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Assignee or Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; and it was thereby further enacted, that every Person or Persons chosen or who should be chosen Assignees of the Estate and Effects of such Bankrupt, should at some Time after the Expiration of Four Months, and within Twelve Months from the Time of issuing such Commission, cause at least Twenty-one Days public Notice to be given in the *London Gazette*, of the Time and Place the Commissioners and Assignees intend to make a Dividend and Distribution of such Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; at which Time the Creditors who had not proved their Debts, should then be at liberty to prove the same; which Meeting for the City of *London* and all Places within the Bills of Mortality, should be at the Guildhall of the said City: And whereas the Business in Bankruptcy has of late Years greatly increased, and in consequence thereof proper and sufficient Accommodation cannot now be furnished to the Commissioners for transacting such Business at the said Guildhall of the said City of *London*: And whereas, for the Purpose of providing a Remedy for such Inconvenience, an Address was ordered to be presented to His Royal Highness The Prince Regent, by the House of Commons, on the Thirtieth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, praying that His Royal Highness would be graciously pleased to give Directions, that a Sum not exceeding Twenty thousand Pounds should be issued for the Purpose of erecting a suitable Building for Transaction of Business in Bankruptcy: And whereas in pursuance of such Address the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have authorized and empowered *William Courtenay* of *Duke Street, Westminster*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Esquire, One of the Masters of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, *Stephen Rumbold Lushington* Esquire, One of the Secretaries of His Majesty's Treasury, *Matthew Wood* of *South Audley Street, Grosvenor Square*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Esquire, One of the Aldermen of the said City of *London*, *Thomas Wilson* of the same City, Merchant, and *Henry Wrottesley* of *Lincoln's Inn*, in the said County of *Middlesex*, Esquire, as Trustees for the Public, to treat and contract for the Purchase of the Piece or Parcel of Ground herein-after described, on which such intended new Buildings may be erected and built, and also for the erecting and completing the same for the Purposes aforesaid: And whereas in further pursuance of such Address, a Contract hath been entered into by the Trustees above named, with the said City of *London*, for the Purchase of the Piece of Ground nearly adjoining the Guildhall of the said City, herein-after more particularly described; and in pursuance of such Contract, by Indenture of Feoffment with Livery of Seizin endorsed, duly enrolled in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, bearing Date the Thirteenth Day of *April* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty, and made between the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* of the First Part; the said *William Courtenay*, *Stephen Rumbold Lushington*, *Matthew Wood*, *Thomas Wilson*, and *Henry Wrottesley*, of the Second Part; *Joseph Bushnan* of Guildhall *London* aforesaid, Comptroller of the Chamber of the said City of *London*, and *Francis Bligh Hookey* of Guildhall aforesaid, Gentlemen, of the Third Part; and *Rowland Wimburn* of *Chancery Lane*, in the said County of *Middlesex*, Gentleman, of the Fourth Part; it is witnessed, that in pursuance of the said

Contract with the Corporation of London.

said Agreement, and in Consideration of the Sum of Four thousand one hundred Pounds paid by the said *William Courtenay*, *Stephen Rumbold Lushington*, *Matthew Wood*, *Thomas Wilson*, and *Henry Wrottesley*, into the Chamber of the said City of *London*, as therein mentioned, the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens did grant, alien, enfeoff, and confirm unto the said *William Courtenay*, *Stephen Rumbold Lushington*, *Matthew Wood*, *Thomas Wilson*, and *Henry Wrottesley*, and their Heirs, all that Piece or Parcel of Ground situate and being on the West Side of *Basinghall Street*, in the Parish of *Saint Michael Bassishaw* of the City of *London*, Part of which Ground lately formed Part of the Site of the ancient Cloth Market of *Blackwell Hall*, or of the Buildings or Offices belonging thereto, and other Part thereof was the Site, or Part of the Site, of Two Messuages or Dwelling Houses situate on the West Side of *Basinghall Street* aforesaid, being Numbers Eighty-two and Eighty-three of the said Street; the whole of which said Piece or Parcel of Ground measures on the North Side thereof, abutting or adjoining to a Messuage or Tenement and Premises in *Basinghall Street* aforesaid, now or late in the Occupation of *Maitland*, Esquire, Eighty-seven Feet of Assize, little more or less, in a broken Line; on the East Side thereof, abutting on *Basinghall Street* aforesaid, Ninety Feet Nine Inches of Assize, including Half the Thickness of the Party Wall, little more or less; on the West Side thereof, abutting or adjoining to a vacant Piece of Ground, which is intended to be left as a Yard or Passage between the Ground thereby intended to be conveyed, and the new Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas, One hundred and one Feet Six Inches of Assize, little more or less, including Half the Party Wall; and on the South Side thereof, abutting on an intended new Street or Carriage Way leading from *Basinghall Street* aforesaid, to *Guildhall Yard*, Eighty-seven Feet of Assize, little more or less, as the said Piece or Parcel of Ground and the Abuttals and Boundaries thereof are more particularly described and delineated in the Ground Plan thereof drawn in the Margin of the Indenture now in recital, together with the free Use and Liberty of Way and Passage in, over, and upon the said Court Yard or Ground lying between the Western Boundary of the Piece or Parcel of Ground thereby intended to be conveyed, and the said intended new Buildings for the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas, at all Times between the Hours of Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon and Four o'Clock in the Afternoon of every Day in the Year, except *Sundays*, *Good Friday*, and *Christmas Day*; but excepting and always reserving to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, their Successors and Assigns, the Right to have an Entrance Gate to the said Yard or Passage, and to lock or fasten the same Gate, so as to prevent all Access to or Liberty of Way through the same Gate and Passage, except when such Right of Way or Passage is to be exercised between the Hours of Ten and Four as aforesaid; to hold the said Piece of Ground and Premises unto and to the Use of the said *William Courtenay*, *Stephen Rumbold Lushington*, *Matthew Wood*, *Thomas Wilson* and *Henry Wrottesley*, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, in Trust for His Majesty and His Successors; and to the Intent and Purpose only, that certain Buildings might forthwith be erected on the said Ground, for the Meetings of the Commissioners of Bankrupts, and for Transaction of Business in Bankruptcy: And whereas such Buildings have been

been accordingly erected, and are nearly completed, on the said Piece of Ground for the Purposes aforesaid: And whereas by reason of the said herein-before in part recited Act of Parliament, such Meetings of the Commissioners in Bankruptcy as are therein mentioned, must of Necessity be held at the Guildhall of the said City of *London*; and it is therefore expedient to repeal so much of the said recited Act as compels such Meetings to be there holden, and to direct that all Public Meetings in Bankruptcy, and also such other Meetings as are herein-after mentioned, shall be held in the said newly-erected Buildings: And whereas, besides the Inconveniencies arising from the Want of appropriate Places of Meeting, considerable Inconvenience has also been experienced from their being no Provision made under the existing Laws for keeping a Registry or Journal of the Proceedings under Commissions, and such Registry would tend to the Regularity and Uniformity of such Proceedings: And whereas it is expedient that Commissioners acting under any Commission of Bankruptcy should, whilst so acting, have Power or Authority to remove or order any Person or Persons to be removed or taken out of the Room or Place in which they may be sitting under such Commission, who shall commit or be guilty of any Riot or Disturbance, or who shall interrupt them in the Exercise of their Duty, and to have such Person or Persons taken before any Alderman or Magistrate acting in the Commission of the Peace, to be dealt with according to Law: And whereas by a Resolution of the House of Commons of the Twenty-ninth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, the further Sum of Two thousand three hundred Pounds was granted to His Majesty, to enable the said Trustees to defray the Expences of such new Building, and of completing, fitting up, and furnishing the same for the Purposes aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient that a Fund should be provided, for the Purpose of ensuring to the Public the Repayment of the Sums so voted for 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 so much of the herein-before recited Act of the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, as directs that any Meetings holden under Commissions of Bankruptcy should be holden at the Guildhall of the City of *London*, shall be and the same is hereby repealed (subject only to the Proviso next herein-after contained).

Recited Act in part repealed, when the new Building shall be completed;

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That such Part as aforesaid of the said recited Act of the Fifth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, shall continue in force until the Building intended to be erected on the Piece of Ground comprised in the herein-before recited Indenture of Feoffment shall be completed, and Notice of such Building being ready for Use, signed by the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the Time being, shall be inserted in the *London Gazette*, therein fixing the Time from which Business shall be transacted in such new Building, and which Building shall be called "The Court of Commissioners of Bankrupt."

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Meetings under Commissions of Bankrupts to be held in the new Building.

III. And be it further enacted, That from the Time fixed in such Notice in the *London Gazette*, signed as aforesaid, and for ever thenceforward, all Public Meetings under Commissions of Bankrupt in *London*, and all Places within the Bills of Mortality, (as well those fixed by the said Commissioners, as also all Meetings of Creditors under Commissions which are held in pursuance of public Advertisement), shall be holden within the Building mentioned or referred to in such Notice.

The Ground and Buildings vested in Commissioners.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Piece or Parcel of Ground described in and conveyed by the Indenture of Feoffment hereinbefore recited or expressed so to be, and all Erections and Buildings now erecting and building, or which shall be erected and built thereon, shall from henceforth be and the same are hereby vested in the said *William Courtenay*, *Stephen Rumbold Lushington*, *Matthew Wood*, *Thomas Wilson*, and *Henry Wrottesley*, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, in Trust for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to the Intent and Purpose that the said Piece of Ground, and the Buildings thereon, may for ever hereafter be used and applied for the Purposes and in Manner mentioned and described by this Act; subject to such Rules and Regulations respecting the Use and Occupation thereof, and of the Rooms and Chambers thereunto belonging, as the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, shall from Time to Time order and direct, and to and for no other Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever; and the said *William Courtenay*, *Stephen Rumbold Lushington*, *Matthew Wood*, *Thomas Wilson*, and *Henry Wrottesley*, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, and the Heirs and Assigns of such Survivor, are accordingly hereby appointed, and shall from henceforth be and continue Commissioners and Trustees for carrying into Effect the Purposes of this Act.

For Appointment of future Commissioners.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That when any of them the said *William Courtenay*, *Stephen Rumbold Lushington*, *Matthew Wood*, *Thomas Wilson*, and *Henry Wrottesley*, or any future Commissioner or Commissioners, Trustee or Trustees, to be appointed as herein-after is mentioned, shall die, or be desirous of being discharged of and from, or refuse or decline or become incapable to act as a Commissioner and Trustee for the Purposes of this Act, then and so often as by the Means aforesaid the Number of the said Commissioners and Trustees shall be reduced to Three, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord High Chancellor, or Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the Time being, by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands, to nominate and appoint any other Person or Persons to be a Commissioner and Trustee, or Commissioners and Trustees, for the Purposes of this Act, in the Place or Stead of the Trustees who shall have so died, or desired to be discharged, or refused, declined, or become incapable to act as aforesaid.

Vesting the Ground and Buildings in such future Commissioners.

VI. And it is hereby enacted, That when and so often as any new Commissioner or Commissioners, or Trustee or Trustees, shall be nominated and appointed as aforesaid, the said Piece of Ground and Premises comprised in the said recited Indenture of Feoffment, and the

the Buildings thereon, and the Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof, shall be thereupon, with all convenient Speed, conveyed and assured in such sort and manner, and so as that the same shall and may be legally and effectually vested in the surviving or continuing Commissioner or Commissioners, Trustee or Trustees, and such new or other Commissioner or Commissioners, Trustee or Trustees, or if there shall be no continuing Commissioner or Trustee under this Act, then in such new Commissioners and Trustees only, and their Heirs and Assigns for ever, upon the same Trust and for the same Intent and Purpose as by this Act is enacted and declared concerning the Commissioners and Trustees hereby nominated; and that every such new Commissioner and Trustee shall and may in all things act and assist in the Management, carrying on, and Execution of the Trusts and Purposes of this Act, in conjunction with the other then surviving or continuing Commissioner or Commissioners, Trustee or Trustees, if there shall be any such, and if not, then by themselves, as fully and effectually, and with the same Power and Powers, Authority and Authorities, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever, as if they had been originally in and by this Act nominated Commissioners and Trustees, and as the Commissioners or Trustees in this Act named, in or to whose Place such new Commissioners or Trustees shall respectively come or succeed, are enabled to do, or could or might have done under and by virtue of this Act, if then living and continuing to act in the Trust and for the Purposes hereby directed or declared.

Confirming the Contract with the Corporation of London.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Contract and Purchase so aforesaid made and concluded by and between the said *William Courtenay*, *Stephen Rumbold Lushington*, *Matthew Wood*, *Thomas Wilson*, and *Henry Wrottesley*, of the One Part, and the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of *London* of the other Part, shall be, and such Contract and Purchase is hereby ratified, confirmed, and established in all Respects whatsoever.

For Payment of Expenses of the Purchase, Buildings, and of this Act.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the Consideration Money for the Purchase of the said Piece of Ground, and also the Expences of erecting and completing the intended Buildings thereon, and of fitting up and furnishing the several Rooms and Offices therein, and also the Expences attending the said Contract and Purchase, and the Examination of the Title of the City of *London* to the said Piece of Ground, and also all Expences of Surveyors and others incurred under the Direction of the said Commissioners, or any of them, in treating for a proper Place for transacting the said Business in Bankruptcy, and in procuring and passing this Act, and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of all Proceedings had or to be had in consequence thereof, shall be defrayed by the said Commissioners out of the said Two several Sums of Twenty thousand Pounds and Two thousand three hundred Pounds, issued or to be issued from His Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Address and Resolution of the House of Commons herein-before recited; and that the Drafts of the said Commissioners, or of any Three or more of them, for the said Monies, or any Part thereof, for the Purposes of this Act, shall at all Times be sufficient Authority and Voucher for the Issue and Payment of the

the same; and when and so soon as the said Offices and Buildings shall be completed and prepared for the Transaction of Business, an Account shall be rendered by the said Commissioners, to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, of the Payment and Application of the Monies so as aforesaid received by or issued to them for the Purposes of this Act.

The Buildings to be under the Direction of the Commissioners.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners hereby appointed, or the major Part of them (subject to such Rules and Regulations as the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, shall from Time to Time think proper to order or direct in the Premises), to give and enforce such Order and Direction for the Completion of the said Buildings, and for the Occupation and Use of the several Offices or Rooms when completed, for the Purpose of transacting Business in and under Commissions of Bankrupt, and for preserving and keeping the said Buildings, Rooms, and Offices in good Condition and Repair, and for insuring and keeping such Buildings and Offices insured from Loss or Damage by Fire, as the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall from Time to Time think proper and advisable for all or any of the Purposes aforesaid.

The Buildings not to be occupied as a Residence, except by a Registrar and Housekeeper.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Buildings by this Act empowered to be erected or built, or any Chamber or Room, Chambers or Rooms therein, or any Part or Parts thereof, shall not be used or occupied as or converted to the Residence of any Person or Persons whomsoever; save only and except such Part or Parts of the said Buildings as the said Commissioners hereby appointed, or the major Part of them, shall appropriate or direct to be used for the Residence and Occupation of the Registrar and Housekeeper to be appointed for the Purposes of this Act, as herein-after mentioned; but that the said Buildings, and all and every Chamber and Chambers, Room and Rooms therein, and every Part and Parts thereof, shall be used for the public Purpose and Purposes by this Act directed in respect of the same, and for no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

Registrar to be appointed.

XI. And be it further enacted, That for the better carrying into effect the Purposes of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the Time being, to nominate and appoint some competent and proper Person to the Office of Registrar of the Meetings of the Commissioners of Bankrupt, who shall be resident in such Part of the said Building as the Commissioners shall direct, and who shall also have an Office in some convenient and public Part of the said Building; and whose Duty it shall be to be in Attendance in his said Office from the Hours of Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, till Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, and also during the Sitting of any Commission of Bankrupt, or during the Continuance of any Meeting in Bankruptcy holden in any Part of the said Building, and during such other Times as the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, shall from Time to Time direct; and it shall further be the Duty of the said Registrar so to be appointed,

Duty of Registrar.

pointed, to take and keep a Daily Journal, Registry, and Account of Meetings in Bankruptcy which shall be holden in the said Buildings, or any Office belonging to the same; in which Journal or Registry shall be entered the Names of the Bankrupt or Bankrupts, the Solicitor or Solicitors to the Commission, the Messenger, and the Number of the List of Commissioners to which the Commission is directed, and the Names of the Assignees, the Hours of Meeting, and the Time to which any such Meeting shall be adjourned, and a Minute of the Nature or Purpose for which such Meeting was held, and the Amount of any Dividend which shall be declared thereat; and the Solicitor or Clerk to every such Commission is hereby required to furnish the said Registrar with the necessary Information in Writing, to enable the said Registrar to make a proper Entry in such Journal or Registry of the Nature or Purpose of every such Meeting; and shall also keep One or more Book or Books, containing an Entry or Notice of all Meetings which shall be appointed or called by public Advertisement, either of the Commissioners or Creditors; which Book or Books shall be kept open in the Office of the said Registrar, for the Inspection of all Persons desiring to consult the same, during Office Hours, without Fee or Reward; and it shall further be his Duty to receive and account for all Fees and Payments which shall be payable under this Act, as herein-after mentioned; and when such Fees or Payments shall amount to the Sum of One hundred Pounds in his Hands, to pay the same into the Bank of *England*, under an Order of the High Court of Chancery to be made for that Purpose, in the Name of the Accountant General of the said Court, to a separate Account, to be entitled 'Fund arising from Fees in Bankruptcy,' to be laid out or invested in the Purchase of Bank Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities, in the Name of the said Accountant General, together with all Accumulations thereof, to be carried to the like Account; and that such Registrar shall at all Times, when required by the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, or by any Two of the Commissioners under this Act, render and give a just and true Account of his Receipts and Payments, and of the Monies actually in his Hands; and Once in every Year, between the Fifth Day of *April* and the Fifth Day of *July*, shall (without being thereunto specially required) make and give a just and true Account of all Monies received and paid by him during the Year, which Account shall be audited and settled and finally allowed by the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the Time being, or by such other Person or Persons as he or they shall for that Purpose nominate and appoint.

Registrar to give Security.

XII. And be it further enacted, That every such Registrar to be appointed for the Purposes of this Act as aforesaid, shall and he is hereby required, before he shall act in the Execution of his said Office, to give good and sufficient Security, to the Satisfaction of the said Court, for his duly accounting for and paying over to the said Accountant General, the Monies so to be received by him; and shall take and subscribe, in open Court, the usual Oaths of Supremacy and Abjuration, and also an Oath to the Purport and Effect following; that is to say,

I *A. B.*

'I *A. B.* do swear, That according to the best of my Skill and Abi-
'lity, I will truly and faithfully execute and exercise the Office of
'Registrar of Meetings in Bankruptcy, according to the Provisions
'and Directions of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the
'Second Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth,
'intituled [*here insert the Title of this Act*] so long as I shall continue
'in the said Office; and that I will be ready and attendant in the
'said Office to further His Majesty's Business, as need shall require;
'and that I will well and faithfully preserve and keep a Registry of
'Proceedings and other Matters required by the said Act for Public
'Use; and will at all Times render and give just and true Accounts
'of all Monies which shall come to my Hands by virtue of my said
'Office; and that I will not at any Time during my Continuance in
'the said Office, act as Solicitor, Attorney, or Agent to or under any
'Commission of Bankrupt, or receive any Compensation, Fee, or
'Reward for any Service or Business done, or proposed to be done,
'under or relating to any such Commission, otherwise than as
'directed and authorized by this Act. So help me GOD.'

Housekeeper to be appointed.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the Time being, to nominate and appoint a proper Person to be Housekeeper of the said Buildings and Offices, who shall also be constantly resident in such Part of the said Building as the said Commissioners shall require, and whose Duty it shall be to keep the said Buildings and Offices, and the Furniture and Effects therein, in proper State and Condition, and at all Times ready for the Transaction of Business therein.

Power to remove Registrar and Housekeeper.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the Time being, from Time to Time to remove the said Registrar and Housekeeper from his or her Office respectively, when by reason of permanent Sickness, Infirmity, Misconduct, Neglect, or other Cause, he, she, or they shall be unable or incompetent, or considered unfit to discharge the Duties of his or her Office respectively, and to supply the Place of the Person so removed.

Salaries to Registrar and Housekeeper.

XV. And be it further enacted, That there shall be paid and allowed to the Registrar to be appointed as aforesaid, during his Continuance in the said Office, the clear yearly Salary or Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and to the Housekeeper to be appointed as aforesaid, the clear yearly Salary or Sum of Fifty Pounds; and also the further Allowance or yearly Sum of Fifty Pounds towards the Expences of a Servant or Servants in the said Building; the said Salaries to be paid to the said Registrar and Housekeeper respectively, besides an Allowance of Coals and Candles to each of them, to be used in their respective Offices or Apartments within the said Buildings.

Forming a Fund for Reimburse-

XVI. And be it further enacted, That in order to form a Fund towards reimbursing the Public for the Expences of the Purchase of the

ment of Expences under the Act.

the said Piece of Ground, and the Erection of the Buildings, and the Fitting up and Establishment of the Offices thereon, and for making the several other Payments by this Act directed and provided to be made thereout, there shall be taken from and charged to the Estates of the Bankrupts, the Business under whose Commission shall be transacted in the said Buildings, the following Fees; namely, for every Meeting under each Commission holden within the said Building or Offices, by way of Fee or Charge for the Use of the said Offices, the Sum of Ten Shillings; and to the Registrar, for his own Use, for the Registry of every such Meeting, the further Sum of One Shilling; and for every Search out of Office Hours that may be made in the said Registry, unless by or by the Order of the Commissioners under any Commission of Bankruptcy, the like Sum of One Shilling, to be paid by the Party making such Search; which said first-mentioned Fee of Ten Shillings shall be received and accounted for by the Registrar to be appointed under or by virtue of this Act, and shall be in full Satisfaction of all Fees and Charges for or in respect of the Use of the Room or Offices in which such Meetings under Commissions shall be held.

Meetings of Commissioners to be held in new Building only.

XVII. And in order more effectually to insure the Receipt and Application of all Monies paid for the Use of the said Rooms to the Uses of the said Fund, be it further enacted, That no Meeting of Commissioners or of Creditors called together by public Advertisement, under any Commission of Bankruptcy, shall be held within the City of *London*, except in the said newly erected Building, unless otherwise specially directed in Writing by the major Part of the Commissioners named in such Commission.

Application of the Money to be received.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Sum and Sums of Money which shall be received in respect of the Use of the said Rooms directed to be paid by this Act, shall, in the first Place, be applied under the Direction of the Commissioners of this Act for the Time being, or the major Part of them, in defraying and discharging the Expences incurred in carrying the Objects of this Act into Effect, and all Costs and Charges incidental thereto; and in particular, in discharging the Salaries of the said Registrar and Housekeeper, and Allowance for Servants, the Expences of Coals and Candles for their Use, and for the Use of the said Commissioners, or of the Creditors attending such Meetings in Bankruptcy in the said Buildings, and for other necessary Expences; and also the Expences of lighting and watching the said Buildings and Premises, and all Taxes, Rates, and Assessments payable in respect thereof, and of keeping the same in proper Condition and Repair, and of Insurance, and all other annual or occasional necessary Expences attending the Establishment; and after fully answering and discharging all such Charges and Expences as aforesaid, all and every the Sum and Sums of Money so to be received shall be paid into the Bank, in the Name of the said Accountant General, to the Account before directed, in order that such Monies may form a Fund, and be paid or applied under the Direction or by the Order of the Lord High Chancellor, the Lord Keeper or the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the Time being, as and when the same shall amount to a competent Sum, into His Majesty's

Treasury, for and towards reimbursing the Public the said Two several Sums of Twenty thousand Pounds and Two thousand three hundred Pounds, or so much thereof as shall be issued from His Majesty's Treasury to the Commissioners named in this Act, for the Purchase of the said Piece of Ground, and the Erection and Establishment of the said Buildings and Offices, and all Expences incurred in the Completion of such Contract and Purchase as aforesaid, and in obtaining and passing this Act, and all other Costs, Charges, and Expences which shall have been incurred or defrayed by the said Commissioners.

Fees for reimbursing Expences may be increased.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if at any Time or Times hereafter, the Monies so collected for the Use of such Rooms, and for forming such Fund as aforesaid, shall not be found fully sufficient to answer the Purpose of reimbursing the Sums so advanced for the Purposes of this Act, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the Time being, to order and direct such further and additional Sum or Sums to be paid out of the Bankrupt's Estate and Effects for the Use of such Rooms, as shall appear to be necessary to make good such Deficiency in the said Fund, not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Shillings for each and every such Meeting.

When Expences under the Act shall have been repaid, the Fees to be reduced.

XX. And be it further enacted, That when and so soon as, by the Means aforesaid, all such Sum and Sums of Money, Costs and Expences as aforesaid, shall have been fully repaid into His Majesty's Treasury, it shall and may be lawful for the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the Time being, and he and they is and are hereby required, to make such Reduction in the Amount of the several Fees and Payments hereby authorized to be charged and taken from the said Bankrupts Estates, as he or they in his and their Discretion shall think proper, so as to leave the General or Average Annual Amount of such Fees amply sufficient to answer and defray the Salaries, Allowances, and other annual and occasional Expences of the said Establishment, hereinbefore directed to be paid and discharged thereout, and also such other Costs, Charges, and annual or occasional Expences of all Proceedings under this Act, as the said Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the Time being, shall think proper and direct to be defrayed or incurred for the Improvement or better carrying on of the Establishment for the Purposes intended by this Act.

Riotous Persons to be taken into Custody.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners acting under any Commission of Bankruptcy shall have full Power and Authority, and they are hereby empowered and authorized, to order and direct the Messenger or Messengers acting under their Authority in any such Commission, to take into Custody any Person or Persons who shall commit or be guilty of any Riot or Disturbance, or who shall interrupt the said Commissioners in the Exercise of their Duty, and to have such Person or Persons taken before any Alderman or Magistrate acting in the Commission of the Peace, to be dealt with according to Law; and the Warrant of such Commissioners shall be a full

a full Authority and Indemnity to such Messenger or Messengers in so doing.

Public Act.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such, by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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