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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

CAP. XLV.

An Act to amend an Act of the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, for consolidating and rendering more effectual the several Acts for the Purchase of Buildings, and further Improvement of the Street and Places near to *Westminster Hall* and the Two Houses of Parliament. [8th *June* 1821.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, 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*, the Commissioners thereby appointed were authorized and empowered to purchase, for the Purposes of that Act, all the Ground, Buildings, Houses, and Premises whatever, situate within certain Limits thereby defined, and were also authorized and empowered, 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 the said Act might think necessary to be purchased and employed for the Purposes of the said Act; and it was thereby enacted, that if any Money should be agreed or awarded to be paid for any Ground, Buildings, Houses, or Premises purchased by virtue of that Act, for the Purposes thereof, which should belong to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity, such Money, in case the same should amount to the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, should, 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 that Act, to the Intent that such Money should 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 46 G. 3. c. 89.

of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrance, or Part thereof, as the said Court should 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 should not be so applied, then that the same should 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 should be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner, as the Ground, Buildings, Houses, or Premises which should be so purchased as aforesaid, stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement should be existing, undetermined, and capable of taking effect; and that in the meantime, and until such Purchase should be made, the said Money should, 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 that in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities should 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 should 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 Ground, Buildings, Houses, and Premises thereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase and Settlement were made: And whereas the Commissioners for executing the said Act, in pursuance and for the Purposes thereof, with the Consent of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, purchased, in the Year One thousand eight hundred and sixteen, the Fee Simple of certain Ground, Buildings, and Premises in *Prince's Street, Westminster*, being the Protestant Dissenters' Meeting House, and the Vestry-room and Ground belonging thereto, and the Purchase Money was afterwards paid by the said Commissioners into the Bank of *England*, in the Manner directed by the said Act as aforesaid; and in pursuance of an Order of the High Court of Chancery, the same has since been laid out in the Purchase of Bank Three *per Centum* Consolidated Annuities, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the said Court, in Trust in the same Matter; and by the said Order, the Dividends to accrue due on the said Bank Annuities were to be from Time to Time laid out in the Purchase of the like Bank Three *per Centum* Annuities, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General, in Trust in the same Matter: And whereas no Part of the said Bank Three *per Centum* Annuities, or of the Dividends which have accrued thereon, has been applied in the Manner authorized by the said Act, nor can a suitable or convenient Building be found capable of being purchased and settled in the Manner directed by the said Act; and the Persons who used to assemble in the said Meeting House, for the public Worship and Service of God, have, ever since the Purchase of the said Premises by the said Commissioners, been deprived of a Place for public Religious Worship, and there is no Probability of their being able to obtain one otherwise than by purchasing a Piece of Ground, and erecting thereon a suitable Building; but the Provisions in the said Act of the Forty-sixth Year of His late Majesty will not authorize the Money or Funds arising from the Sale of the said late Meeting House and Premises to be so applied; and it is therefore expedient that the said Act should in that Behalf be altered and amended; Be it therefore enacted

acted 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 it shall be lawful for the High Court of Chancery from Time to Time, upon a Petition to be preferred to that Court in a summary Way, by or on Behalf of the major Part of the Persons in whom the Fee Simple of the Ground, Meeting House, and Premises purchased by the said Commissioners as aforesaid, was vested at the Time of the Purchase thereof by the said Commissioners, to order and direct the Accountant General of the said High Court of Chancery to sell and dispose of the Whole or any Part or Parts from Time to Time, as to the said Court shall seem right or proper, of the Bank Three *per Centum* Annuities, in which the Purchase Money paid by the said Commissioners for the said Ground, Meeting House, and Premises was laid out or invested as aforesaid, and of any Annuities purchased or to be purchased out of the Dividends on the said Three *per Centum* Annuities, and thereupon to pay and apply a sufficient Part of the clear Monies produced by such Sale or Disposition, or by the Dividends of the said Three *per Centum* Annuities, for the Purchase of a Piece or Parcel of Ground, which in the Judgment of the Petitioners shall form a suitable and proper Site for the Erection of a Meeting House and Vestry Room, with all necessary Offices and Outbuildings, to be settled, conveyed, and assured to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner, as the Ground, Meeting House, and Premises purchased by the said Commissioners as aforesaid, stood settled and limited at the Time of the Purchase thereof by the said Commissioners; which Piece or Parcel of Ground, when so purchased as aforesaid, shall be thereupon immediately conveyed, settled, and assured to, for, and upon the said Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes accordingly, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking effect.

The Court of Chancery empowered to lay out Part of the Funds arising from the Sale of the old Meeting House in Prince's Street, Westminster, purchased by the Commissioners under recited Act, in the Purchase of a Site for the Erection of a new one, to be settled to the like Uses.

II. And be it further enacted, That so soon as a Piece or Parcel of Ground, suitable as a Site for the Erection of a Meeting House and Vestry Room, with the Appurtenances as aforesaid, shall be conveyed, settled, and assured to the Uses, upon the Trusts, and for the Intents and Purposes aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said High Court of Chancery, upon a Petition to be preferred to the said Court in a summary Way, by or on behalf of the major Part of the Persons who were Trustees of the said Meeting House and Premises at the Time of the Purchase thereof by the said Commissioners as aforesaid, and notwithstanding any thing herein, or in the said Act of the Forty-sixth Year of His late Majesty contained to the contrary, to order and direct the said Accountant General of the said Court to sell and dispose of so much of the said Bank Three *per Centum* Annuities, and of any Annuities purchased or to be purchased out of the Dividends payable thereon, as shall not have been sold and applied in the Purchase of such Piece or Parcel of Ground, and thereupon to pay the clear Monies to be produced by such Sale or Disposition, and all Dividends and Interest then accrued due on the said Annuities, which shall not have been applied to the Purposes aforesaid, to such Two or more of the said Persons who were the Trustees of the said Ground, Meeting House, and Premises purchased by the said Commissioners as aforesaid, at the Time of such Purchase, as shall for that Purpose be nominated by the major Part of such Persons, and approved of by the said Commissioners, or any Three of them (such Nomination and Approval to be testified by

When a Site for the Erection of a new Meeting House shall be purchased and settled as aforesaid, the Residue of the Money arising from the Sale of the old Meeting House to be paid to Trustees, and applied in the Erection of a new Meeting House on such Site.

by some Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties), to the Intent that the same Monies may forthwith be applied, by or under the Direction of the Persons who were the Trustees of the said Ground, Meeting House, and Premises at the Time of the Purchase thereof by the said Commissioners as aforesaid, or under the Direction of the major Part of them, in the erecting, building, and finishing a proper and suitable Meeting House and Vestry Room on the Ground so purchased, and in providing the necessary Fixtures and Fittings for the same, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the said High Court of Chancery for the doing thereof; and that in case any Part of the said Monies, after answering the Expences of purchasing the said Ground, and erecting, building, and finishing the said Meeting House and Vestry Room, and purchasing and providing the necessary Fixtures and Fittings for the same, and paying all incidental Costs and Expences, shall remain unapplied to the Purposes aforesaid, or otherwise, pursuant to this Act, the same may be held by the said Two or more Trustees, so to be nominated and approved of as last aforesaid, in Trust, and in the Manner in which Money agreed or awarded to be paid for any Ground, Buildings, or Premises, purchased for the Purposes of the said Act of the Forty-sixth Year of His late Majesty, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity, where the same shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, is to be held by the Trustees to whom such Money is authorized to be paid by virtue of that Act, and may be applied in any Manner authorized by that Act, or by this Act, so far as the case may be applicable, without obtaining, or being required to obtain, the Direction or Approbation of the said Court of Chancery.

Application of the Surplus Money, if any.

III. And be it further enacted, That in the meantime, and until the said Bank Three *per Centum* Annuities, now standing in the Name of the said Accountant General in Trust as aforesaid, and the Dividends due and to grow due thereon, shall be laid out, invested, applied or paid, in the Manner hereby authorized and directed, the Interest, Dividends, and Annual Produce thereof shall from Time to Time be applied and disposed of in the same Manner as if this Act had not been made.

The Interest of the Funds, until applied under this Act, to be disposed of as before.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said High Court of Chancery from Time to Time to make such Order or Orders as to the said Court shall seem fit, for settling and ascertaining the Costs, Charges, and Expences incident to and attending or in anywise relating to the Sale to the said Commissioners of the beforementioned Ground, Meeting House, and Premises, and the Purchase of any Ground or the Erection of any Buildings hereby authorized to be purchased or built; and the Costs of the several Applications to be made to the said Court, respecting the Matters aforesaid, and the Costs of taking the said Monies out of the Bank, and investing such Monies in the Purchase of Ground, or the Erection of Buildings as aforesaid, and also the Costs and Expences attending the Execution of all other the Trusts of this Act, and for Payment of all such Costs, Charges, and Expences, by Sale of the aforesaid Consolidated Annuities now standing in the Name of the said Accountant General as aforesaid, or by and out of the Dividends and Interest thereof.

The Court of Chancery may order Payment of Costs.

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