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An Act to confirm Sales made by the Surveyor General and the Commissioners of the Land Revenue of the Crown, under an Act of the Forty-eighth Year of His late Majesty.

[26th *May* 1826.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to improve the Land Revenue of the Crown in* England, *and also of His Majesty's Duchy of* Lancaster; 48 G. 3. c. 73.
reciting an Act passed in the Thirty-eighth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, 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 Right of Persons claiming to vote at Elections for Knights of the Shire and other Members to serve in Parliament, in respect of Messuages, Lands, or Tenements, the Land Tax upon which shall have been redeemed or purchased;* by which the Surveyor General of the Land Revenues of the Crown for the Time being 38 G. 3. c. 60. 42 G. 3. c. 116.

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, Wood Grounds, Fens, Marshes, or Waste Lands, 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 Revenue belonging to the Crown; and reciting, that in pursuance of the said recited Provision certain Parts of the Property of the Crown which were least productive in proportion to their Value had been selected for the Purpose of being sold, and a large Part thereof had actually been sold to great Advantage and the Augmentation of the Land Revenue of the Crown, but a considerable Portion of the different Kinds of Property so selected for Sale would still remain undisposed of after the necessary Fund for the Redemption of such Land Tax should have been raised, and that it was expedient that Power should be continued to the said Surveyor General to sell the said Portion of Property so remaining undisposed of under the said therein-recited Acts, and to make further Sales of Property of the like Description; it was enacted, that it should be lawful for the said Surveyor General for the Time being to contract or agree with any Person or Persons, or any Bodies Politic or Corporate, for the Sale from Time to Time of such Manors or Lordships belonging to the Crown as consisted of Manorial Rights and Quit Rents without any Lands or with very small Quantities of Land belonging to them, and where the greater Part of the Lands over which the Manorial Rights extended was the Property of Individuals, and of Manors or Lands of which His Majesty was not the sole Proprietor, but was entitled to an undivided Share jointly with Individuals, and of Lands dispersed in small Quantities and intermixed with the Property of Individuals, and lying remote from other Property belonging to the Crown, and of Grounds or Buildings appertaining to or anciently held with any Castle or strong Building then or then lately used for a Common Gaol, or with any Building used for holding the Assizes or Sessions in any County or District, or for a Court House, or Gaoler's House, or in which the Magistrates of any County or District might claim to have Rights, from Length of Use or Enjoyment, for the public Purposes of such County or District, and of Tithes belonging to the Crown issuing out of Lands which were the Property of Individuals, and of Mills, Fisheries, and Ferries, and Mooring Chains, and Wastes, belonging to the Crown, the Possession of which had been usurped or encroached upon, for the best Prices or Considerations in Money which the said Surveyor General should be able to procure for the same, and the Purchase Money to be paid for the same should from Time to Time be paid into the Bank of *England*, to the Account of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in like Manner as the Monies arising from the Sales of Land Revenue authorized by the said therein-recited Acts of the Thirty-eighth and Forty-second Years of His then present Majesty were directed to be paid; and all Sales made under the now-reciting Act of the Property therein-before described, should be made in the same Manner and Form, and under the like Rules and Regulations and Provisions, and should be to all Intents and Purposes as valid and effectual, as if the same had been made under the said recited Acts of the Thirty-eighth

and Forty-second Years of His then present Majesty, or either of them: 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*, it was amongst other things enacted, that the Business thitherto transacted and the Powers exercised by the Surveyor General of the Land Revenue of the Crown, and also the Business thitherto transacted and the Powers exercised by and the Revenue under the Management of the Surveyors or Surveyor General of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Parks, and Chases, should be jointly conducted and managed by the Commissioners to be appointed by His Majesty as therein mentioned; and such Commissioners so to be appointed should be and be called "The Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues"; and that all Acts, Matters, and Things to be done by them should be as valid and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been done by any such Surveyor General of the Land Revenue of the Crown, or by any such Surveyors or Surveyor General of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Parks, and Chases, or of any of them: And whereas several Sales have been made and completed (by and under the Authority and Direction of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*) by the Surveyor General of the Land Revenues of the Crown, and by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, of Estates, Lands, and Hereditaments belonging to His Majesty, to Sir *Herbert Taylor*, a Knight Companion of the Bath, and a Lieutenant General in His Majesty's Army, and several other Persons; and such Estates, Lands, and Hereditaments have been conveyed to the respective Purchasers in the Manner and Form prescribed by the said Act of the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, and the Purchase Monies arising from such Sales have been applied and disposed of according to the Directions of the same Act: And whereas Doubts have arisen whether some of the Estates, Lands, and Hereditaments so sold as aforesaid are within the Description of Lands or Hereditaments referred to in the said recited Act of the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, and thereby authorized to be sold as aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed, and that all Sales which have been made of Estates, Lands, and Hereditaments belonging to the Crown under the said recited Act should be confirmed: 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 all Sales which have been made under the Direction and with the Consent of the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, by the Surveyor General of the Land Revenues of the Crown, or by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, by and under the Authority or supposed Authority of the said recited Act of the Forty-eighth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, as aforesaid, or according to the Forms prescribed by the said Act, shall be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed and made valid, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the Estates,

50 G. 3. c. 65.

Sales of Lands, &c. made by Surveyor General of Land Revenues or Commissioners of Woods and Forests, with Consent of the Treasury, under 48 G. 3. c. 73. confirmed;

and the Purchasers who have conformed to the Directions of the said Act to have peaceable Possession.

Estates, Lands, and Hereditaments so sold as aforesaid had been particularly mentioned and specifically described in the said Act; and the respective Purchasers of such Estates, Lands, and Hereditaments, who have obtained Certificates of their Purchases and inrolled the same, and paid the Purchase Monies therein mentioned as directed by the said last-mentioned Act, and their respective Heirs, Successors, and Assigns, shall be adjudged, deemed, and taken to be in the actual Seisin and Possession of the Estates, Lands, Rights, Interests, and Hereditaments so by them respectively purchased, and shall hold and enjoy the same peaceably and quietly, freed and discharged from all Claims and Demands of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, or of any Person or Persons claiming under him or them, as fully and amply, to all Intents and Purposes, as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, might or could have held and enjoyed the same if such Sales had not taken place; and such respective Purchaser or Purchasers, his, her, or their Heirs, Successors, or Assigns, shall not be liable to be hereafter disturbed under any Pretence or Pretences that the Estates, Lands, and Hereditaments so sold and purchased by him, her, or them as aforesaid, were not saleable under the Powers or Authorities of the said recited Act of the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty as aforesaid, or any other Pretence or Pretences whatsoever.

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