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CAP. XLVIII.

An Act to enable the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to sell out certain Bank Annuities, now standing in their Names, and to apply the Produce thereof in part Payment of a Loan of Three hundred thousand Pounds, due to the *Royal Exchange* Assurance Company; and to facilitate the Sales of Fee Farm Rents, and of small Portions of the Land Revenue of the Crown; and for other Purposes. [3d *June* 1824.]

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the Thirty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for making perpetual, subject to Redemption and Purchase in the Manner therein stated, the several Sums of Money now charged in* Great Britain *as a Land Tax for One Year, from the Twenty-fifth Day of* March *One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight;* and another Act, passed in the Forty-second Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for consolidating the Provisions of the several Acts passed for the Redemption and Sale of the Land Tax into One Act, and for making further Provision for the Redemption and Sale thereof, and for removing Doubts respecting the Rights of Persons claiming to vote at Elections for Knights of the Shire and other Members to serve in Parliament, in respect of Messuages or Tenements the Land Tax upon which shall have been redeemed or purchased,* the Surveyor 38 G. 3. c. 60. 42 G. 3. c. 116.

veyor General of the Land Revenues of the Crown for the Time being was empowered to contract for the Sale, from Time to Time, of such or so much of the Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, Mines, Minerals, Collieries, Woods, Woodgrounds, Fens, Marshes, Waste Grounds, or other Hereditaments belonging to the Crown, within the Survey or Receipt of the Exchequer in *England*, as would raise a Sum sufficient for the Redemption of the Land Tax charged on the Land Revenues of or belonging to the Crown: And whereas by an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for uniting the Offices of Surveyor General of the Land Revenues of the Crown and Surveyor General of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Parks, and Chases*, all the Powers and Authorities of the said Surveyor General of the Land Revenues of the Crown were transferred to and directed to be exercised by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, to be appointed under the Authority of that Act: And whereas an Act was passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for ratifying the Purchase of the* Claremont *Estate, and for settling the same as a Residence for Her Royal Highness the Princess* Charlotte Augusta *and His Serene Highness* Leopold George Frederick *Prince of* Cobourg *of* Saalfeld, whereby, after reciting the said herein-before recited Acts of the Thirty-eighth and Forty-second Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty, and that under the Authority of the same certain Parts of the Land Revenues of the Crown had been sold, in order to raise Money for the Redemption of the Land Tax charged on the Crown Estates, and that the Monies which had arisen therefrom had been invested in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Cent.* Consolidated Bank Annuities, of which Annuities certain Parts were then standing in the Names of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury were authorized and required from Time to Time, as the Instalments of the Purchase Money of the Estate the Purchase whereof was thereby ratified, and the Interest thereon should respectively become due, to sell and dispose of so much of the Three Pounds *per Cent.* Consolidated Bank Annuities, standing in the Names of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, which had been purchased with Monies raised under the Provisions of the said recited Acts of the Thirty-eighth and Forty-second Years of His said late Majesty's Reign, as would be sufficient to pay and discharge such Instalments of the said Purchase Money as they should respectively become due, and the Interest then payable, and by and with the Produce of the Sale of such Bank Annuities to pay and discharge such Instalments of the said Purchase Money accordingly, and the Interest then payable; and by the same Act now in recital the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues were authorized and empowered to make Sale of such or so many, or so much of the Manors, Lordships, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tithes, Mines, Minerals, Collieries, Woods, Woodgrounds, Fens, Marshes, or Waste Lands, or other Hereditaments, or any other Revenues of or belonging to the Crown, within the Survey of the Exchequer in *England*, as would raise a Sum sufficient to purchase so much

50 G. 3. c. 65.

56 G. 3. c. 115.

much Stock in the Three Pounds *per Cent.* Bank Annuities hereinafter mentioned as would be equal, or as nearly equal as might be, to the whole Amount which should have been sold out of the said Consolidated Bank Annuities, under the Provisions of the same Act, for the Payment of any such Instalment or Instalments of the Purchase Monies so to be paid, and the Interest so to be paid as aforesaid; and the Purchase Monies to be paid for the same were directed to be paid into the Bank of *England*, to the Account of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, to be laid out by the Order of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues for the Time being, in the Purchase either of Three Pounds *per Cent.* Consolidated Bank Annuities, or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Annuities, in the Name of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in like Manner in all respects as prescribed in the said recited Acts of the Thirty-eighth and Forty-second Years of His said late Majesty's Reign, under those Acts respectively; and the Capital or Stock so to be purchased therewith, and the Dividends and Interest arising therefrom, are also directed to be applicable to the same Purposes, and to be applied in the same Manner, and under the same Rules, Regulations, and Provisions, in all respects, as the Bank Annuities which should be so sold for the Purpose of raising such Instalments as aforesaid, and the Dividends and yearly Interest arising thereupon, would have been subject and applicable to in case the said Act now recited had not been passed: And whereas under the said last-mentioned Provisions, Authorities, and Directions, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury sold out so much of the said Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities standing in their Names as was sufficient to pay and discharge all the said Purchase Monies and the Interest thereon, and the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues have made Sale of certain Parts of the Land Revenues of the Crown, and have invested the Monies arising from such Sales in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, in the Names of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Sum of Eighty-seven thousand nine hundred and seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Twopence Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities is now under such Investment standing in the Names of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*: And whereas there is also now standing in the Names of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, the Sum of Eighty-one thousand and fifty-two Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eleven-pence Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities, arising from the Sale of certain Parts of the Land Revenues of the Crown, under the Provisions and Authorities of the said recited Acts of the Thirty-eighth and Forty-second Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty, which Two Capital Sums are, under the Provisions of the said herein-before recited Acts, applicable to the Redemption of the Land Tax charged on the Crown Estates, and the Dividends arising therefrom are to be applied in manner herein-after mentioned: And whereas an Act was passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for making a more convenient Communication from* Mary-le-bone Park *and the Northern Parts* 53 G. 3. c. 121.

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Parts of the Metropolis, in the Parish of Saint Mary-le-bone, *to* Charing Cross, *within the Liberty of* Westminster, *and for making a more convenient Sewage for the same*; whereby the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues were appointed Commissioners for carrying the same into Execution, and for superintending and carrying on the Improvements thereby intended; and the said Commissioners were by the said Act now in recital authorized, by and with the Consent in Writing of the Lord High Treasurer, or of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer, to borrow and take up at Interest from Time to Time such Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, as they the said Commissioners, with such Consent and Approbation as aforesaid, shall judge necessary for the Purposes of that Act, on Mortgage of all or any Part or Parts of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of or belonging to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in the Lines of the Streets and Places to be erected, altered, repaired, or improved, or which should be purchased or exchanged by virtue of that Act; and the said Commissioners were by the same Act empowered to borrow and take up at Interest, on the same Security, a further Sum, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of One hundred thousand Pounds, for making and completing the new Sewage by the same Act to be made: And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the
54 G. 3. c. 70. Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for the further Improvement of the Land Revenue of the Crown*, certain Sums of Money arising under several Acts of Parliament therein recited were directed to be paid over to the said Commissioners for executing the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year aforesaid, for the Purposes of that Act, and the Dividends and Annual Proceeds from Time to Time arising out of and from all and singular the Bank Annuities then standing in the Names of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or which should thereafter stand in the Names of such Commissioners, and which had arisen or should thereafter arise under and by virtue of the Provisions of the said recited Acts of the Thirty-eighth and Forty-second Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty (except such Sums as should be paid thereout in pursuance of any Warrant from the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being), were by the said Act now in recital directed to be paid and made over to the said Commissioners for executing the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year aforesaid, to be applied by them for and towards the carrying the several Purposes thereof into Execution, until the said Sums thereby authorized to be raised should have been raised and thereafter fully paid and satisfied; and the said Commissioners for executing the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year aforesaid were by the said Act now in recital empowered, by and with the Consent and Approbation in Writing of the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer for the Time being, to borrow and take up at Interest such Sum or Sums of Money as they the said Commissioners for executing the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year aforesaid, with such Approbation as aforesaid, should judge necessary for the Purposes

of that Act, not exceeding what should then remain to be raised of the said Two Sums of Five hundred thousand Pounds and One hundred thousand Pounds, by any Loan or Loans upon the Credit of the Land Revenues of the Crown; and it was declared to be lawful for any Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Companies (other than and except the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, the Governor and Company of Merchants of *Great Britain* trading to the *South Seas* and other Parts of *America*, and the United Company of Merchants trading to the *East Indies*), to advance or lend any Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part or Parts of the Capital or Funds of or belonging to such Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Companies, not exceeding what should then remain to be raised of the said Two Sums of Five hundred thousand Pounds and One hundred thousand Pounds aforesaid, to the said Commissioners for executing the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year aforesaid, upon the Credit of the said Land Revenues of the Crown, so as that all such Loans should be made by and with the Approbation of the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer for the Time being, or any Three of them; and every such Loan so to be made was declared to be a Loan upon a Parliamentary Security; and it was by the said Act now in recital provided, that if the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, should be desirous of redeeming and discharging any such Loan or Loans, or any Part or Parts thereof (such Part or Parts not being less than One-tenth Part of the whole Amount of any such Loan or Loans), at any other Time or Times, or by any other Means, or in any other Manner than at the Time or Times, or by the Means or in the Manner therein-before provided for Payment or Discharge thereof, it should be lawful, notwithstanding any thing therein-before contained, for the said last mentioned Commissioners so to do, upon giving to the Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, or Corporations, to whom any Money should be due upon any such Loan or Loans, in respect of which any such Payment should be meant and intended to be made, Six Calendar Months Notice in Writing of their Desire and Intention to make such Payment, such Notice to be given according to the Directions of the said now recited Act: And whereas under the Powers and Provisions of the said last recited Act, the Commissioners for executing the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year of His said late Majesty's Reign have, with the Consent and Approbation of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer, signified according to the Directions of the said recited Act, borrowed and taken up at Interest from the *Royal Exchange* Assurance Company, on the Credit of the Land Revenues of the Crown, the Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds, being Part of the said Two Sums of Five hundred thousand Pounds and One hundred thousand Pounds, authorized to be raised by them for the Purposes of the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year aforesaid, which said Principal Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds is now due and owing to the said *Royal Exchange* Assurance Company, and is secured on the Credit of the Land Revenues of the Crown by a Certificate of Loan executed in the Manner and Form prescribed by the said last recited Act of the Fifty-fourth Year aforesaid: And whereas by the herein-before recited Provisions of the said last-mentioned Act, the Divi-

dends arising and payable from and in respect of the said Two Sums, of Eighty-seven thousand nine hundred and seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Two-pence Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, and Eighty-one thousand and fifty-two Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eleven-pence Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities, now standing in the Names of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, as herein-before mentioned, are payable and to be applied to the Purposes of the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year aforesaid: And whereas the said Principal Sums, so standing in the Names of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, are not at present required for the Redemption of any Land Tax charged on the Estates of the Crown, to which such Principal Sums are applicable under the Provisions of the said recited Acts of the Thirty-eighth and Forty-second Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty, as herein-before mentioned, and it would be greatly to the Advantage and Improvement of the Land Revenues of the Crown, if the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury were empowered to sell out the said Principal Sums so standing in their Names, and to apply the Produce of such Sales in part Payment and Discharge of so much of the said Principal Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds, as the Monies arising from such Sales shall be equal to; but the same cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it 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 for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and required to sell and dispose of the said Two Sums of Eighty-seven thousand nine hundred and seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Two-pence Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, and Eighty-one thousand and fifty-two Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eleven-pence Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities, respectively, standing in the Names of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, as herein-before mentioned, for the best Price or Prices which can be obtained for the same, and to apply the Monies arising and to be produced by such Sales in part Payment and Discharge of so much of the said Principal Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds, due and owing to the *Royal Exchange* Assurance Company as aforesaid, as the same shall be equal to; and such Sum or Sums of Money shall be paid to and received by the said *Royal Exchange* Assurance Company, and the Payment thereof shall be acknowledged, and such Acknowledgment entered in the several Offices, in the Manner and Form prescribed by and according to the Regulations, Directions, and Provisions contained in the said recited Act of the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty.

Treasury empowered to sell out the Sums of 87,907*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* Three per Cents. Reduced, and 81,052*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.* Consols, standing in their Name, and to apply the Produce of the Stock in part Payment of the 300,000*l.* due to the Royal Exchange Assurance Company.

Sale of Stock may be made by Power of Attorney.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Sums of Eighty-seven thousand nine hundred and seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Two-pence Three *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, and Eighty-one

thousand and fifty-two Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eleven-pence Three *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities, hereby authorized and required to be sold and disposed of for the Purposes aforesaid by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, shall and may be sold, transferred, and disposed of by any Person or Persons to be appointed by them or any Three or more of them, by Letter of Attorney under their Hands and Seals, attested by Two or more credible Witnesses.

Act not to interfere with the Powers given by recited Acts 38 G. 3. c. 60. 42 G. 3. c. 116. and 50 G. 3. c. 65. to Surveyor General, &c.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be deemed or construed to extend to invalidate, prejudice, or in any Manner to interfere with the Powers, Provisions, Authorities, and Directions contained in and given by the said recited Acts of the Thirty-eighth and Forty-second Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty, to the Surveyor General of the Land Revenues, and by the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of the same Reign to be exercised by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, to sell and dispose of certain Parts of the Land Revenues of the Crown for raising Monies to be applied in the Redemption of the Land Tax charged on the Estates of the Crown; but all the said Powers, Provisions, Authorities, and Directions shall remain in force, and be exercised and put in Execution, as fully and effectually as if this Act had not been passed.

57 G. 3. c. 24.

IV. And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to alter and enlarge the Powers of an Act passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of His present Majesty, intituled 'An Act for the further Improvement of the Land Revenues of the Crown,'* any Person or Persons whomsoever, or any Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Companies whatsoever, were empowered to advance or lend any Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part or Parts of the Capital, or other Monies or Funds of or belonging to such Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Companies, not exceeding in Amount what then remained to be raised of the said Two Sums of Five hundred thousand Pounds and One hundred thousand Pounds, to the Commissioners for the Time being for executing the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, upon the Credit of the Land Revenues of the Crown, subject and without Prejudice to the Sum so already advanced by the said *Royal Exchange* Assurance Company, and to the Provisions made by the said recited Act of the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, for the Repayment thereof, and for the Payment of the Interest thereof, so as that all such Loans should be made by or with the Approbation of the Lord High Treasurer of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or 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, who was and were thereby authorized to issue his or their Warrant or Warrants for that Purpose, notwithstanding any thing contained to the contrary in certain Acts therein particularly specified, or any other Act or Acts, Statute or Charter, Bye-law or Ordinance: And whereas the said Commissioners for executing

executing the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third have, under the Powers contained in that Act and in the said recited Acts of the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-seventh Years aforesaid, borrowed and raised the further Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds by a Loan from the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, which said further Principal Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds is now due and owing to the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and is secured on the Credit of the Land Revenues of the Crown by a Certificate of Loan, executed in the Manner and Form prescribed by the said last recited Act of the Fifty-seventh Year aforesaid; and it will be expedient and advantageous to make further Provision for paying off and discharging the said Principal Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds so due and owing to the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and for the Payment of the Residue of the said Principal Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds, borrowed from the said *Royal Exchange* Assurance Company, which shall remain due after paying and discharging so much thereof as the Monies arising from the Sale of the said Two Sums of Eighty-seven thousand nine hundred and seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Two-pence Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, and Eighty-one thousand and fifty-two Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eleven-pence Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities, now standing in the Names of the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* shall be equal to: And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for 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 advance and issue to the said Commissioners acting in Execution of the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Four hundred thousand Pounds; which said Sum or Sums shall be by the said last-mentioned Commissioners applied in Payment and Discharge of the said Principal Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds due and owing to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and also in Payment and Discharge of the Residue of the said Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds, borrowed of the *Royal Exchange* Assurance Company, which shall remain due and owing after paying and discharging so much thereof as the Monies arising from the Sale of the said Principal Sums, standing in the Names of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and hereby authorized to be sold by them, shall be equal to, and to no other Purpose whatsoever; and such Sum and Sums of Money shall be paid to and received by the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* and the said *Royal Exchange* Assurance Company respectively, and the Payments thereof shall be acknowledged, and such Acknowledgments entered in the several Offices in the Manner and Form prescribed by and according to the Regulations, Directions, and Provisions contained in the respectively recited Acts, under the Authorities whereof the said Loans were borrowed and raised.

Treasury empowered to issue out of the Consolidated Fund 400,000*l.*, to be paid in Payment of 300,000*l.* owing to the Bank, and in Payment of the Residue of the Sum borrowed of the Royal Exchange Assurance Company.

V. And be it further enacted, That whatever Sum or Sums of Money shall be issued by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury as aforesaid shall, whenever the annual Produce of the Land Revenues of the Crown shall cease to be carried into and form Part of the Consolidated Fund of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and shall be retained by the Crown as Part of its Hereditary Revenues, be and become a Loan on such Land Revenues; and such Land Revenues shall be from thenceforth charged and chargeable with the Repayment into the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, of the Principal Sum or Sums to be granted, together with Interest for the same, to be computed after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, from the Time or respective Times at which the respective Sum or Sums shall be respectively paid as aforesaid; and such Land Revenues shall thenceforth be applicable to the Repayment of such Principal Sum or Sums, and to the Payment of such Interest for the same as aforesaid, prior to any other Application thereof, except the Charges attending the Management thereof, and the Payment and Discharge of any Sum or Sums now already charged thereon, or to be charged thereon under or by virtue of the said recited Acts or of this Act, and the Interest thereof, or of so much thereof as shall from Time to Time remain unpaid and undischarged, and the Interest thereof.

On Sale of Fee Farm Rents and small Portions of the Land Revenues of the Crown, where the Purchase Money shall not exceed 100*l*. Commissioners of Woods, &c. to grant Certificates, and receive Monies and give Receipts, which are not to be enrolled. 57 G. 3. c. 97.

VI. And whereas upon the Sale of Fee Farm Rents, or of small Portions of the Land Revenues of the Crown, the Payment of the Purchase Monies into the Bank, and the Enrolment of Certificates and Deeds, and the issuing of Warrants by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for authorizing such Sales of small Portions of Land, is attended with unnecessary Trouble and Delay, and with great Expence, and it is expedient to make Provision for the more easy and speedy Conveyance of such Fee Farm Rents and small Portions of the Land Revenues of the Crown; be it therefore further enacted, That whensoever, under the Powers of any of the said recited Acts, or of an Act passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for ratifying Articles of Agreement entered into by the Right Honourable Lord 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*, or of any other Act or Acts of Parliament now in force or hereafter to be passed, authorizing the Sale of any Part of the Land Revenues of the Crown, the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues shall have contracted with any Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, for the Sale of any small Portions of Land, Hereditaments, or Premises, or of any Fee Farm or other Rents, Fines, Annuities, or other Revenues of the Crown, and the Purchase Monies to arise from such Sale shall not amount to or exceed the Sum of One hundred Pounds, the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or any Two of them, shall, without the issuing of any Treasury Warrant for that Purpose as aforesaid, grant unto the Purchaser or Purchasers a Certificate under their Hands, specifying the Land or Premises contracted for, or the Fee Farm or other Rents, Fines, or Annuities, and the Estates from whence they issue, or in respect of which they are payable, or the other Revenues the Subject of the Sale, and the

Amount of the Purchase *Money* to be paid for the same; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or any Two of them, to accept and receive from such Purchaser or Purchasers the Purchase Monies specified in such Certificate, and at the Foot or on the Back thereof to acknowledge the Receipt thereof, and return the said Certificate and Receipt to the Purchaser or Purchasers, without such Purchase Monies being paid into the Bank of *England;* and it shall not be required or necessary to enrol or register any such Certificate in the Office of the Auditor of the Land Revenues, or in any other Office, or in any Court whatsoever; but from and immediately after such Purchase Money shall be paid and Receipt given (without any Enrolment or Registry thereof), and thenceforth for ever, the respective Purchasers of such Land, Hereditaments, or Premises, Fee Farm or other Rents, Fines, Annuities, or other Portion of the Revenues of the Crown specified in such Certificate, and their Heirs, Successors, or Assigns, shall by force of this Act be adjudged, deemed, and taken to be in the actual Seizin and Possession of the Land, Tenements, Premises, Rents, Fines, Annuities, or other of the Revenues of the Crown by them respectively purchased, and shall hold and enjoy the same peaceably and quietly, and as fully and amply, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Purchase Money had been paid into the Bank and Certificate enrolled, and as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, might or could have held and enjoyed the same previous to the Sale thereof; any thing in the said recited Acts, or any of them, or in the said Act of the Fifty-seventh Year aforesaid, or in any other Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Form of Certificate and Receipt where the Purchase Monies shall not exceed 100*l.*

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Certificate to be granted on any such Sale, where the Purchase Monies shall not amount to or exceed the said Sum of One hundred Pounds, shall be in the Words and Figures following, or as near thereto as Circumstances will admit; (that is to say),

'BY the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and 'Land Revenues:

'THESE are to certify, That *A. B.* and *C. D.* 'Two of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, 'Forests, and Land Revenues, have contracted and agreed with *E. F.* 'of for the Sale to him, [her, *or* them, *as the* '*Case may be*] of all that Parcel of Land (or other Premises) situate '[*describing it*] *or* of all that Rent, *or* those Rents or Fines, *or* An- 'nuity or Annuities of issuing or payable out 'or charged on [*briefly describing the Lands or Hereditaments charge- 'able, according to the Circumstances*], *or* of all that [*stating the Pro- 'perty sold*] at or for the Price or Sum of 'Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be paid to us the said 'Commissioners by the said *E. F.* ; and from and 'immediately after the Payment of the said Sum, and thenceforth 'for ever, the said *E. F.* [and his, her, or their 'Heirs, Successors, or Assigns, *as the Case may be*] shall be adjudged, 'deemed, and taken to be in the actual Seizin and Possession of the 'said Land, [Rent, Fine, or Annuity, or other Property, *as the Case*

'*may be*] so by him, her, or them purchased, by force and virtue of 'an Act passed in the Year of the Reign of His Majesty 'King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act* [*inserting the Title of the* '*Act authorizing the Sale*] and of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of 'the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth [*inserting the* '*Title of this Act*]. Given under the Hands of the said *A. B.* 'and *C. D.* the Day of .'

And the Receipts to be subscribed or endorsed at the Foot or on the Back of such Certificates respectively as aforesaid, shall be in the Words and Form following, or as near thereto as may be; (that is to say),

'RECEIVED the Day of 'One thousand eight hundred and of and from '*E. F.* the Sum of of lawful 'Money of *Great Britain*, being the Consideration Money expressed 'in the above (*or* the within) written Certificate. Witness our 'Hands,

'(Signed) *A. B.* } Commissioners of Woods, &c.'
C. D. }

Which said Certificates and Receipts shall be respectively witnessed and attested, as to the Signing thereof by the said Commissioners, by One of the Principal Clerks or other Officers in their Office; and the said Certificates and Receipts, being so signed and attested, shall effectually discharge the said Purchasers or other Persons to whom the same shall be given and granted of and from the Purchase or Consideration Money therein respectively expressed; and such Purchasers or other Persons shall never afterwards be liable to or be called upon, sued, troubled, molested, or questioned for or in respect of such Purchase or Consideration Money, or any Part thereof.

Certificates and Receipts not to be subject to Stamp Duties.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That no such Certificate or Receipt to be granted or given as aforesaid, shall be subject or liable to any *ad valorem* or other Stamp Duty whatsoever, imposed by any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force, or to be imposed by any future Act or Acts of Parliament, unless the same be specially subjected to, and specifically charged therewith, in and by such future Act and Acts.

Monies arising from such Sales to be applied to the Purposes of 57 G. 3. c. 97.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all and every Sum and Sums of Money so to be received by the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, on account of such Purchase Monies, shall be paid and applied by the said Commissioners to the same Purposes, and in the same Manner, and under the same Provisions, Regulations, and Directions, as the Purchase Monies to be paid into the Bank of *England* arising from the Sale of any Lands, Tenements, Rents, Annuities, or other Revenues of the Crown, under the said Act of the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty for ratifying the said Agreement between the said Viscount *Gage* and the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and the other Purposes therein mentioned, are by that Act to be paid and applied.

X. Pro-

Commissioners of Woods, &c. to certify in their Report to the King and Parliament what Part of the Land Revenue shall have been sold, &c.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues for the Time being shall, in every Report which shall be made by them to the King's most Excellent Majesty, and to both Houses of Parliament, touching or concerning the Land Revenue of the Crown, from and after the passing of this Act, certify and report what Part or Parts of the Land Revenue of the Crown shall have been sold under and by virtue of any of the Provisions of the herein-before recited Acts, and for which the Purchase Monies shall have been received by the said Commissioners, under or by virtue of the Power or Authority herein-before contained, since the Time of the making their last preceding Report, and the Amount of such Sum or Sums of Money which shall have been raised by Means of every such Sale, and received by them as aforesaid, and in what Manner the same shall have been applied and disposed of; and shall also certify and report to the Auditor or Auditors of His Majesty's Land Revenues for the District within which such Premises so sold and disposed of shall be situate, (or if such Premises shall be situate within the District of more than One such Auditor, then to the Auditor or Auditors of each such respective District), what Part or Parts of the Land Revenue of the Crown shall have been so sold and disposed of, and the Sum or Sums of Money raised by means thereof; and such Auditor or Auditors, upon the Receipt of any such Certificate or Report, shall cause a Minute thereof to be entered in the Books of his or their respective Office or Offices.

and upon every such Sale to certify the same to the Auditors.

Commissioners of Woods, &c. may apply any Part of the Land Revenues to the Redemption of the Land Tax.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and they are hereby empowered to appropriate and apply any Sum or Sums of Money, Part of the Land Revenues of the Crown under their Care and Management, whether arising from the Sale of the Revenues of the Crown, or from the Rents of Crown Lands, or in any other Manner, from Time to Time as they shall judge fit, in the Redemption of the Land Tax charged on any of the Estates of the Crown, or in the Purchase of Land Tax which has been already redeemed by any Lessee or Lessees of any of the Estates belonging to the Crown.

Commissioners under 53G.3.c.121. empowered to purchase a House in Pall Mall and Cockspur Street, and to pull down and rebuild the same.

XII. And whereas the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church of *Saint Peter* in *Westminster*, by Indenture of Lease bearing Date the Twenty-fourth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and sixteen, demised to the Reverend *Joseph Holden Pott*, Master of Arts, Archdeacon of *London*, and Vicar of the Parish of *Saint Martin-in-the Fields*, *James Cadwallader Parker* and *Francis William Barron*, Churchwardens of the same Parish and Trustees of the Poor, certain Messuages or Tenements, Buildings and Premises, with their Appurtenances, situate, lying, and being in the said Parish of *Saint Martin-in-the-Fields*, in the said Indenture particularly described; to have and to hold the same to the said *Joseph Holden Pott*, *James Cadwallader Parker*, and *Francis William Barron*, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, from *Lady Day* then last past, for the Term of Forty Years, at and under the Yearly Rent of Six Pounds *per Annum*, payable quarterly, as by the said Indentures, Reference being thereto had,

had, will more fully appear: And whereas Part of the Premises demised by the said Indenture of Lease consists of a Messuage or Dwelling House situate at the Corner of the Streets called *Pall Mall* and *Cockspur Street*, on the South Side of the same, now in the Occupation of *Edward Sharpus*, which said Messuage or Dwelling House, with the Appurtenances, is underlet at the Yearly Rent of One hundred Pounds *per Annum*, by Indenture of Lease granted to one *James Oliphant*, deceased, which will expire at *Lady Day* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven: And whereas it being necessary to pull down and rebuild the Front of the said Messuage or Dwelling House, in order to carry into effect and complete the Improvements contemplated by the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, the Commissioners for executing that Act are desirous of contracting with the Vicar and Churchwardens of the said Parish of *Saint Martin-in-the-Fields* for an Assignment to be made to the said Commissioners of all their Right, Title, and Interest in and to the said Messuage or Dwelling House: And whereas the Powers granted by the said Act of the Fifty-third Year aforesaid, for contracting for and purchasing Lands, Messuages, and Premises, have expired and ceased to be in force, and it is expedient that such Powers should be renewed for the Purpose of enabling the said Commissioners to enter into an Agreement for obtaining the Possession of the said Messuage or Dwelling House, with the Appurtenances; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners for executing the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, and for the Vicar and Churchwardens of the said Parish of *Saint Martin-in-the-Fields* for the Time being, to contract and agree by way of Exchange or otherwise, as they shall see fit, for an Assignment to the said Commissioners of all the Right, Title, and Interest of the said Trustees in and to the said Messuage or Dwelling House, with the Appurtenances, at the Corner of *Pall Mall* and *Cockspur Street* aforesaid, now in the Possession of the said *Edward Sharpus*; and such Agreement and Assignment, when made and completed, shall be valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes; and the said Messuage or Dwelling House, with the Appurtenances, may be pulled down, rebuilt, altered, or improved in the same Manner as if the said Agreement and Assignment had been made, or the said Messuage or Dwelling House, with the Appurtenances, purchased or taken under the Powers of the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year aforesaid.

Commissioners under the recited Act 53 G. 3. c. 121. empowered to convey Premises not wanted in exchange for other Premises.

XIII. And whereas Doubts have arisen whether the Commissioners for executing the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third were and are thereby empowered to convey any or any Part of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which have been or shall be acquired, either by Purchase or Exchange, under the Authority of the said Act, and which are not, or shall or may not be wanted for the immediate Purposes of the said last-mentioned Act, in exchange for any other Messuages, Lands, or Hereditaments which are or may be required either for the immediate Purposes of the said Act or with a View to future or other Exchanges; and it is desirable that such Doubts should

should be removed, and that the Power of the said Commissioners to make such Exchanges should be clear and express; be it therefore enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners for executing the said Act for the Time being, by and with the Consent and Approbation in Writing of the Lord High Treasurer, or of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer, or any Three or more of them, to convey all or any Part of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which have been purchased, or have been or shall be taken in exchange, under the Authority of the said Act, and should not be wanted for the immediate Purposes of the said Act, in lieu of or in exchange for any other Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments required either for the immediate Purposes of the said Act or with a View to the Acquisition by Exchange of any other Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which are or shall or may be acquired for the immediate Purposes of the said Act, in manner directed by the said Act with respect to any Exchanges that may be made by virtue thereof.

His Majesty empowered to grant Sites of Land for erecting Buildings for Societies for Advancement of Science and for charitable and useful Purposes.

XIV. And whereas many Bodies Corporate and other public Bodies, and many Persons formed into Societies for the Promotion and Advancement of the Arts, or of Literature and Knowledge, or for charitable or other useful Purposes, are frequently desirous of erecting Buildings for the transacting and carrying on the several useful Purposes in which they are engaged, and are unable to obtain convenient Spots of Ground or Sites for such Buildings, or for Easements and Accommodations thereto; and it would be very beneficial to the Public if His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, was and were enabled to grant and vest in any such Bodies Corporate, or other public Bodies, Societies, or Persons, and their Successors, Heirs, Executors, or Administrators respectively, sufficient Spots and Parcels of Land for the erecting such Buildings thereon, or for Curtilages, Accesses, or other Conveniences, Easements, or Accommodations to any Buildings erected or to be erected for the Purposes aforesaid, and also for Cemeteries or Burial Grounds; be it therefore enacted, That the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, shall have full Power and Authority to give and grant to and vest in any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other public Bodies, Societies, or Persons, all or any Part of the Estate, Interest, or Property of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the Survey of the Court of Exchequer in *England*, situate within the Bills of Mortality, in order to be appropriated as a Site or Sites for erecting thereon any Building or Buildings for any of the Purposes aforesaid, or to be used as or for a Curtilage or Curtilages, or for an Access or Accesses to any Building or Buildings erected or to be erected for any of the Purposes aforesaid, or to be used for any Convenience, Easement, or Accommodation thereto, or connected therewith, or for Cemeteries or Burial Grounds; and such Body or Bodies Corporate, or other public Bodies, Societies, or Persons, and their Heirs, Successors, Executors, or Administrators, shall have full Capacity and Ability to receive, take, hold, and enjoy the same; and whenever it shall be the Pleasure of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, to make a Grant for any such Purpose

as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, or any Three of them, to issue a Warrant under his or their Hand or Hands to any such Body or Bodies Corporate, or other public Bodies, Societies, or Persons as aforesaid, which Warrant shall be exempt from any Stamp Duty whatever, and shall be inrolled in the Office of the Auditor of the Land Revenue for the Division or County within which the Premises therein specified shall be situate, and also in the Office of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues; and such Auditor and such Commissioners, having inrolled the said Warrant, shall certify such Enrolment at the Foot or on the Back thereof, under his or their Hand or Hands, and return the said Warrant to the Grantee or Grantees of such Lands and Premises; and from and immediately after such Enrolment thereof the respective Grantees named in such Warrant, and their Heirs, Successors, Executors, or Administrators, shall by force of this Act be adjudged, deemed, and taken to be in the actual Seizin and Possession of the Premises in the said Warrant specified, and shall hold and enjoy the same, either absolutely and in perpetuity, or for such limited Estate, Term, or Interest, and under and subject to such Reservations of Rent, or other Acknowledgments or Restrictions in relation to the Buildings to be erected thereon, and the Form, Elevation, or Design thereof, the Line on which the same shall range, or the Uses or Purposes to which the same shall be applied, or any other Regulations, Restrictions, or Provisions in regard thereto, as to the King's most Excellent Majesty shall seem meet, and in such Warrant shall be specified, inserted, directed, or contained; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Commissioners of Woods, &c. to state in their Report every Grant that has been made, and for what Purpose.

LXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues for the Time being shall, in every Report which shall be made by them to the King's most Excellent Majesty, and to both Houses of Parliament, touching or concerning the Land Revenue of the Crown, from and after the passing of this Act, certify and report every Grant which shall have been made under and by virtue of the Provisions of this Act since the Time of the making their last preceding Report, and to whom and for what Purpose the same shall have been made, and what Land or Ground shall be comprized therein, and all other Particulars relating thereto.

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