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An Act to extend an Act of the Fifty-sixth Year of His late Majesty, for enabling His Majesty to grant small Portions of Land as Sites for Public Buildings, or to be used as Cemeteries.

[2d *July* 1827.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend Two Acts made in the Fifty-third* 56 G.3.c.128.
Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for opening a more convenient Communication from Mary-le-bone *Park to* Charing Cross, *and for paving the Streets to be made in* Mary-le-bone *Park, and to enable His Majesty to grant small Portions of Land as Sites for Public Buildings, or to be used as Cemeteries, within the Bills of Mortality,* after reciting that 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, were frequently desirous of erecting Buildings for the transacting and carrying on the several useful Purposes in which they were engaged, and were unable to obtain convenient Spots of Ground or Sites for such Buildings, or for Easements and Accommodations thereto; and that it would be very beneficial to the Public if His Majesty, His Heirs or 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 Ad-

ministrators 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; it was by the now-reciting Act enacted, that the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, should 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 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 therein-before mentioned, 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, should have full Capacity and Ability to receive, take, hold, and enjoy the same, as therein mentioned and declared: And whereas it is expedient that the Provisions of the said recited Act should be enlarged and extended: 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 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* or *Wales*, in order to be appropriated or which have already been appropriated as a Site or Sites for erecting thereon any Building or Buildings for any of the Purposes in the said recited Act mentioned, 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 such Purposes, 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 of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* 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 enrolled

Crown Lands may be granted for Sites for Public Buildings, Cemeteries, &c.

Manner of making such Grants.

enrolled 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 enrolled 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 Seisin 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.

Copies of Warrants issued by the Treasury to be laid before Parliament.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That a Copy of every Warrant to be issued by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Purposes of this Act, as herein-before authorized and directed, shall be laid before each House of Parliament on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in each Year, if Parliament shall be then sitting, or if Parliament be not then sitting, then within Six Weeks after the next Meeting thereof: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to enable His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to grant more than Five Acres of Land in any One Grant for any of the Purposes aforesaid.

Limiting any One Grant to Five Acres.

Commissioners of Woods and Forests, in their Reports, to certify all Grants made under this Act.

III. 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 comprised therein, and all other Particulars relating thereto.

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