 2. c. 2. 1 W. & M. c. 8. 13 & 14 W. 3. c. 6. or 1 G. 1. c. 13.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That no Commissioner who shall be so employed in the Execution of this Act shall be liable for or by Reason of such Execution to any of the Penalties mentioned in the Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, Chapter the Second, nor the First of *William* and *Mary*, Chapter the Eighth; nor the Thirteenth and Fourteenth of *William* the Third, Chapter the Sixth; nor the First of *George* the First, Chapter the Thirteenth.

Commissioners not disqualified from sitting in the

XVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That such Commissioners as His Majesty shall nominate for the Purposes in this Act mentioned, or any of them, shall not by reason thereof in any Sort be disabled or

disqualified from sitting in the House of Commons, nor their Election thereby become void; any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding. House of Commons.

XVIII. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, all Estates, Rights, Titles, Privileges, and Franchises, of, into, and out of the Lands and Hereditaments hereinbefore mentioned, in such and the same Manner as if this Act had not been made. Saving all Estates in the Premises to the King.

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