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Parish of Saint Mary-le-bone, *to* Charing-Cross, *within the Liberty of* Westminster, *and for making a more convenient Sewage for the same;* and in an Act passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His 57 G. 3. c. 97. said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for ratifying Articles of Agreement entered into by the Right Honourable* Henry Hall *Viscount* Gage, *and the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and for the better Management and Improvement of the Land Revenues of the Crown, for leasing the Houses, Buildings, Lands, and Hereditaments therein specified:* And whereas certain Leases for long Terms of Years, heretofore granted under the Great Seal or Exchequer Seal, of Estates belonging to the Crown, and within the Survey of His Majesty's Exchequer, have lately expired, and other similar Leases are about to expire, and the Estates so fallen in, or about to fall in, or certain Parts thereof, might be advantageously relet for building, or other Purposes, in small Portions: And whereas the usual Mode of granting and passing Leases of the Estates of the Crown within the Survey of His Majesty's Exchequer, under the Great Seal or the Exchequer Seal, is unavoidably attended with great Delay, Inconvenience, and Expence; and it would encourage Builders and other Persons to take Leases and make Improvements on various Parts of such Estates, and thereby promote the Interest of the Crown, if the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, were enabled to grant Leases thereof in the Manner and under the Restrictions herein-after 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 it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, by and with the Consent and Approbation in Writing of the Lord High Treasurer of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, to be signified by Warrant under the Hand of the said Lord High Treasurer, or under the Hands of any Three or more of such last-mentioned Commissioners, from Time to Time after the passing this Act, and without any other Warrant or Authority, to demise or lease, or previous to any such Demise or Lease, to enter into any Contract or Agreement for the demising or leasing all and every or any of the Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tithes, Woods, Mines, Minerals, and other Hereditaments for the Time being belonging to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, and within the ordering or survey of His Majesty's Exchequer, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, for such Terms, Estates, and Interests, at such Rent or Rents, to be reserved and made payable to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and for such Fine or Fines, and under and subject to such Covenants, Clauses, Conditions, and Restrictions, as the said Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tithes, Mines, Minerals, Woods, and other Hereditaments, or any of them, may or might now be granted or demised under the Great Seal or Exchequer Seal, by virtue of the said recited Acts of the First Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, and of the Thirty-fourth and Forty-eighth

Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, empowered to grant Leases of Crown Lands within the Survey of the Exchequer, for the Terms and subject to the Restrictions directed by former Acts.

eighth Years of the Reign of King *George* the Third, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament, or any Law, Custom, or Usage whatsoever, provided that the Lessee or Lessees in such Leases respectively to be named, do and shall duly execute a Counterpart or Counterparts of the Lease or Leases so to be made to him, her, or them respectively; and all such Leases as shall be made pursuant to this Act, shall be as good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been passed through the Office of the Clerk of the Pipe in the Exchequer, and all other Offices, according to the usual Practice heretofore observed in passing Leases of the Possessions of the Crown under the Great Seal or Exchequer Seal, and had been accordingly granted under such Seals, or One of them.

Act not to prejudice the Powers of leasing contained in the new Street Act of 53 G.3. c. 121. and in the 57 G.3. c. 97.

II. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall prejudice, alter, or affect the Powers given to the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, by the said Acts of the Fifty-third and Fifty-seventh Years of His said late Majesty's Reign, of demising or leasing, or of contracting or agreeing to demise or lease, all or any of the Houses, Buildings, and Hereditaments, purchased, erected, built, altered, repaired, and improved, or to be purchased, erected, built, altered, repaired, and improved, under or by virtue of the said last-mentioned Acts, or either of them; but nevertheless it is hereby expressly enacted, that subject and without prejudice to such last-mentioned Powers, and to any Leases which have been or shall hereafter be granted pursuant thereto, all the said last-mentioned Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, shall be subject and liable to the Powers of leasing hereby vested in the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Compensation to be made to Lord William Cavendish Bentinck, Clerk of the Pipe, on Account of the Reduction of his Fees.

III. And whereas the Right Honourable *William Cavendish Bentinck*, commonly called Lord *William Cavendish Bentinck*, holds for the Term of his Life, by virtue of Letters Patent bearing Date the Twenty-fifth Day of *October*, in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, the Offices of Ingrosser of the Great Roll or of the Clerk of the Pipe in the Exchequer, and of Clerk of the Pipe of the same Exchequer, and of Maker, Writer, and Ingrosser of all Leases, Indentures, and Letters Patent of Demise, or Grant of the Possessions of the Crown made under the Seal of the Court of Exchequer, and of Maker and Writer, and Ingrosser of all Paper Books, and Transcripts of Leases sealed under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, and also certain other Offices mentioned in the said Letters Patent; and in Right of such Offices or some of them, the said Lord *William Cavendish Bentinck* is entitled to divers Wages, Fees, Allowances, Advantages, and Emoluments: And whereas by the Operation of this Act the Fees and Emoluments of the said Offices will be considerably reduced, and it is reasonable that a Compensation should be made to the said Lord *William Cavendish Bentinck* for the Losses which will be sustained by him in consequence thereof; be it therefore further enacted, That a Compensation and Satisfaction shall be made to the said Lord *William Cavendish Bentinck*, for the Damages he will sustain by the Operation of this Act, in the Loss, Deprivation,

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or Diminution of the Wages, Fees, Salaries, Allowances, Advantages, or Emoluments, heretofore enjoyed by him by virtue of his aforesaid Offices, or any of them; the Quantum or Amount of which Compensation or Satisfaction shall be referred to and ascertained by such Person as the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, shall for that Purpose nominate and appoint on the Part of His Majesty, and by such indifferent Person as shall be nominated and appointed on the Part of the said Lord *William Cavendish Bentinck*; and in case the Referees so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall not agree between themselves touching or concerning the Quantum or Amount of such Compensation or Satisfaction as aforesaid, then the Quantum or Amount of such Compensation or Satisfaction shall be settled, ascertained, and determined, by such competent and indifferent Person as the said respective Referees shall, before they shall respectively proceed to the Consideration of the Matters so referred to them, by Writing under their Hands, nominate and appoint to act as Umpire concerning the Premises, and the Judgment and Determination of such Referees or Umpire therein, shall be final, binding, and conclusive, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and such Referees and Umpire are hereby respectively empowered to send for Persons and Papers, and to examine Witnesses upon Oath, if necessary, which Oath any One of the Persons so to be nominated a Referee or Umpire as aforesaid is hereby authorized and empowered to administer; and the Amount of such Compensation or Satisfaction, when so ascertained as aforesaid, may be paid by the said Lord High Treasurer, or the said Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, out of the Land Revenues of the Crown, or out of any Monies applicable as Land Revenues of the Crown.

The Commissioners of Woods, &c. empowered to make Exchanges of Freehold Estates for partial or chattel Interests of equal Value in other Estates, the Reversion whereof is or shall be in the Crown.

IV. And whereas by the said recited Act of the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, Powers were given to the Surveyor General, with the Approbation and Authority of the said Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of the Treasury, to make Exchanges of any Parcel or Parcels of Land belonging to the Crown, in the Survey and ordering of the Exchequer, for Lands of equal or nearly equal Value, in the Manner and under the Regulations therein mentioned: And whereas such Powers are now vested in and exercised by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues for the Time being, and have been found in many Cases to be beneficial; but Doubts have arisen whether any Exchanges can be made, by virtue thereof, of any of the Possessions of the Crown in Perpetuity, for any Messuages, Lands, or Hereditaments held by the Persons making the same, for any partial Estate, or for any Term or Terms of Years or Chattel Interest; and it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed, and that such Powers should be extended to authorize the Acceptance on the Part of the Crown of any Messuages, Lands, or Hereditaments held by the Person or Persons making such Exchanges for any partial Estate, or any Term or Terms of Years, or Chattel Interest, where the Reversion or Remainder of such Messuages, Lands, or Hereditaments expectant on the Determination of such Estate or Interest, shall be either immediately or ultimately in the Crown, in Exchange for any Messuages, Lands, or Hereditaments held by the Crown in Perpetuity; be it therefore further

further enacted, That the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, shall have full Power and Authority, with the Approbation of the said Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, to convey any of the Possessions of the Crown in *England* or *Wales* within the Survey and Ordering of the Exchequer, in Perpetuity or otherwise, in Exchange for any Messuages, Lands, or Hereditaments in *England* or *Wales*, held by the Person or Persons making the same, for any partial Estate or Interest, or for any Term or Terms of Years, or any Chattel Interest, where the Reversion or Remainder of such Messuages, Lands, or Hereditaments expectant upon the Determination of such partial Estate, Term, or Interest, shall be either immediately or ultimately in the Crown; all which Exchanges shall be made and carried into Effect in such or the like Manner, and under such or the like Rules and Regulations, as nearly as Circumstances will admit, as the Exchanges authorized by the said Act of the Forty-eighth Year aforesaid are now usually made or carried into Execution; and all Sums of Money to be paid or received for Equality of Exchange, shall be paid, received, or applied in like Manner as any Monies to be paid or received for the like Purpose upon any Exchanges made under the said Act are now payable or applicable; and all Deeds or other Instruments, by which the same Exchanges shall be effected, or which shall relate thereto, shall be exempt from all Stamp Duties; and in making such Exchanges the Lands or Possessions of His Majesty so to be given in Exchange, shall be vested in the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be conveyed, for such Estate or Estates, Uses, Trusts, Intents, or Purposes, as shall be in or by such Deeds or Instruments, or by Reference therein to any other Deeds or Instruments, expressed or declared of and concerning the same; and the Messuages, Lands, and Hereditaments to be given or taken in Exchange for the same shall vest in His Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, or in the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be conveyed, in Trust for His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, in Right of his Crown, for all the Estate, Term, Title, or Interest of the Person or Persons making the same Exchange, or for so much or such Part or Parts thereof as shall be agreed, contracted, or intended to be given, conveyed, or assigned to or in Trust for His Majesty, in or upon the Treaty for such Exchange; and all such Exchanges, when so made, shall be good, valid, and effectual, any Act or Acts of Parliament, Law, or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, &c. empowered to appoint Stewards of His Majesty's Hundreds, Manors, &c. and Game-Keepers and other Officers, in certain Cases.

V. And whereas Doubts have been entertained, whether any Stewards of Courts, Game Keepers, Forestal or other Officers of any of His Majesty's Hundreds, Manors, Lordships, Forests, Chases, or Warrens, and other Places, can be legally appointed for or within any such Hundreds, Honors, Manors, Lordships, Forests, Chases, Warrens, or other Places by the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed, and that the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, should be authorized on Behalf of His Majesty to appoint Stewards, Game Keepers, and other Officers for and within such

such Hundreds, Honors, Manors, and Lordships, Forests, Chases, Warrens, and other Places in certain Cases; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, on Behalf of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, by any Instrument in Writing under their Hands, or the Hands of any Two of them, from Time to Time to appoint such Person or Persons as they shall think fit, to be the Steward or Stewards of any Hundreds, Honors, Manors, or Lordships belonging to the Crown, within the Survey of the Exchequer, where such Offices are or hereafter shall be vacant, and shall not be in the Appointment of any Grantee of the Crown, to hold and execute such Offices until some Person or Persons shall be appointed thereto by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, or by the said First Lord Commissioner of His Majesty's Treasury, or the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the Time being, or until such Appointment shall be revoked by the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, with full Power and Authority to hold and keep all and singular Hundred Courts, Courts Leet, Views of Frankpledge, Courts Baron, and Customary and other Courts within the Limits and Precincts of such Hundreds, Honors, Manors, or Lordships respectively, and to do, perform, and execute all Things belonging or incident to such Offices; and also from Time to Time in like Manner to appoint such Person or Persons as the said Commissioners shall think fit, to execute all usual and customary Forestal Offices, and to preserve the Deer, Beasts and Birds of Chase or Warren, and other Game, within any such Hundreds, Manors, or Lordships, or any of the Royal Forests, Chases, or Warrens, or the Limits or Precincts thereof, within the Ordering or Survey of the Exchequer, where such Offices are or hereafter shall be vacant, and shall not be in the Appointment of any Grantee of the Crown, and also to preserve the Fish belonging to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in any of the Waters within the Limits or Precincts aforesaid; and on His Majesty's Behalf to grant Licences to any Person or Persons to hunt, hawk, fish, and fowl within any of such Hundreds, Honors, Manors, Lordships, Forests, Chases, Warrens, and Waters respectively, and the Demesnes thereof, and Places thereto adjoining; and to take and kill any such Deer, Beasts, or Birds of Chase or Warren; also to take, seize, and destroy all unlawful Dogs, Nets, Guns, and Engines used for the taking or destroying of Deer, Beasts or Birds of Chase or Warren, or other Game, and Fish; and the same Appointments and Licences respectively, or any of them, again at Pleasure to revoke; and also to allow to any of such Stewards, Game Keepers, or other Officers respectively, such Salaries, Wages, or Emoluments, as the said Commissioners, with the Consent of the Lord High Treasurer, or the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them, to be signified by any Warrant of the said Lord High Treasurer, or the said Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three of them, shall deem an adequate Remuneration for their Care and Trouble in executing the Duties of their respective Offices and Employments; and all such Appointments so to be made as aforesaid shall be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and have such and the like Force and Effect

as if the same had been made by His Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors.

Right of Appointment of Master-keepers, &c. not affected.

VI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein-before contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to abridge or interfere with the Right of Appointment of Master-keepers, Under-keepers, or other Officers, of or in any Royal Forest, so long as such Right shall be vested in any Warden of any such Forest.

Instruments under this Act, exempted from Stamp Duty.

VII. And be it further enacted, That no Lease, Contract, Deed of Exchange, Appointment, Licence, or other Instrument, which shall be made, granted, entered into, or executed, by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, under any of the Powers or Authorities hereby granted, nor any Contracts or Agreements, Deeds, or other Instruments, which shall be made, entered into, or executed by any other Person or Persons, to or with the said Commissioners, for any of the Purposes of this Act, shall be subject or liable to any Stamp Duty whatsoever, imposed by any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force, nor to any Stamp Duty to be imposed by any future Act or Acts of Parliament, unless such Instrument be specially subjected and specifically charged in and by such future Act or Acts of Parliament.

All Leases and Deeds of Exchange to be executed under this Act, to be inrolled in the Auditor's Office.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That every Lease or Deed of Exchange to be executed pursuant to this Act shall be inrolled in the Office of the Auditor or Auditors of His Majesty's Land Revenues for the Division or District within which the Premises to which such Demise or Exchange shall respectively relate shall be situate, or if such Premises shall be situate within the Division or District of more than one such Auditor, then in the Office of every such Auditor, on Payment of the usual Fees for such Inrolment; and that every such Lease and Deed of Exchange, when so inrolled, shall, without any other Inrolment or Registry thereof, be as good and available in Law, and of the like Force and Effect in all Respects, as if the same had been inrolled in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or as if a Memorial of any such Lease or Deed of Exchange had been entered or registered in the Office or Offices appointed for registering Deeds and other Conveyances of Lands and Tenements in the County or Counties in which the same Estates, or any of them, shall be situate; any Act of Parliament, Law, Practice, or Usage, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Lessees of the new Theatre in the Haymarket empowered to erect a Portico.

IX. And whereas the Theatre, situate on the East Side of the *Haymarket*, in the Parish of *Saint Martin-in-the-Fields Westminster*, in the County of *Middlesex*, is erected and stands on Land belonging to the Crown in the said Parish, and the Lease under which the same hath been long held hath lately expired, and the said Theatre is now about to be taken down, and a new Theatre is erecting in lieu thereof, on other Land of the Crown immediately adjoining thereto, and which will front towards the said Street, in like Manner as the said former Theatre, and it will tend to improve the Access to the said new Theatre, and to promote the Convenience of Persons frequenting the same, if a Colonnade were erected in the Front thereof, in lieu of that

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in Front of the said Theatre so about to be taken down and removed as aforesaid; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lessee or intended Lessee of the Crown of the said new Theatre, to erect, set up, and make a Portico, Colonnade, or covered Way, projecting from the front Line of the said new Theatre, and extending over the Foot Pavement or Footway of the said Street along the Front of such new Theatre, provided such Portico, Colonnade, or covered Way, does not extend further into the said Street than the Western Extremity of the said Foot Pavement, and be at least Nine Feet broad in the Clear between the Columns, Piers, or Supports thereof, and the front Line of such new Building, and that the same be formed of Stone, Brick, or Metal, or of Stone or Brick covered with Stucco or Cement, except the Joists and Bearers which shall form the Covering over the said Footpath or Footway, and which may be of Wood covered with Plaster or Stucco, or other uninflammable Composition, and provided that such Portico, Colonnade, or covered Way, be so erected and set up under the Authority and with the Licence and Consent of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and upon such Plan and of such Dimensions, and with such Architectural Decorations as shall be directed, ordered, or approved by them; any thing in any existing Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, &c. empowered to authorize Lessees to make Gateways into King Street and Vine Street.

X. And whereas the Commissioners for carrying the said Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty into Execution have, under the Power thereby vested in them, purchased or contracted on His Majesty's Behalf, to purchase all or most of the Buildings which were situate between the East Side of *Swallow Street* and the West Side of *King Street*, and also several Buildings in and adjacent to *Vine Street*, and have taken down most of the said Buildings, and have appropriated Part of the Sites whereon the same stood, to the Formation of the New Street now forming under the said Act, and have, on His Majesty's Behalf, let or contracted to let the Remainder of such Sites or Ground to Persons who are now building several large and commodious Houses thereon; and inasmuch as several of such Buildings have been erected, or are intended to be erected, with a View to carry on certain Trades or Businesses therein, with Warehouses, Workshops, or Outhouses adapted for such Trades, it will be a Convenience to the Persons occupying the same, and an Advantage to that Part of the Estate of the Crown, if Gateways were made from some of the said Premises into *King Street* aforesaid, and also if a Gateway were made from some of the same Premises into *Vine Street* aforesaid, so as to afford Access for Carts or other Carriages from or out of the said Streets, to such Warehouses or other Buildings; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, on His Majesty's Behalf, to license and empower such of the Builders or Occupiers of the said Houses or Buildings so erected or erecting, or to be erected as aforesaid, as shall be desirous so to do, to open or make any Gateway or Passage from their said Houses and Premises into *King Street*, and also to open a Gateway or Passage at the South East End of *Vine Street* aforesaid,

aforesaid, facing *Little Vine Street*, so as to afford Access for Horses, Carts, or Carriages from such Streets to the Warehouses or other Buildings belonging or to belong to the said Houses, so as the Person or Persons to whom such Licences shall be granted be bound or obliged to bear the first Expence of paving the Entrance into such Gateways in a proper Manner, and such Licences shall be and are hereby declared to be good and sufficient Authority for the making such Gateways, taking up, removing, and altering the Pavement in Front thereof in the said Streets, and doing all Things requisite thereto, and for the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be granted, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to keep and use such Gateways as Accesses to his, her, and their Warehouses and Buildings at all Times thereafter, without any other Licence or Authority whatsoever; any thing in any existing Act or Acts of Parliament, or any Law or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding; saving always to the Committee or other Persons who for the Time being shall have the Controul of the Pavements of the Parish of *Saint James Westminster*, all such Powers and Authorities relative to the paving and repairing the said Gateways, and removing and preventing Nuisances and Obstructions therein, as they could or might have had in case this Act had not been passed.

Clause to exonerate from Land Tax, such Houses built in the new Street, in the Parish of Saint James Westminster as are situate on the Site of the old Street.

XI. And whereas the Commissioners for carrying the said Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty into Execution, did some Time since, in order to encourage Builders and other Persons to take the Ground on the Sides of the said new Street, and to erect Houses and Buildings thereon, contract and agree for and on the Behalf of His Majesty to purchase and redeem the Land Tax charged on all the Houses, Buildings, and Grounds belonging to the Crown, situate in the Parish of *Saint James Westminster*, which were wanted, or were about to be taken down, removed, or used for the Purpose of forming the said new Street, and have since caused most of the Houses or Buildings aforesaid to be taken down, and have set out and appropriated a great Portion or Part of the Ground on which the same stood, to the Formation of the said new Street or public Highway; and, in forming the Line of the said Street, have let some small Portions of the Ground which formed the old Street or public Highway, with Part of the Ground upon which the Land Tax has been so redeemed, to Builders and other Persons who have, in Expectation that the Whole thereof was exonerated from the said Tax, erected and are erecting Houses and Buildings thereon; but Doubts have arisen whether such Parts or Portions of the said Houses or Buildings as stand upon the Site of the said old Street, and the Builders or Occupiers of the same, will not now become liable to be charged or assessed to the Payment of the Land Tax in respect thereof: And whereas such Portion of the Ground in the said Parish, upon which the Land Tax has been so redeemed, as has been appropriated to the public Street as aforesaid, greatly exceeds such Portion of the Site of the said old Street or public Highway, as has been so built upon or is intended to be built upon, and it is therefore just and reasonable that the latter should be exonerated from the said Tax in lieu and stead of the Ground so given up to the

public Use as aforesaid; be it therefore further enacted, That no Part or Portion of the Ground situate in the said Parish of *Saint James Westminster*, which at the Time of the passing the said Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, formed Part of any of the public Streets or Highways thereby intended to be widened, altered, or improved, nor any Houses or other Buildings erected or to be erected thereon, nor any Person or Persons holding or occupying the same for or in respect thereof, shall be liable to be assessed, rated, or charged with the said Tax, or any Portion thereof; but shall be wholly freed, exonerated, and discharged therefrom, in like Manner to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Ground, Houses, or other Buildings had been comprized in the Contract or Contracts made by the said Commissioners for the Redemption of the said Land Tax, in lieu and stead of the Ground which has been so given up to the public Use, and is now made Part of the said new Street as aforesaid.

Rights of the Crown over Lands of Individuals, not appurtenant to any Manor, may be sold to such Individuals.

XII. And whereas the King's Majesty is seised in Right of His Crown, or of His Duchy of *Lancaster*, of certain Rights of Forest, free Chase or free Warren extending over the Lands of Individuals, independent of and not being appurtenant to any existing Manor or Lordship: And whereas it is expedient, that where the Owners or Proprietors of the Lands over which such Rights extend, shall be desirous of purchasing the same, with a View to the Abolition or Extinction of such Rights, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and the Chancellor and Council of His Majesty's Duchy of *Lancaster* should be enabled to sell such Forestal and other Rights to such Owners or Proprietors of the said Lands for those Purposes; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, where such Lands are within the Survey of the Exchequer, and for the Chancellor and Council of the Duchy of *Lancaster* for the Time being, where such Lands are within the Survey of the said Duchy, to contract and agree with the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, of the Lands over which any such Rights of Forest, Chase, or free Warren, shall or do extend, for the Sale of such Rights, or any of them, in order that the same may be abolished and extinguished, and the said Lands for ever freed, exonerated, and discharged therefrom, for the best Prices or Considerations in Money which the said Commissioners or the said Chancellor and Council shall be enabled to procure for the same; and thereupon to sell and convey such Rights of Forest, Chase, or free Warren, as shall be so contracted for, to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, to the End and Intent that the same may be abolished or extinguished, and the said Lands freed, exonerated, and for ever thereafter discharged therefrom; and the Purchase Money to be paid for such of the said Rights as shall extend over any Lands within the Survey of the Exchequer, shall be paid into the Bank of *England*, and placed to the Account of "The Public Monies of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, being the Woods and Forests Fund," and shall be laid out and applied from Time to Time by the Order of the said Commissioners of His Majesty's

jesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, in such and the like Manner; and such Rights, so sold or contracted to be sold by them, shall be conveyed by such and the like Instruments, and in such and the like Form, as nearly as Circumstances will permit, and every such Sale shall be made and completed under the like Rules, Regulations, and Provisions, and be to all Intents and Purposes as valid and effectual as if the same had been made under the said Act of the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty; and the Purchase Money to be paid for such of the said Rights as shall extend over any Lands within the Survey of the Duchy of *Lancaster*, shall from Time to Time be paid into the Hands of the Receiver General of the Revenues of the said Duchy, in the like Manner as the Monies arising from the Sale of Manors and other Property of the said Duchy authorized to be sold by the said Act of the Forty-eighth Year of His said late Majesty, or any Act or Acts thereby referred to, are directed to be paid; and all Sales made under this Act by the said Chancellor and Council of the said Duchy, shall be made in the same Manner and Form, as far as Circumstances will permit, and shall be to all Intents and Purposes as valid and effectual as if the same had been made under the said Act of the Forty-eighth Year of His said late Majesty, or any Act or Acts thereby referred to; and from and after the Payment of such Purchase Money in Manner aforesaid, and the Completion of every such Sale, the Rights so purchased shall cease, and be for ever thereafter abolished and extinguished, and be no longer exercised, and the Lands over which such Rights do extend shall be for ever thereafter freed, exonerated, and discharged therefrom, as fully and absolutely, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Rights had never existed.

The Purchaser of such Rights may appoint a Game Keeper.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, their Heirs and Successors respectively, to whom any Sale or Disposition of any such Forestal or other Rights shall be made as aforesaid under or by virtue of this Act, shall in lieu and stead thereof, at all Times thereafter have and enjoy full Power and Authority to depute or appoint a Game Keeper or Game Keepers to preserve the Game, and to take and kill Game in, over, and upon all or any of the Lands within and over which such Forestal or other Rights as shall be so purchased by him or them as aforesaid did extend, provided such Lands shall not be locally situate within any existing Manor or Manors; and every such Game Keeper, during the Continuance of his Deputation or Appointment, shall have such and the like Powers and Authorities, Exemption from Penalties, Privileges, and Protections, in regard to all Acts by him done in or upon any of the Lands within the Limits of his Deputation or Appointment, and by virtue thereof, and shall obtain such or the like Certificate, and be liable and subject to such and the like Game Duty, and shall register and enter his Deputation or Appointment in the like Manner, and be subject to such and the like Rules and Regulations as Game Keepers of any Manors or Royalties in *England* now have or enjoy, or are liable or subject to, by any Law, Usage, or Act or Acts of Parliament now in force; but nothing herein

herein contained is to or shall extend or be construed to authorize the Appointment of more than One Gamekeeper, with Power to take or kill Game within the same Tract or District of Land.

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