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An Act to amend an Act passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of His late Majesty, for the Establishment of Asylums for the Lunatic Poor in *Ireland*.

[24th *July* 1820.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of His late Majesty's Reign, for the Establishment of Asylums for the Lunatic Poor in *Ireland*: And whereas it is expedient to provide for the Rent, Purchase, and Valuation of the Scites on which such Lunatic Asylums or any Part or Parts thereof shall be built: 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 in each and every Case where an Order of Council for the Erection of a District Lunatic Asylum shall have been made and published in the *Dublin Gazette*, as in the said recited Act is provided, the Commissioners appointed under the said Act for general Controul and Correspondence shall have full Power and Authority to rent or purchase any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments on which it shall be proposed to erect or maintain any such District Lunatic Asylum; and any Houses, Lands, Tenements, Buildings, or Hereditaments so rented

57 G.3. c.106.

Commissioners may rent and purchase Premises for erecting Lunatic Asylums.

or purchased shall and may be conveyed to the said Commissioners, or any Three of them, and to their Heirs and Successors, in Trust to and for the Uses and Purposes of the said District Lunatic Asylum.

Bodies Corporate, &c. may sell and convey Premises for such Purposes.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic and Corporate, Trustees, Guardians of Infants, Committees of Lunatics, Femes Covert with their Husbands, and all other Persons whatsoever, who are or shall be seized or possessed of, interested in, or entitled unto any Estate or Interest whatsoever in the Lands, Houses, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or Hereditaments which by the said Commissioners shall be thought necessary to be rented or purchased for any of the Purposes of this Act, by Deeds indented and enrolled to demise, sell, and convey all or any such Grounds, Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, and all the respective Estates and Interests therein, to the said Commissioners, or any Three of them, and their Heirs and Successors; and that all Contracts, Agreements, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances that shall be so made, shall be good and valid in Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and that such Commissioners, and their Heirs and Successors, shall be Trustees of all such Houses, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments as shall be conveyed to or vested in them under and by virtue of this Act, for the Purposes herein provided, and for no other.

Sheriffs to proceed in making Valuations of Premises as they are empowered to do in Cases of Valuation of Scites of Gaols under 50G.3.c.103.

III. And for the better ascertaining the Rent or Value of such Scite, Scites, or Part or Parts thereof, be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Three of them, to issue a Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, to the Sheriff of the County, or of the City or County of the Town wherein the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments proposed to be purchased are lying and being, and such Sheriff or Sheriffs respectively shall thereupon proceed to take such Steps for the Valuation of such Scite as are prescribed for the Valuation of Scites of Gaols by virtue of an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the Repeal of the Laws affecting Prisons in* Ireland, *and for re-enacting such of the Provisions thereof as shall have been found useful, with Amendments.*

Powers vested in Commissioners for building Gaols to extend to Commissioners for building Lunatic Asylums.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers vested in the Commissioners for building Gaols in the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, are hereby vested in the Commissioners of general Controul and Correspondence for the District Lunatic Asylums of *Ireland*, or any Three of them, so far as the same relate to holding a Court, and proceeding to the Valuation of the Scite on which any District Lunatic Asylum shall or may be erected under and by virtue of the herein-before recited Act of the Fifty-seventh Year of His late Majesty's Reign.

Provisions of recited Act, 50G.3.c.103. affecting Purchase and

V. And be it further enacted, That all and every of the Provisions of the said Act of the Fiftieth of His late Majesty's Reign, as affecting the Purchase and Valuation of Scites, the Notices, Proceedings, Summonses, Verdicts, and Judgments, Conveyances, Enrolments, Lodge-

ments of Consideration, Petitions to the High Court of Chancery in *Ireland*, Payments of Purchase Money, and Rights and Titles of Parties interested, shall be held to apply to the Valuation of Scites for Lunatic Asylums under this Act; and such Verdicts, Judgments, and Conveyances shall be binding and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Valuation of Scites, to extend to this Act.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in every Case when a Jury shall be impannelled and sworn for the Valuation of a Scite for a District Lunatic Asylum as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Three of them, to appoint, by an Instrument in Writing under their Hands and Seals, by and with the Approbation of the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors in Council, not less than Six Persons or more than Twelve, Three of whom shall be competent to act on behalf of the said Commissioners in presiding at such Court, and receiving the Verdicts of such Jury as shall be held and impannelled for the Valuation of such Scite; such Persons so appointed and approved of being Magistrates for One or more of the Counties, Counties of Cities, or Counties of Towns, comprehended within the District for which such Asylums respectively are to be built; and the Acts of such Magistrates, or any Three of them, shall be of equal Force and Validity with those of the Commissioners themselves, so far as holding a Court for the Valuation of a Scite, and performing the Duties necessary for such Valuation, as prescribed by the Act of the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty's Reign aforesaid.

Persons to be appointed by Commissioners, with Consent of the Lord Lieutenant, to preside in Court to receive Verdicts of Juries, in Cases where Questions of Valuation are so referred.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Rent or Purchase Money so fixed and ascertained as aforesaid shall be provided for out of the General Funds for the Erection of and Maintenance of Lunatic Asylums, by virtue of the herein-before recited Act of the Fifty-seventh Year of His late Majesty's Reign.

Rent or Purchase Money to be paid out of the General Fund under 57 G. 3. c. 106.

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