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An Act to alter and enlarge the Powers of an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for extending to *Charing Cross*, the *Strand*, and Places adjacent, the Powers of an Act for making a more convenient Communication from *Mary-le-bone Park*, and for enabling the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues to grant Leases of the Scite of *Carlton Palace*; and for other Purposes relating thereto.

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WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to extend to* Charing Cross, *the* Strand, *and Places adjacent, the Powers of an Act for making a more convenient Communication from* Mary-le-bone Park, *and to enable the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues to grant Leases of the Scite of* Carlton Palace, it was amongst other Things enacted, that it should be lawful for the Commissioners for executing that Act, by and with the Consent and Approbation in Writing of the Lord High Treasurer, or 7 G. 4. c. 77.

of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer, or any Three or more of them, absolutely to sell and dispose of all or any Part of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of or belonging to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, in the Lines of the Streets and Places respectively to be erected and built, altered, repaired, and improved, under or by virtue of the now-reciting Act, or which should be purchased or acquired as therein mentioned, and should not be wanted for the Purposes of the now-reciting Act; and also to convey in exchange, with such Consent and Approbation as aforesaid, all or any Part of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of or belonging to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, situate within any or either of the Parishes through which the said Streets and Places respectively to be erected and built, altered, stopped up, repaired, or improved, under or by virtue of the now-reciting Act, extend, or which should have been purchased and taken in exchange under the Authority of the now-reciting Act, and which should not be wanted for the Purposes of the said Act, in lieu of and in exchange for any other Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which should be wanted for the Purposes of that Act, or with a View to the Acquisition by Exchange of any other Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which might be required for the immediate Purposes of the said Act: And whereas it is expedient, the better to effectuate the Purposes of the said in part recited Act, that the said recited Power of Sale and Exchange thereby given to the Commissioners for executing the said Act should be altered and enlarged: 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 acting in execution of the said in part recited Act, 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, absolutely to sell and dispose of all or any Part of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of or belonging to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, situate, lying, and being in any or either of the several Parishes and Places within the Bills of Mortality, or any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which shall be purchased or acquired under the Powers of the said in part recited Act or of this Act, (and shall not be wanted for the Purposes of the said recited Act); and also to convey in exchange, with such Consent and Approbation as aforesaid, all or any Part of the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of or belonging to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, situate, lying, and being in any or either of the several Parishes and Places within the Bills of Mortality aforesaid, or which shall have been purchased or taken in exchange under the Powers of the said in part recited Act or of this Act, and which shall not be wanted for the Purposes of the said in part recited Act, in lieu of and in exchange for any other Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which shall be

Commissioners empowered to sell Houses, &c. belonging to His Majesty, within the Bills of Mortality;

or to exchange them for Houses, &c. required for Purposes of recited Act.

wanted for the Purposes of the said in part recited Act, or which it shall be deemed expedient to obtain with a View to the Acquisition by Exchange of any other Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which may be required for the immediate Purposes of the said in part recited Act.

Commissioners may agree for Receipt of Money for equalizing an Exchange.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners acting in execution of the said in part recited Act to agree, on behalf of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, for the Receipt or Payment of any Sum of Money for equalizing any Exchange to be made under the Authority of the said last-mentioned Act or of this Act.

Conveyances and Exchanges to be in the Form prescribed by 53 G. 3. c. 121.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Conveyances and Exchanges which shall be made, under the Authority of this Act, by the said Commissioners for executing the said in part recited Act, of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments hereby authorized to be sold or conveyed in exchange, may be made according to the Forms set forth in the Schedule annexed to an Act passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for making a more convenient Communication from* Mary-le-bone Park *and the Northern 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*, or as near thereto as the Circumstances of the Case will admit; and all such Conveyances and Exchanges shall be good, valid, and effectual, any Provisions, Restrictions, or Clauses contained in any Act or Acts relating to His Majesty's Land Revenue, or to any Property under the Management of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or any Practice, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Powers of recited Act, with respect to Sales and Exchanges, extended to this Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers and Provisions contained in the said in part recited Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, with respect to Sales and Exchanges under the Authority of that Act, shall be and the same are hereby extended to Sales and Exchanges under the Authority of this Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been hereby specially repeated and re-enacted with reference to the said Sales and Exchanges under the Authority of this Act.

So much of 7 G. 4. as relates to Removal of Remains of Persons from Graves, &c. repealed.

V. And whereas it was by the said in part recited Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, amongst other Things, further enacted, that it should be lawful for the said Commissioners acting in the Execution of the said Act to take or use, for the Purposes of the said Act, so much of the Burial Ground in the Parish of *Saint Martin-in-the-Fields* as lay on the South Side of the Church as might be required for the Purpose, and the Ground so taken, and the Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof, should be and were thereby vested in the King's Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for

for the Purposes of the said Act; and it was further enacted, that whenever it should be necessary, in pursuance and execution of the said in part recited Act, to open or disturb any Grave or Graves, or any Burial Vault or Vaults, in the said present Burial Ground of the Parish of *Saint Martin-in-the-Fields*, on the South Side of the said Church aforesaid, it should be lawful for the Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Relations, or Friends of any Person or Persons who should have been interred or deposited in such Grave or Graves, Vault or Vaults, with the Consent of the Vicar and Churchwardens of the said Parish, or the major Part of them, to remove and carry away the Remains of any such Person or Persons, and place the same in such new Burial Ground as therein mentioned, or any other Churchyard or consecrated Ground, in such Manner as the Lord Bishop of *London* for the Time being, or such Person as he might appoint, should direct; and that the Expences of such removing, carrying away, and placing (not exceeding in any one Case the Sum of Ten Pounds) should be paid, by the said Commissioners acting in the Execution of the said in part recited Act, out of the Monies to be applied for the Purposes of the said Act; and that the Remains of such Person or Persons as should have been interred or deposited in the Graves or Vaults so to be opened and disturbed as aforesaid, which should not be removed or carried away as aforesaid, should (except such Graves or Vaults should be finally closed up), at the Expence of the said Commissioners acting in the Execution of the said Act, to be paid out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of the said Act, be removed from such Graves or Vaults into and be interred in such new Burial Ground as aforesaid, in such Manner as the Lord Bishop of *London* for the Time being, or such Person or Persons as he should appoint, should direct: And whereas in order to facilitate the Removal of the Remains of the various Persons who have been interred or deposited in the Graves or Vaults of the present Burial Ground of the Parish of *Saint Martin-in-the-Fields*, on the South Side of the said Church aforesaid, it is expedient, and would be of great Saving to the Public, if the said Powers given by the said in part recited Act for the Removal of such Remains as aforesaid were repealed, and such new Provisions made in respect thereof as herein-after is mentioned; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act so much of the said in part recited Act as relates to the Removal of the Remains of the various Persons who have been interred or deposited in the Graves or Vaults of the said Burial Ground of the Parish of *Saint Martin-in-the-Fields*, on the South Side of the said Church as aforesaid, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Commissioners empowered to remove Remains of Persons from the Burial Ground of St. Martin's.

VI. And be it further enacted, That whenever, at any Time after the passing of this Act, it shall be necessary, in pursuance and execution of the said in part recited Act, to open or disturb any Grave or Graves, or any Burial Vault or Vaults, in the said Burial Ground of the Parish of *Saint Martin-in-the-Fields*, on the South Side of the said Church aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners acting in the Execution of the said recited Act, with the Consent of the Vicar and Churchwardens for the Time being of the said Parish of

of *Saint Martin-in-the-Fields*, or the major Part of them, to remove and carry away the Remains of any such Person or Persons as shall have been interred or deposited in such Grave or Graves, Vault or Vaults, and place the same either in such new Burial Ground as by the said in part recited Act the said Commissioners are empowered and required to provide, or in any other Churchyard or consecrated Ground, in such Manner as the Lord Bishop of *London* for the Time being, or such Person or Persons as he may appoint, shall direct; and that the Expences of such removing, carrying away, and placing, (not exceeding in any one Case the Sum of Ten Pounds,) shall be paid by the said Commissioners acting in the Execution of the said in part recited Act, out of the Monies to be applied for the Purposes of the said Act.

For removing Doubts as to the Power of Commissioners of Woods and Forests to contract with any Persons holding Houses, &c. belonging to the Crown by Lease, for the Purchase of such Lease.

VII. And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to enable the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues to contract for the Purchase and Surrender of Crown Leases, and to sell His Majesty's Interest in the* Thornhill *Estate in the Parish of* Stallbridge *in the County of* Dorset, *and in certain small Parcels of Land belonging to His Majesty's Subjects within the Royal Forests; and to remove Doubts as to Estates of the Crown, sold by Order of the said Commissioners, being exempted from the Auction Duty;* it was (amongst other Things) enacted, that it should be lawful for the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, by and with the Approbation and Consent of the Lord High Treasurer or any Three or more of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, to contract and agree with any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any Person or Persons, holding any Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments belonging to the Crown, for any Term or Terms of Years, under any Letters Patent, Lease, Demise, or Grant from His Majesty or any of His Royal Predecessors, for the Purchase of any such Term, or the Surrender of any such Terms, and such Letters Patent, Lease, or Grant, whether the Possession of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments comprised in any such Term or Terms, Letters Patent, Lease, or Grant, were wanted for the Public Service, or should or might be required with a view to the making any Alterations or Improvements therein, or in any other Houses, Buildings, or Hereditaments belonging to the Crown, near or contiguous thereto, or for any other Purpose, if the same should, by any Three or more of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, be deemed eligible to be purchased or bought up for any such Purpose, and to pay the Price or Consideration agreed to be paid for the same out of any Money which had arisen or which might thereafter arise from the Sale of any Property belonging to the Crown, under the Management or Controul of the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues; and in the said Act are contained various Provisions with respect to such Purchases and Surrenders: And whereas Doubts have been entertained whether the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests,

and Land Revenues were by the said Act authorized to contract and agree for the Purchase or Surrender of any Lease granted by His present Majesty; and also, whether Leases of Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments belonging to His Majesty, executed by the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, under the Authority of an Act passed in the First and Second Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to improve the Land Revenues of the Crown, and of His Majesty's Duchy of* Lancaster, *and for making Provisions and Regulations for the better Management thereof*; were Leases from His Majesty within the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act; and it is desirable that such Doubts should be removed; be it therefore further enacted and declared, That the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues were by the said Act empowered from Time to Time or at any Time, with such Approbation and Consent as therein mentioned, to contract and agree with any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any Person or Persons, holding at the Time of any such Contract or Agreement being entered into any Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments belonging to the Crown, for any Term or Terms of Years, under any Letters Patent, Lease, Demise, or Grant from the King for the Time being of the United Kingdom, or any of His Royal Predecessors, or under any Demise from the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, under the said recited Act of the First and Second Years aforesaid, for the Purchase or Surrender of any such Term or Terms.

1 & 2 G. 4. c. 52.

So much of Act 55 G. 3. as relates to Purchase of Terms in Houses, &c. repealed.

VIII. And whereas it is expedient that the Powers and Provisions contained in the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, with respect to the Purchase or Surrender of any Term or Terms of Years in any of the Possessions of the Crown, should be repealed, and the Powers and Provisions herein-after contained be substituted for the same; be it therefore further enacted, That so much of the said last-recited Act as relates to the Purchase or Surrender of any Term or Terms of Years in any Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments belonging to the Crown, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Such Repeal not to annul or prejudice any Purchases or Agreements already made.

IX. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That the Repeal of so much of the said last-mentioned Act as is hereby repealed shall not annul or prejudice any Purchase, Contract, Agreement, or other Act, Matter, or Thing, which at the Time of passing this Act shall have been made, done, or entered into under and by virtue of the said Act, but the same shall remain as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the said Act had not been hereby in any Manner repealed; and any Contract which may have been entered into before the Commencement of this present Act, under and by virtue of the said Act, which shall not have been fully performed or completed, may and shall be proceeded with, performed, and completed under the Provisions of the said Act, in the same Manner as if the same had not been hereby in any Manner repealed, unless the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods,

Contracts under recited Act may be completed under the said Act or this Act, as Commissioners of Woods

Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues shall think it more expedient to proceed with, perform, and complete the same under the Provisions of this Act; and in that Case the same shall and may be proceeded with, performed, and completed under the Provisions of this Act. and Forests shall think expedient.

X. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the Repeal of so much of the said last-mentioned Act as is hereby repealed shall not prejudice or affect the Right of any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, to any Purchase Money which may have been paid or agreed to be paid for the Purchase or Surrender of any Term or Terms of Years under the Powers and Provisions of the said Act. Such Repeal not to affect any Persons Right to Purchase Money.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or any Two of them, at any Time to purchase of and from any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, any Lease or Term of Years which may for the Time being be subsisting of and in any Part or Parts of the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown, and to enter into such Contracts and Agreements for that Purpose as to the said Commissioners shall seem proper. Commissioners of Woods, &c. empowered to buy in Crown Leases.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for all Bodies Politic or Corporate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, and for all Trustees and Executors for the Time being, possessed of or entitled to any Lease already granted or hereafter to be granted of any Part of the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown, and for all Tenants for any Interest short of an absolute Interest in any such Lease, and for the Guardians or Guardian or Committees or Committee of any Person interested in any such Lease, who shall be an Infant, Lunatic, Idiot, or otherwise incapable of acting for himself or herself, to contract and agree with the said Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, for the Sale to them, on behalf of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, of such Lease, and to assign, transfer, or surrender the same accordingly; and every such Contract, Agreement, Assignment, Transfer, and Surrender shall be as good, valid, and effectual in Law, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same were made by a Person absolutely entitled to such Lease, and under no Disability or Incapacity. Incapacitated Persons empowered to sell.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That where any Money shall, under the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid, have been agreed to be paid or shall hereafter be agreed to be paid for the Purchase of any such Lease as aforesaid, which is or shall be held by or in Trust for any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity, or not having Power to sell the same, except under the Provisions for that Purpose contained in the said recited Act or under the Provision herein-before contained, such Money shall, in case the same shall Application of Purchase Money for Leases.

shall amount to the Sum of Fifty Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, to be placed to the Account of such Accountant General, *ex parte* the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, without Fee or Reward; and such Money shall be applied under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way or otherwise, as to the said Court shall seem fit, in such Manner as the said Court shall think just and equitable, for the Benefit of the Party or Parties who shall have been interested in or entitled to such Lease; and in the meantime and until the same shall be so applied, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court of Exchequer, upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and the Dividends and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled under such Lease to the Possession or to the Receipt of the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments therein comprised; but such Money, in case the same shall not amount to the Sum of Fifty Pounds, shall be applied in such Manner as the said Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues shall think fit, for the Benefit of the Party or Parties who shall have been interested in or entitled to such Lease.

Persons in Possession to be deemed entitled, until the contrary is shewn.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer pursuant to the Directions of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of the Hereditaments comprised in the Lease so purchased, or surrendered as aforesaid at the Time of such Purchase, shall be deemed to have been lawfully entitled to such Premises according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Exchequer; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession or Receipt was wrongful, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lease.

Leases purchased may be either merged or kept on foot.

XV. And be it further enacted, That in every Case in which any subsisting Lease of any Part of the said Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown hath been agreed to be purchased by the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, under the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Fifty-

fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, or shall be agreed to be purchased by them under the Provisions of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners either to cause the same to be surrendered to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, in order that the Residue of the Term for which such Lease shall have been granted may merge in the Inheritance and become extinguished, or to cause the same to be assigned to any Person or Persons as a Trustee or Trustees for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in order that the same may be kept on foot distinct from the Inheritance.

For removing Doubts as to the Authority of the Commissioners of Woods and Forests to contract and agree for the Sale of any subsisting Lease of Crown Lands purchased by them under recited Act of 55 G. 3.

XVI. 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 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*, it was enacted, for the providing Funds for the Payment of the Purchase Monies of the Estates, Manors, Lordships, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to be purchased under the Authority of that Act, that it should be lawful for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues for the Time being, from Time to Time to contract and agree with any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, for the Sale of and absolutely to make sale and dispose of any Part or Parts of the Possessions or Land Revenues of the Crown within the Ordering and Survey of the Exchequer in *England*, which did or should consist of any Royalties, Honours, Hundreds, Manors, Lordships, or Franchises, or any Rights, Members, or Appurtenances thereof, or thereto belonging or appertaining, or any Fines, Issues, Amerciaments, Profits, Dues, or Monies arising therefrom, or incident to or receivable in respect thereof, or any Messuages, Lands, Tithes, Rents, Mines, Minerals, Collieries, Woods, Wood Grounds, Fens, Marshes, Waste Lands, or any other Tenements or Hereditaments whatsoever, or any other Revenues of or belonging to the Crown within the Ordering and Survey aforesaid, which should in their Judgment be desirable to be sold for the best Prices or Considerations in Money which the said Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues should, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the Lord High Treasurer, or Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, be able to procure for the same: And whereas Doubts have been suggested whether the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues were by the said Act authorized to contract and agree for the Sale of any subsisting Lease, or any Part or Parts of the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown, which might have been purchased or agreed to be purchased by them under the Powers and Provisions of the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty; and it is desirable, for the Benefit and Security of Parties who have purchased or agreed to purchase Leases from the said Commissioners under the Provisions of the said Act of the Fifty-seventh Year aforesaid, that such Doubts should be removed; be it therefore

further enacted and declared, That the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues were by the said Act of the Fifty-seventh Year aforesaid authorized and empowered to contract and agree for the Sale of and absolutely to make sale and dispose of any subsisting Lease of and in any Part or Parts of the said Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown, which at the Time of such Contract or Sale had been purchased or agreed to be purchased by the said Commissioners under the Powers and Provisions of the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty.

Commissioners of Woods, &c. empowered to sell any such Leases.

XVII. And whereas it is expedient to make fuller Provisions than those contained in the said recited Act of the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, for the future Sale and Disposal of Leases purchased or to be purchased by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, under the Powers of the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid or of this Act; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, when they shall deem it necessary or expedient so to do, to contract and agree with any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, for the Sale of and absolutely to make sale and dispose of, for such Sum or Sums of Money as to them shall appear a sufficient Consideration for the same, any Lease which shall have been purchased under the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid or of this Act, and shall have been assigned to a Trustee or Trustees for His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, and kept on foot distinct from the Inheritance.

Mode of carrying Sales into Effect.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues shall have contracted and agreed with any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, for the Sale to him, her, or them of any subsisting Lease of any Part or Parts of the said Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown, which shall have been purchased or agreed to be purchased by the said Commissioners under the Authority of the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid, or of this Act, the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Lease shall cause the Purchase Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, and the Cashiers of the Bank of *England* shall, upon Production of any Note, signed by the said Commissioners, specifying the Sum to be so paid in, and that it is to be paid in to their Account, accept and receive the same, and carry the same 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 give a Receipt for the same without Fee or Reward; and the said Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues shall, on the Production of the Receipt of the Cashiers or One of the Cashiers of the Bank of *England* for the same, cause the Trustee or Trustees in whom the

said Lease shall be then vested to assign the same to the Purchaser or Purchasers, or as he or they shall direct; and every such Assignment shall be good, valid, and effectual, and the Parties claiming under such Assignment shall hold the Lease thereby assigned discharged from any Trust for His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors; and the said Commissioners, or any Two of them, shall in and by such Assignment, or by any separate Instrument, at the Option of such Purchaser or Purchasers, acknowledge the Payment of the Purchase Money.

Sales to be made under Warrant from the Treasury.

XIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Purchase or Sale of any Lease of any Part of the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown shall be made by the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, under the Powers of this Act, without the previous Authority of the Lord High Treasurer, or Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them for the Time being, to be signified by some Warrant under his or their Hand or Hands.

Assignments of such Leases declared valid, and the Purchasers exonerated.

XX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Purchaser of any Lease of any Part of the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown, which has been agreed to be sold by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, under the Authority or supposed Authority of the said recited Act of the Fifty-seventh Year aforesaid, or which shall be sold or agreed to be sold by the said Commissioners under the Authority or supposed Authority of this Act, shall be bound to inquire whether such Lease shall have been properly purchased, pursuant to the Provisions and Intent of the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid, or of this Act, or not, or whether the same shall have been properly sold or agreed to be sold by the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or not, or whether the said Commissioners shall have been duly authorized by a Warrant from the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them for the Time being, to purchase or sell the same, nor shall any such Purchaser be bound to see to the Application of the Purchase Money for the same, or answerable for any Misapplication or Non-application thereof; but every Assignment which shall be made of any subsisting Lease of any Part or Parts of the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown, under the Authority or supposed Authority of the said recited Act of the Fifty-seventh Year aforesaid, or of this Act, with the Privity of the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or any Two of them, shall, so far as regards the Parties claiming under such Assignment, be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and the Receipt of the said Commissioners, or any Two of them, for the Purchase Money for any such Lease, shall be a good and sufficient Discharge to the Party or Parties paying the same, and his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns.

XXI. And

Application of Purchase Monies.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the Purchase Monies to be paid for the Purchase, by the said Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, of any Lease of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, which has been agreed to be purchased under the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforesaid, or shall hereafter be purchased under the Authority of this Act, shall be paid by them out of any Monies in their Hands, arising from the said Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown; and that the Purchase Monies to be paid in manner herein-before mentioned for the Purchase from the said Commissioners of any Lease which has been agreed to be sold by them under the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Fifty-seventh Year aforesaid, or may be sold by them under the Authority of this Act, shall be applied to the same Purposes as the Monies arising from the Sales under the said recited Act of the Fifty-seventh Year aforesaid are by that Act directed to be applied to.

All Deeds, &c. under this Act to be exempt from Stamp Duty.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That no Conveyance, Surrender, Assignment, Covenant, Agreement, Contract, Receipt, or other Deed or Instrument which shall be executed, entered into, made, or given for the Purpose of carrying into Effect any Purchase, Sale, or Exchange under the Authority of this Act, or in any Manner relating thereto, shall be subject or liable to any *ad valorem* or other Stamp Duty whatsoever, imposed by any Act or Acts now in force, or to be imposed by any future Act or Acts, unless the same be specially subjected thereto and specifically charged therewith in and by such future Act or Acts.

Deeds to be enrolled in the Office of Auditor of Land Revenues.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That all Deeds, Assignments, or Instruments, whereby any Lease which hath been or shall be purchased or sold by the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, for or on Behalf of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, under the Authority of this Act, or of either of the before-recited Acts of the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-seventh Years aforesaid, shall be assigned to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, or to any Person or Persons in Trust for him or them, or to the Purchaser or Purchasers from the said Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, of any such Lease, shall, within Six Months after the Date of every such Instrument or Deed, be enrolled in the Office of the Auditor or Auditors, or the acting Deputy performing the Duty of Auditor, of His Majesty's Land Revenues for the District within which the Premises comprised therein shall be situate, (or if such Premises shall be situate within more than One of the Districts for which Auditors of the Land Revenue of the Crown in *England* and *Wales* were heretofore appointed, then in the Office of the Auditor or Auditors, or acting Deputy or Deputies, for any one of such Districts,) upon Payment of the usual Fees for such Enrolment; and such Auditor or Auditors, or Deputy or Deputies, shall write a Certificate on every such Instrument or Deed, and therein mention the Time on which such respective

respective Instruments or Deeds shall be so inrolled; and that the said Auditor or Auditors, or Deputy or Deputies, shall sign the said Certificate, and a Minute or Docket thereof shall be entered and preserved in the Office of the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues; and every such Deed, Assignment, or other Instrument, when so enrolled and entered, shall, without any Enrolment thereof in any Court or Courts of Law or Equity, or any other Enrolment or Registry thereof, be as good and available in Law, and of the like Force and Effect in all respects, and to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been or was enrolled in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or as if a Memorial had been entered or registered in the Office appointed for registering Deeds and other Assurances of Lands and Tenements in the County or Counties in which the same Estates, or any of them, are situate; any Act, Law, Practice, or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Certificate of Inrolment of Deeds, &c. shall be received in Evidence. 53 G. 3. c. 121.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That where any Contract, Mortgage, or other Security, Conveyance, Lease, Deed, or other Instrument whatsoever, made and executed under or by virtue of the Authority of this Act, or of the said Act 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 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*, or either of the before-recited Acts of the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-seventh Years aforesaid, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament relating to the Land Revenue of the Crown, shall have been enrolled in the Office of the Auditor or Auditors, or the acting Deputy or Deputies performing the Duty of Auditor, of His Majesty's Land Revenues for the District within which the Premises comprised therein shall be situate, as directed by such several Acts, and a Certificate on such Instrument or Deed shall have been written, specifying therein the Time at which such respective Instruments shall have been so enrolled, and the said Auditor or Auditors or Deputy or Deputies shall have signed the said Certificate, such Certificate shall be taken and allowed as Evidence of such respective Enrolments in all Courts of Record whatsoever.

Auditor of Land Revenues to enrol Deeds, &c. in the Order in which they are received.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Auditor or Auditors, or the acting Deputy or Deputies performing the Duty of Auditors, of His Majesty's Land Revenues as aforesaid, shall, and he and they is and are hereby required to enrol every Contract, Mortgage, or other Security, Conveyance, Lease, Deed, or other Instrument whatsoever, which are by this Act, or by the said herein-before mentioned Acts of the Fifty-third, Fifty-fifth, and Fifty-seventh Years of the Reign of His late Majesty as aforesaid, or by any other Act or Acts relating to the Land Revenue of the Crown, directed to be enrolled in the Office or Offices of such Auditor or Auditors, or acting Deputy or Deputies, in order of Time

as the same several Contracts, Mortgages, or other Security, Conveyance, Lease, Deed, or other Instrument whatsoever, shall be brought to the Office or Offices of the said Auditor or Auditors, or acting Deputy or Deputies, and in the same Order as the same shall be by him or them respectively received.

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