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Owners and Occupiers of such Premises, have been made, for the Purpose of being deposited at the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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 said Map or Plan and Book of Reference, after the same shall have been authenticated by the Signature of the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons, shall be deposited with and shall remain in the Custody of the said Commissioners for the Time being of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings; and one Copy thereof signed by the Speaker of the House of Commons shall be deposited in the Parliament Office, and one other Copy so signed shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Peace of the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, within One Month from the passing of this Act, to the end that all Persons may at all seasonable Times have Liberty to inspect and peruse the same, and to take Extracts or Copies thereof, at their Will and Pleasure, paying the Sum of One Shilling for every such Inspection, and at the Rate of Sixpence for every Seventy-two Words of such Copies or Extracts of the said Map or Plan and Book of Reference; and that the said Commissioners, in making the said Purchases, Alterations, and Improvements, shall not deviate more than Fifty Feet from the Lines described in the said Map or Plan, without the Consent and Approbation in Writing of the Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, through whose Lands or Premises such Deviation shall be made.

Plan of the required Premises to remain in the Custody of the Commissioners of Woods.

Copies to be deposited in the Parliament Office and with the Clerk of the Peace for Inspection.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any of the Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, and Hereditaments required for the Purposes of this Act, or the Name or Names of any of the Owners or Occupiers thereof respectively, shall happen to be omitted, misnamed, or inaccurately described in and by the Map or Plan or Book of Reference herein-before mentioned, then and in such Case, if it shall appear to any Two or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, and be certified in Writing under their Hands, that such Omission, Misnomer, or inaccurate Description proceeded from Mistake, the same shall not prevent or retard the Execution of this Act, but the same Premises, and every Part thereof, shall and may be purchased and sold or assessed and valued in manner herein mentioned, and conveyed, dispose d of, and applied for and to the Purposes of this Act, as fully and effectually as if the same was or were properly named and described in the said Map or Plan or Book of Reference.

Omissions or Misnomers not to prevent the Execution of this Act.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for the Time being of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, when they shall deem it necessary, by and out of the Monies applicable to the rebuilding the said Two Houses of Parliament, and 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 treat

Commissioners of Woods, &c. empowered to treat for Purchase of Houses, Wharfs, &c.

treat and agree for the Purchase of any of the Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, and Hereditaments described or comprised in the said Map or Plan and Book of Reference, or in such Deviation as hereinbefore mentioned, and of any subsisting Leases, Terms, Estates, and Interests therein or Charges thereon, which the said Commissioners may, by and with such Consent and Approbation as aforesaid, deem necessary or expedient to be purchased for the Purposes aforesaid.

Two Commissioners empowered to act.

IV. And be it enacted, That all Acts, Matters, or Things authorized or necessary to be done and executed by the said Commissioners for the Time being of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, for the Purpose of carrying this Act into execution, may be done and executed by any Two of them, and the same shall be as valid and effectual and shall have the same Force and Effect as if such Acts, Matters, and Things had been done and executed by all the said Commissioners.

Hereditaments, &c. to be conveyed to Her Majesty.

V. And be it enacted, That all Hereditaments, Estates, and Interests which may be purchased in pursuance of this Act shall be conveyed, assigned, and assured to or in Trust for Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in such Manner and Form as the said Commissioners shall direct.

Incapacitated Persons empowered to sell.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants for Life or for Years or in Tail, Husbands, Guardians, Feoffees in Trust, Committees, Executors, and Administrators, and all other Trustees or Persons whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Executors and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants, Issue unborn, or Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons, and to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised or possessed or interested in their own Right, or entitled to Dower or other Interest therein, and for every other Person or Persons whomsoever, who are or shall be seised or possessed of or interested in any such Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, and Hereditaments as aforesaid, to contract and agree for the Sale of the same and every Part thereof; and all Contracts, Agreements, Bargains, Sales, Conveyances, and Assurances, Acts and Deeds, which shall be made by such Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Trustee or Trustees, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall be valid and effectual in the Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and all Persons whomsoever, so contracting and agreeing as aforesaid, are hereby indemnified for or in respect of any such Sale which he, she, or they, or any of them, shall respectively make by virtue or in pursuance of this Act; and all such Contracts or Agreements for such Sales shall be made at the Costs and Expence of the said Commissioners; and all such Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, and Hereditaments which shall be so agreed to be purchased as aforesaid shall when so purchased or agreed to be purchased, and upon Tender or Payment in manner herein-after directed of the Sum or Sums

Sums of Money agreed to be paid for the same, be vested in Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, who shall thenceforth be deemed in Law to be in the actual Seisin and Possession thereof, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, freed and discharged from all Rights of Way, and all other and former Estates, Rights, Titles, Interests, Claims, and Demands whatsoever; and the same shall be employed and made use of by the Commissioners, under the Direction of the said Lord High Treasurer, or of the said Commissioners for executing the said Office of Lord High Treasurer, or any Three or more of them, as and for Part of a Site for the intended new Houses of Parliament, and for making Approaches thereto, or for any other Purposes connected therewith.

Commissioners empowered to pull down Houses, &c. and to sell the Materials.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners from Time to Time to direct or contract for the taking down any Houses or Buildings to be purchased or made use of for the Purposes of this Act, and for the selling and disposing of the Materials of all such Houses and Buildings; and all such Materials, and the Money arising from the Sale thereof, shall be and are hereby vested in the said Commissioners; and all such Money (after paying and defraying the necessary Expences of pulling down such Houses and Buildings, and the Sale of the Materials thereof) shall and may be applied and disposed of, under the Direction of the said Commissioners, in laying out or paving the Ground on which such Houses and Buildings were erected, or in paving or making good the Pavement of the Street or Place adjoining such Ground, or for any other of the Purposes relating to the rebuilding of the said Two Houses of Parliament.

Commissioners to make good Deficiencies in Land Tax;

VIII. And whereas the Site of the said intended Houses of Parliament and of the Approaches thereto comprises divers Messuages and other Hereditaments which now stand charged and chargeable with the Payment of certain annual Sums towards the general Quota of Land Tax now by Law payable by the Parishes of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John the Evangelist, Westminster*, and by the Appropriation of such Messuages and other Hereditaments to such Site there would be a proportionate Deficiency in the Land Tax Assessment for the said Parishes, and such Deficiency would fall upon and have to be borne by the other rateable Property in such Parish unless Provision were made to remedy the same; be it therefore enacted, That the said Commissioners shall be and they are hereby empowered and required, by and out of the Monies applicable to the rebuilding the said Two Houses of Parliament, to purchase or redeem, under or according to the Powers and Provisions contained in the several Acts relating to the Redemption and Sale of the Land Tax in *Great Britain*, all such Sums as are now charged and chargeable upon all such Messuages and other Hereditaments within the said Parishes as shall be purchased, taken, used, or appropriated for the Site of the said intended Two Houses of Parliament or the Approaches thereto.

and in Poor and other Parochial Rates.

IX. And whereas by reason of the Purchases to be made and other Proceedings to be had and taken under the Authority of this Act

there may be Deficiencies in the Produce of the Rates and Assessments for the Relief of the Poor, and the paving, cleansing, and lighting the Streets in the Parishes of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John the Evangelist, Westminster;* be it therefore enacted, That after the Occupier or Occupiers of any of the Messuages or other Hereditaments to be purchased under the Powers contained in this Act shall have quitted the Possession thereof in pursuance of any Requisition or Notice from the said Commissioners, and thenceforth until the said intended new Houses of Parliament shall be completed and occupied, the said Commissioners shall, out of the Monies applicable to the rebuilding the said Houses of Parliament, pay and make good all such Sum and Sums of Money as shall thenceforth until the said Houses are occupied from Time to Time be deficient in respect of the Produce of the Assessments for Poor's Rates, and Paving, Cleansing, and Lighting Rates, within the said Parishes, by reason or means of the Want of Occupiers in or the taking down of such Messuages or other Hereditaments, according to the Produce of such Rates and Assessments respectively (or as near thereto as Circumstances will admit) during or in respect of the Year ended the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and the same shall accordingly be paid to the Collectors of the said Rates and Assessments in the said Parishes: Provided always, that nothing in this Enactment contained shall extend or be construed to extend to make any Person liable to be assessed to the Poor's Rates, or the Paving, Cleansing, and Lighting Rates, or any other Parochial Rates, within the said Parishes, in respect of any Occupation for which they would not by Law be liable, nor to prejudice the Right of any Person claiming to be exempted or not to be liable to be assessed to the said Rates or any of them.

Parliament Place to cease to be a Thoroughfare.

X. And be it enacted, That when and so soon as the said Commissioners shall have purchased the Houses, Buildings, Erections, and Hereditaments in the said Street or Place called *Parliament Place*, herein-before authorized to be purchased for the Purposes aforesaid, the said Street or Place shall from thenceforth and for ever thereafter cease to be a public Way or Passage, and the Soil and Freehold thereof shall thereupon be vested in Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, freed and discharged from all public and private Rights of passing and repassing over and along the same, and shall and may be made use of and applied by the said Commissioners for the Purposes of this Act.

If Parties refuse to treat or shall not agree, a Jury to be summoned.

XI. And be it enacted, That if any Owners or Proprietors, Occupiers, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees, Femes Covert, or any other Person or Persons, seised, possessed of, or interested in any Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Share or Shares, Estate or Estates, Interest or Interests therein, or Charge or Charges thereon, which the said Commissioners are hereby empowered to purchase, take, and use for the Purposes aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to treat, or shall not agree in the Premises, or by reason of Absence or Disability shall be prevented from treating with the said Commissioners, or with the Person or

Persons authorized by them, for the Sale and Disposal of their respective Estates and Interests therein, or cannot be found or known, or shall not produce and evince a clear Title to the Premises they may be in the Possession of, or to the Interest they shall claim therein, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, then and in every or any such Case the High Bailiff of the City and Liberties of *Westminster*, or his Deputy, as the Case may be, or in case such High Bailiff or his Deputy shall be anyways interested in the Matter in question, then some one of the Coroners of the County of *Middlesex* not interested therein, shall, upon the Warrant of the said Commissioners, in manner herein-after mentioned, and he and they is and are hereby required and authorized, to cause it to be inquired into and ascertained upon the Oaths of a Jury of Twelve indifferent Men of the said City of *Westminster* (which Oaths the said High Bailiff or Deputy or Coroner is and are hereby empowered and required to administer) what Damages will be sustained by and what Recompence and Satisfaction shall be made to such Owners, Occupiers, or other Person or Persons interested, for the Value of such Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and of the proportionable Value of the respective Estates and Interests of every Person or Persons seised or possessed thereof or interested therein, or of or in any Part thereof, and assess and award the Sum or Sums of Money to be paid to such Person or Persons, Party or Parties respectively, for the Purchase of such Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and of such respective Estates and Interest therein, and also for Goodwill, Improvements, or any Injury or Damage whatsoever that may affect any such Person or Persons, Party or Parties, provided such Goodwill shall be estimated by what in the Opinion of such Jury the same would have been worth in case the Alterations and Improvements intended by this Act had not been in contemplation, and also for or on account of the taking of such Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments for the Purposes or under and by virtue of the Authority of this Act; and in order thereto the said High Bailiff, Deputy, or Coroner is and are hereby empowered and required, from Time to Time as Occasion shall require, to summon and call before the said Jury, and examine upon Oath, all and every Person or Persons whomsoever who shall be thought necessary and proper to be examined as a Witness or Witnesses touching or concerning the Premises (which Oath the said High Bailiff, Deputy, or Coroner is and are hereby empowered to administer); and such High Bailiff, Deputy, or Coroner respectively shall order and cause the said Jury to view the Places in question, if there be occasion, and use all other lawful Ways and Means, as well for his and their own as for the said Jury's better Information in the Premises, as the said High Bailiff, Deputy, or Coroner shall think fit; and after the said Jury shall have inquired of, ascertained, and settled such Damage, Recompence, and Satisfaction, the said High Bailiff, Deputy, or Coroner shall thereupon order the Sum or Sums of Money so assessed by the said Jury to be paid by the said Commissioners to the said Owners or Occupiers of or other Persons interested therein, according to such Verdict or Inquisition of the said Jury; which said Verdict or Inquisition and Order so had and made shall be

final, binding, and conclusive, to all Intents and Purposes, upon and against all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, as well as all other Parties and Persons whomsoever; and for the summoning and returning of such Jury or Juries the said Commissioners are hereby empowered to issue their Warrant or Warrants to the said High Bailiff, Deputy, or Coroner, to summon, impannel, and return, at some convenient Place in the said City of *Westminster*, a Jury of not less than Thirty-six nor more than Forty-eight honest and indifferent Men, qualified according to Law to be returned for Trials of Issues in Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, to appear before the said High Bailiff, Deputy, or Coroner at such Time and Place as in such Warrant shall be appointed; and Fourteen Days Notice at the least in Writing under the Hands of the said Commissioners of the Time and Place at which such Jury are so required to be returned shall be given to such Owners, Proprietors, Occupiers, Corporations, Trustees, or any other Person or Persons interested in the Premises, before the Time of the Meeting of the said Jury, by leaving such Notice at the Dwelling House of such Person or Persons, or of the head Officer of such Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or with some Tenant or Occupier of the Premises respectively intended to be valued; and the said High Bailiff, Deputy, or Coroner is and are hereby empowered to impannel, summon, and return such Number accordingly; and out of the Persons so impannelled, summoned, and returned, or out of such of them as shall appear upon such Summons, the said High Bailiff, Deputy, or Coroner shall swear or cause to be sworn Twelve, who shall be the Jury for the Purposes aforesaid; and in default of a sufficient Number of Jurymen the said High Bailiff, Deputy, or Coroner shall return other honest and indifferent Men of the Standers-by, or that can be speedily procured to attend that Service (being qualified as last aforesaid), to the Number of Twelve; and it shall be lawful for all Persons concerned, by themselves, their Counsel, Solicitors, and Agents, to attend and be heard and to adduce Evidence before the said High Bailiff, Deputy, or Coroner respectively; and such Persons shall also have their lawful Challenges against any of the said Jurymen when they come to be sworn, but shall not challenge the Array.

Notice to be given of Compensation claimed.

XII. And be it enacted, That no Jury to be summoned by virtue of this Act shall be allowed to assess or award any Sum or Sums of Money to any Person or Persons by way of Compensation for Good-will or Improvements alleged to have been lost, or any Injury or Damage alleged to have been sustained by him or them, by reason or means of this Act, or any thing which shall or may be done in the Execution hereof, unless Notice in Writing, stating the Particulars of every such Claim, and how and in what Manner the Amount thereof is made out and computed, shall have been given by and on behalf of such Person or Persons to the said Commissioners within Three Calendar Months next after such supposed Loss shall have been incurred, or such supposed Damage or Injury shall have been occasioned or sustained, and Ten Days at least before the Time of the meeting of such Jury.

XIII. And

Penalty on High Bailiff, Jury, and Witnesses for Neglect of Duty.

XIII. And be it enacted, That if the High Bailiff, Deputy, or Coroner so directed to summon and return a Jury as aforesaid shall make default in the Premises, he shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds to the Party who shall be prejudiced or injured thereby, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt or on the Case in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster;* and if any Person so summoned and returned as aforesaid upon such Jury shall not appear, or appearing shall refuse to be sworn or to give his Verdict, or shall in any other Manner wilfully neglect his Duty contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, or if any Person so summoned as a Witness shall not appear, or appearing shall refuse to be examined or to give Evidence, any Person so offending, having no reasonable Excuse to be allowed by the Justices herein-after mentioned, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds; which several and respective Penalties shall and may be levied, by virtue of any Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any One of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City of *Westminster*, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Persons so offending, the Person making such Distress and Sale rendering to him or her the Overplus of the Money thereby produced, if any, after such Penalty and the Charges of such Distress and Sale shall be deducted.

Providing for Expences of Jury.

XIV. And be it enacted, That in case any Jury to be summoned and sworn pursuant to the Authority of this Act shall give in a Verdict or Assessment for more Money as a Recompence, Compensation, or Satisfaction for the Right, Interest, or Property of any Person or Persons in any such Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or for any such Goodwill, Improvements, Injury, or Damage as aforesaid, than shall have been agreed to be given and offered for the same by the said Commissioners before the summoning and returning of such Jury, or where, by reason of Absence in Foreign Countries, or other Incapacity or Disability as aforesaid, there shall not be found any Person or Persons legally capacitated to enter into any Contract with the said Commissioners, then and in every such Case all the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences of causing and procuring such Recompence, Compensation, or Satisfaction to be assessed by a Jury shall be settled by the High Bailiff, Deputy, or Coroner before whom such Claim shall have been tried, and shall be paid by the said Commissioners; but if any Jury so summoned and sworn as aforesaid shall give in a Verdict or Assessment for no more or for less Money, as such Recompence, Compensation, or Satisfaction as aforesaid, than shall have been agreed to and offered by the said Commissioners for the same before the summoning and returning of the said Jury, or in case no Damages shall be given by the Verdict where the Dispute is for Damages only, or where the causing and procuring such Jury to be summoned shall have arisen from a Refusal to treat or agree with the said Commissioners by any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or by any Person or Persons whomsoever, who is or are by the Provisions of this Act or otherwise legally empowered to treat, then (except where by reason of Absence such Person shall be prevented from

from treating with the said Commissioners) all such Costs, Charges, and Expences (to be settled by such High Bailiff, Deputy, or Coroner in manner aforesaid) shall be paid to the said Commissioners by the said Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or other Person or Persons so claiming such Compensation, or refusing to treat and agree as before mentioned respectively (save only and except where by reason of Absence or other like Cause any Person shall have been prevented from treating or agreeing as aforesaid, in which Case no Costs, Charges, or Expences shall be allowed to either Party as against the other); and all Costs, Charges, and Expences hereby directed to be paid to the said Commissioners shall and may be deducted and retained by them out of the Money so adjudged or assessed to be paid by them, as so much Money advanced to and for the Use of the Person and Persons entitled to such Money so adjudged, and Payment or Tender of the Remainder of such Money shall be deemed and taken to be a Payment or Tender of the whole Sum or Sums so adjudged or assessed; or in case no Money or no sufficient Sum of Money shall be awarded or assessed to be paid by the said Commissioners whereout such Costs, Charges, and Expences can be deducted, then the same shall and may be recovered by such Ways and Means as are provided for the Recovery of Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines by this Act empowered or authorized to be imposed.

Verdicts to be recorded.

XV. And be it enacted, That a Minute or Docquet of all the said Judgments and Verdicts shall be recorded in the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, and all such Judgments and Verdicts shall be afterwards deposited with the Clerk of the Peace of the said City and Liberty of *Westminster*, to be kept and preserved by him amongst the Records of the Quarter Sessions of the said City and Liberty, and shall be deemed to be Records to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and the same or true Copies thereof shall be allowed to be good Evidence in all Courts whatsoever; and all Persons shall have Liberty to inspect the same, paying for such Inspection the Sum of One Shilling, and to take Copies thereof, paying for every Copy the Sum of Sixpence for every Seventy-two Words, and so in proportion for any less Number of Words.

Commissioners empowered to purchase the Whole of the Premises if the Owners are unwilling to sell a Part.

XVI. And be it enacted, That if in any Case the Owner or Owners of any House, Wharf, or Building, or of any Yard or Curtilage occupied therewith, Part only of which Premises shall at any Time be required by the said Commissioners to be applied for the Purposes aforesaid, shall be unwilling to sell or dispose of such Part only of such House, Wharf, Building, Yard, or Curtilage as shall be required by the said Commissioners, it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby required, at the Option of any Owner or Owners of any such House, Wharf, Building, Yard, or Curtilage, to purchase of and from the said Owner or Owners the Whole or such Part thereof as such Owner or Owners shall think fit, and to apply so much and such Part thereof as they the said Commissioners, with such Consent and Approbation as aforesaid, shall see fit for the Purposes aforesaid; and that if such Owner or Owners shall

not or cannot agree with the said Commissioners for the Price to be paid for the Purchase of the Whole of such House, Wharf, Building, Yard, or Curtilage, then the Value thereof shall be settled and ascertained by a Jury in such Manner as the Price for any Premises to be taken in pursuance of this Act is directed to be settled and ascertained; and all such other Proceedings shall take place respecting the said Premises as are herein-before mentioned and directed with respect to the Premises the Value of which shall be ascertained by a Jury in manner aforesaid.

Commissioners not to take possession until the Purchase Money is tendered or paid.

XVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all Sums of Money, or other Consideration, Recompence, or Satisfaction, to be made or paid pursuant to any such Agreement or Verdict as aforesaid, shall be paid or tendered to the Party or Parties entitled to the same, or into the Bank of *England* as herein mentioned, before the said Commissioners, or any Person or Persons authorized by them, shall proceed to take possession or pull down any House or Houses or other Erections or Buildings comprised in or affected by such Agreement or Verdict respectively, or to use the Ground for any of the Purposes of this Act.

Commissioners empowered to take possession on Payment of Purchase Money into the Bank of England.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That if any Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, seised or possessed of or interested in any such Tenement or Hereditaments, or Share or Shares, Estate or Estates, Interest or Interests therein, or Charge or Charges thereon, as aforesaid, cannot be found or shall not be known, or shall not be able to make a good Title to the Premises to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, or shall refuse to execute a Conveyance or Conveyances thereof, then and in any of such Cases, upon Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money as shall have been contracted and agreed, or shall have been assessed and awarded by any Referee or Referees, or by any Jury or Juries, in manner aforesaid, to be paid for the Purchase of or for the Value of the same Premises, into the Bank of *England*, as herein-after directed and required (in case the same shall be requisite), for the Use of such Person or Persons so interested in or entitled as aforesaid, such Tenements or Hereditaments, or Parts, Shares, Estates, Interests, or Charges, and the Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof, together with the yearly Profits thereof, and all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand, in Law and Equity, of the Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, or unknown Person or Persons, to whose Credit such Money shall be paid, in, to, and out of the Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises to be purchased as aforesaid, shall from thenceforth vest in Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, who shall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Seisin and Possession thereof to all Intents and Purposes, freed and discharged from all former and other Estates, Rights, Titles, and Interests, Claims and Demands, as fully and effectually as if every Body or Person having any Estate in the Premises had actually conveyed the same by Lease and Release, Bargain and Sale enrolled, Feoffment with Livery of Seisin, or any other Conveyance or Assurance whatsoever; and such Payment shall not only bar all Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand of the Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, or unknown Person or Persons, of, in, and to the same Premises,

Premises, to whose Credit such Payment or Tender shall have been made, but also shall extend to and be deemed and construed to bar the Dower and Dowers of the Wife and Wives of such Person or Persons, and all Estates Tail, and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, Expectancy, or Contingency, and the Issue and Issues of such Person or Persons, and every other Person whomsoever; and the same Premises shall and may be thereupon pulled down, made use of, and employed for the Purposes aforesaid, according to the Directions of the said Commissioners, and under the Regulations in this Act mentioned and contained.

Commissioners may sell or lease Premises not wanted for the Purposes of this Act.

XIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, by and with the Consent and Approbation in Writing of the said Lord High Treasurer, or of the said Commissioners for executing the said 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, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be so purchased or acquired as aforesaid and shall not be wanted for the Purposes aforesaid; and also to demise or lease, or, previous to any such Demise or Lease, to enter into any Contract or Agreement for the demising or leasing, with such Consent and Approbation as aforesaid, all or any Part of such last-mentioned Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, and Hereditaments, for any Term or Terms of Years, at such Rent or Rents, and under such Covenants, Conditions, Clauses, and Restrictions, and in such Manner, as the said Commissioners shall from Time to Time, with such Consent and Approbation as aforesaid, judge proper and think most advantageous, and to receive and take any Fine or Fines for the granting of such Leases, and to apply all such Monies, Rents, and Fines to be received in respect of the Sale or leasing of any of the Premises aforesaid in the same Manner and for the same Purposes as the Monies appropriated to the rebuilding of the said Two Houses of Parliament are applicable; and all such Conveyances and Leases shall be good, valid, and effectual.

Application of Purchase Money when amounting to 200*l.*

XX. And be it enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed or assessed to be paid for any Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, or Share or Shares, Estate or Estates, Interest or Interests therein, or Charge or Charges thereon, or for any other Right, Matter, or Interest, of what Nature or Kind soever, purchased, taken, or used by virtue of this Act, which shall belong to any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or other Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity, or not legally entitled absolutely to dispose of the Premises by the Sale of which such Money shall be produced, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred 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 his Account there *ex parte* the said Commissioners, pursuant to the Method prescribed by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the better securing the Monies and* 1 G. 4. c. 35.

and Effects paid into the Court of Exchequer at Westminster *on account of the Suitors of the said Court, and for the Appointment of an Accountant General and Two Masters of the said Court, and for other Purposes*, and the general Orders of the said Court, and without Fee or Reward, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon the Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Body or Bodies, Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, or Share or Shares, Estate or Estates, Interest or Interests therein, or Charge or Charges thereon, or affecting other Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner, as the Hereditaments which shall be so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance or Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking effect; and in the meantime and until such Purchase shall be made the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court, 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 in the meantime, and until the Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, 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 Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

When less than 200*l*. and amounting to 20*l*.

XXI. Provided also, and be it enacted, That if any Money so agreed or assessed to be paid for any Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, or Share or Shares, Estate or Estates, Interest or Interests therein, or Charge or Charges thereon, purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Body or Bodies, Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments, or Parts,

Shares, Estates, Interests, or Charges so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two or more Trustees, to be nominated by the Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, making such Option, and approved of by the said Commissioners, such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands and Seals of the nominating and approving Parties, in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends arising thereon, may be applied in manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case may be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the said Court of Exchequer.

When less than 20*l*

XXII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That where such Money so agreed or assessed to be paid as herein-before mentioned shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments, Parts, Shares, Estates, Interest, and Charges so purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall think fit; or in case of the Infancy or Lunacy of such Person or Persons, then such Money shall be paid to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

In case of not making out Titles.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That in case the Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be agreed to be paid, or shall be awarded by any Referee or Referees or Umpire, or by any Jury or Juries, for the Purchase of any Tenements or Hereditaments, or any Parts, Shares, Estates, or Interest therein, or Charge thereon, to be purchased, taken, or used by virtue of this Act, shall not be able to make a good Title to the Premises to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, or shall refuse to execute a Conveyance or Assignment thereof, or in case the Person or Persons to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so agreed or awarded to be paid as aforesaid cannot be found, or if the Person or Persons entitled to such Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Parts, Shares, Estates, Interests, or Charges, be not known or discovered, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to pay the said Sum or Sums of Money so awarded or agreed to be paid as aforesaid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the said Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Party or Parties, if known, who shall be interested in the said Tenements or Hereditaments, Parts, Shares, Estates, Interest, or Charges (describing such Tenements or Hereditaments), but if such Party or Parties shall not be known, then to the Credit of the said Commissioners, subject to the Order, Control, or Disposition of the said Court of Exchequer; which said Court, on the Application of any Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, making claim to any such

Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, shall be and the same is hereby empowered, in a summary Way of Proceeding, or otherwise as to the same Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the Public Funds, or to order Distribution thereof, or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the respective Estate or Estates, Title, or Interest of the Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, making claim thereunto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England* who shall receive such Sum or Sums of Money is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums of Money, mentioning and specifying for what the same is or are received, to such Person or Persons as shall pay any such Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforesaid.

Where any Question shall arise, the Person in possession shall be deemed entitled until the contrary be shown.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, 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, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, or of any Estate, Right, Title, Charge, or Interest in, to, or upon any Tenements or Hereditaments to be purchased or taken in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or to the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, who shall have been in possession of such Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Parts, Shares, Estates, Interest, or Charges, at the Time of such Purchase, and all Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, claiming under such Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Parts, Shares, Estates, Interests, or Charges, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shown 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 was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, or to some Estate or Interest therein or Charge thereon.

Court of Exchequer may order Expences of Purchases to be paid by the Commissioners.

XXV. Provided also, and be it enacted, That where, by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Body or Bodies, Trustee or Trustees, Corporation, or other Person or Persons entitled to any Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, or Share or Shares, Estate or Estates, Interest or Interests therein, or Charge or Charges thereon, to be purchased or taken under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements,

Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Commissioners, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money out of the Monies appropriated to the rebuilding of the said Two Houses of Parliament as aforesaid, for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Tenants at Will or from Year to Year to quit after Notice.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That every Tenant at Will or Lessee for a Year, or any other Person or Persons in possession of any such Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which shall be purchased by virtue of this Act, or vested in the said Commissioners for the Purposes aforesaid, who shall have no greater Interest in the Premises than as Tenant at Will, or Lessee for a Year or from Year to Year, shall at the End of Six Calendar Months next after Notice in Writing signed by the said Commissioners shall have been given to him, her, or them, or left at the Premises which are the Subject of such Notice, and whether such Notice be given with reference to the Time or Times of such Tenants holding or not, quit and relinquish the said Premises unto the said Commissioners, or to such Person or Persons as shall be by them authorized to receive Possession thereof; and in case any such Lessee shall be compelled to quit before the Expiration of his or her Term or Interest in any such Premises, then and in such Case the said Commissioners shall give Satisfaction and Compensation for the Loss or Damage which he or she shall sustain thereby; and in case of Difference as to the Amount of such Satisfaction or Compensation, the same shall or may be settled and ascertained by a Jury in the same Manner as the Sums of Money to be paid for the Purchase of any Ground or Hereditaments are herein-before directed to be ascertained; and that all and every Person or Persons, Bodies Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, in possession of any Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part of any Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall or may be purchased in pursuance of this Act by the said Commissioners, or vested in them for any of the Purposes aforesaid, shall, upon Payment or Tender as aforesaid of such Recompence or Satisfaction for any of his, her, or their Term, Estate, or Interest in the Premises, as shall be mutually agreed upon, or as shall be settled, ascertained, and awarded by any Referee or Referees or Umpire, or by the Verdict or Inquisition of a Jury, in manner aforesaid, quit and relinquish the said Premises so in their respective Possessions unto the said Commissioners, or to such Person or Persons as shall be by them authorized to receive Possession of the same; and all the Leases, Demises, Contracts, and Agreements whatsoever under or by virtue whereof any such Person or Persons shall hold the said Premises shall at and from the End and Expiration of such Six Calendar Months, or upon such Payment or Tender as aforesaid, be absolutely void and of none effect as against the said Commissioners; and if any such Tenant at Will or Lessee, or other Person or Persons, Bodies Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to deliver up the Premises in his, her, or their Possession at the Expiration of such Six Calendar Months, or upon such Payment or Tender

Compensation to such Tenants.

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as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the City and Liberty of *Westminster* to issue his Precept or Warrant to the Constables of the said City and Liberty of *Westminster* for the Time being, or any of them, or to any Person or Persons to be by such Justice appointed a Constable or Constables for that especial Purpose, commanding and requiring such Constable or Constables, or any of them, to cause Possession of the said Premises to be taken and afterwards delivered to such Person or Persons as shall in such Precept or Warrant be nominated to receive the same on behalf of such Commissioners; and the said Constables and every of them are and is thereupon hereby authorized and required to cause such Possession to be taken and delivered accordingly: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to empower or authorize the said Commissioners to compel the present Occupiers of the several Messuages now numbered or known as Numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, on the East Side of *Abingdon Street*, or any of them, to quit and deliver up to the said Commissioners the actual Possession of the same until the Expiration of Six Calendar Months at the least next after Notice in Writing of the Intention of the said Commissioners to purchase such Messuages respectively under the Powers contained in this Act shall have been given to such Occupiers respectively, or left at the Premises which are the Subject of such Notice, signed by the said Commissioners; nor shall any of the Powers contained in this Act be available to the said Commissioners for the Purchase of the said Messuages or any of them after the Expiration of Three Years from the passing of this Act.

Commissioners may arch over or fill up Sewers and Drains.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to cause to be arched over or filled up all the Sewers and Drains or Part or Parts thereof within the said City or Liberty of *Westminster* which shall lie and be in or near or under the said Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased under or by virtue of this Act, as shall appear necessary for the completing of the rebuilding the said Two Houses of Parliament and other the Purposes aforesaid, so as that no public Sewer or Drain whatsoever, or any private Drain, shall be in anywise disturbed, injured, or prejudiced without another Drain or Sewer being made in lieu thereof, equally serviceable and convenient to the Individual or Neighbourhood: Provided always, that at the Time of filling up any Sewer or Drain or Part thereof as aforesaid the said Commissioners shall cause to be made and built, as shall be required by the Commissioners of Sewers, other good and sufficient Sewers and Drains of the same or greater Size or Capacity, and upon the same or lower Levels, than the Sewers or Drains which shall be filled up; and when made and completed the said respective Sewers and Drains shall be under the Jurisdiction, Care, and Management of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Sewers for the District or Place in which the same shall be situate: Provided always, that in case the said Commissioners of Sewers shall require any Sewer or Drain, or Part or Parts of any Sewer or Drain, that may be destroyed or altered under the Authority of this Act, or any new Sewer or Drain, to be built or made of enlarged Capacity, and shall give Notice to the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, or their Surveyor or Architect for the Time being, of such

Other Sewers and Drains to be made if required.

their Desire, before such Sewer or Drain shall be begun to be rebuilt or altered, then and in every such Case such Sewer or Drain shall be built or made of enlarged Dimensions as the said Commissioners of Sewers may require, and such last-mentioned Commissioners shall bear and pay the Difference in Expence that may be incurred by such enlarged Capacity.

Commissioners may sue and be sued in the Name of their Secretary or Clerk.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That in all Actions, Suits, Bills, Plaints, Indictments, Prosecutions, Trials, or Proceedings at Law to be had, brought, prosecuted, or preferred in pursuance of this Act, the said Commissioners may sue and be sued in the Name of their Secretary or Clerk appointed by the said Commissioners for the Purposes of this Act, or the Person officiating as such; and that no Action or Prosecution to be brought, commenced, or defended by or against the said Commissioners or any of them, by virtue of this Act, in the Name of their Secretary or Clerk, or the Person officiating as such, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of such Secretary or Clerk or the Person officiating as such, or by any Act of such Secretary or Clerk, or the Person officiating as such, without the Consent of the said Commissioners; but the Secretary or Clerk for the Time being to the said Commissioners, or the Person officiating as such, shall always be deemed the Plaintiff or Defendant in such Action, as the Case may be: Provided always, that any such Secretary or Clerk, or the Person officiating as such, in whose Name any Action or Suit shall be commenced, prosecuted, or defended in pursuance of this Act, shall always be reimbursed and paid all such Costs and Charges as by the Event of any such Proceedings he shall be put unto or become chargeable with by reason of his being so made Plaintiff or Defendant therein, and also the Costs and Charges of prosecuting any Indictment or Indictments or other Proceedings whatsoever which shall or may be commenced or prosecuted against any Person or Persons whomsoever by Order of the said Commissioners.

Commissioners not to be personally liable.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act, or in any Conveyance, Contract, Lease, or other Deed or Instrument hereby authorized to be entered into or made by the said Commissioners, or any of them, shall extend to charge the Person or Persons of all or any of the Commissioners executing any such Conveyance, Contract, Lease, or other Deed or Instrument, or the Heirs, Executors, or Administrators of the same Commissioners or any of them, or either or any of their own proper Lands, Tenements, Goods, or Chattels, with or for the Performance of all or any of the Covenants, Conditions, or Agreements in the same Conveyance, Contract, Lease, or other Deed or Instrument contained on the Part of the same Commissioners or any of them; but the Amount of all Costs, Charges, Damages, and Expences which shall or may be recovered in any Suit or Suits at Law or Equity against them the said Commissioners or any of them, or against their or any of their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, for or by reason or means of such last-mentioned Conveyance, Contract, Lease, or other Deed or Instrument, or the Covenants, Conditions, or Agreements therein contained, and also all the Costs, Charges, Damages, and Expences which the said Commissioners shall bear, pay, expend, be put to, or which shall be occasioned to them for or by reason or means of any such Conveyance,

Contract, Lease, or other Deed or Instrument, or any Covenant, Condition, or Agreement therein contained, or any Action or Actions, Suit or Suits to be brought or prosecuted by or against them or any of them thereupon, shall respectively be paid and discharged by and out of the Monies which shall come to their Hands for the Purpose of being applied in the rebuilding of the said Two Houses of Parliament.

Deeds not liable to Stamp Duty.

XXX. And be it enacted, That no Contract, Conveyance, Lease, or other Deed or Instrument which shall be made, granted, or executed by the Commissioners under any of the Powers or Authorities hereby granted, nor any Contracts or Agreements, Bond or other Security, Assignments, Conveyances, or other Deed or Instrument, which shall be made, entered into, or executed by any other Person or Persons to or with them for any of the Purposes of this Act, or for any Purposes connected with the rebuilding of the said Houses of Parliament, shall be subject or liable to any Stamp Duty whatever imposed by any Act now in force, nor to any Stamp Duty to be imposed by any future Act, unless such Instruments be specially subjected and specifically charged in and by such future Act.

Deeds to be inrolled.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That every Contract, Conveyance, Lease, or Deed whereby any of the Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments hereby authorized to be purchased, sold, leased, or demised, shall be so purchased or agreed to be purchased, or shall be so sold, leased, or demised, shall be inrolled in the Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments, on Payment of the usual Fees for such Inrolment, and a Minute or Docquet thereof shall be entered and preserved in the Office of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings; and that every such Conveyance, Deed, or Instrument whereby any of the Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments aforesaid shall be conveyed or assigned to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or to a Trustee or Trustees for Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, when so inrolled and entered, shall without any other Inrolment or Registry thereof be as good and available in Law and of the like Force and Effect in all respects as if the same had been inrolled in any of Her Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, or as if a Memorial had been entered or registered in the Office appointed for registering Deeds and other Conveyances of Lands and Tenements in the County of *Middlesex*; any Act of Parliament, Law, Practice, or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

After the Expiration of Five Years the Premises to vest absolutely in Her Majesty.

In case of Proceeding for Recovery of Premises within Five Years.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That from and after the Expiration of Five Years after the Transfer or Conveyance of any Houses, Wharfs, Buildings, Ground, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased in pursuance of this Act, or the taking possession of any such Premises under the Powers of this Act, the same shall become and be and remain absolutely vested in Her Majesty, Her Heirs, Successors, and Assigns; and that if any Proceeding shall be taken before the Expiration of the said Term of Five Years for the Recovery of the Possession of any such Premises so purchased or taken as aforesaid, within Two Months after any Judgment shall be obtained by any Person for the Recovery of the Possession of any such Premises, there

there shall be paid or tendered to any Person so obtaining such Judgment, in lieu of such Premises, his Costs on any Proceeding for the obtaining such Judgment, and such Sum of Money as a Jury shall, in the Manner herein-after mentioned, find to have been the Value of the said Premises at the Time when the same were conveyed for the Purposes of this Act, or when Possession thereof was taken as aforesaid.

The Jury who shall try such Proceeding shall ascertain the Value to be paid in lieu of the Premises.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That the Jury who shall try any Proceeding brought for the Recovery of the Possession of any Premises as aforesaid shall at the same Time ascertain the Value of such Premises at the Time when they were conveyed for the Purposes of this Act, or when Possession was taken thereof; and the Value so found shall be certified by the presiding Judge under his Hand; and such Certificate shall be delivered to the Person seeking to recover Possession of the same Premises, and such Value shall be the Amount to be paid in lieu of the said Premises.

Gates, Bars, Posts, Rails, &c. vested in the Commissioners.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That the Right of Property of all and every the Gates, Bars, Posts, Rails, Sheds, Carts, Engines, Materials for paving, Implements, Utensils, and Things whatsoever which may be erected and set up or provided by the said Commissioners, or by their Order, or otherwise belonging to and used by them for the Purpose of rebuilding the said Two Houses of Parliament, or other the Purposes aforesaid, shall be vested in the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to dispose of and apply the same for the Purposes aforesaid as they shall think fit, and to bring any Action or Actions, and to prefer and prosecute with Effect any Bill or Bills of Indictment, against any Person or Persons who shall steal, secrete, injure, damage, or dispose of the same or any of them respectively to their own Use or Uses, or shall disturb them the said Commissioners, or their Officers or other Persons acting under them, in the Possession thereof.

For punishing Persons guilty of Perjury.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That all Persons who in any Examination to be taken by Oath by virtue of this Act shall wilfully give false Evidence or otherwise forswear themselves before any such Jury as aforesaid, or before any Justice of the Peace acting as such in the Execution of this Act, shall and may be prosecuted for the same, and upon Conviction thereof shall be subject and liable to such and the same Pains and Penalties as Persons guilty of wilful and corrupt Perjury are by the Laws in being subject and liable to.

Limitation of Actions.

XXXVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced or brought against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act until Twenty-eight Days Notice shall be thereof given to the Secretary or Clerk, or Person officiating as such, to the said Commissioners, nor after a sufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof hath been made to the Party aggrieved, nor after Three Calendar Months next after the Fact committed; and every Action or Suit shall be laid, brought, and tried in the said County of *Middlesex*, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in every such Action or Suit may at his or their Election plead specially or the General Issue, and give this Act or the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial so to be had thereupon, and that the same

same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the same shall appear to be so done, or if such Action or Suit shall be brought before Twenty-eight Days Notice shall be given as aforesaid, or after sufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforesaid, or after the Time limited for bringing the same as aforesaid, or shall be brought in any other County than the said County of *Middlesex*, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, then the Defendant or Defendants shall recover Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for his, her, or their Costs in any other Cases by Law.

Saving the Rights of Persons interested in Waterside Premises on the Western Shore of the Thames.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any Person or Party interested in any Wharfs or Waterside Premises on the Western Shore of the said River *Thames*, either above or below the Terrace intended to be erected by the said Commissioners in front of the said Houses of Parliament towards the said River, from commencing and prosecuting any Action or Suit in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* which such Person or Party would have been entitled to commence and prosecute if this Act had not been passed, for any Deterioration, Damage, Obstruction, or Injury which such Person or Party shall or may have sustained or shall be apprehensive of sustaining in respect of such Wharfs and Waterside Premises in consequence of the Erection of the said Terrace and other Works; and that any such Action or Suit which may be commenced and prosecuted against the said Commissioners may be commenced and prosecuted against them in the Name of their Secretary or Clerk or the Person officiating as such: Provided always, that any Damages to be recovered in any such last-mentioned Action or Suit, with the Costs thereof, shall be payable and shall be paid by the said Commissioners by and out of any Monies applicable to the rebuilding of the said Houses of Parliament; and that nothing herein contained shall entitle any Person to Damages or Costs who would not have been so entitled if this Act had not been passed: Provided also, that the Provision herein contained for limiting the Period for commencing and bringing Actions or Suits under this Act, and requiring Notice to be given thereof before such Actions or Suits shall be commenced or brought, or any other Provision as to Actions or Suits, shall not be applicable to any Action or Suit to be commenced or prosecuted by the Persons or Parties interested in Wharfs or Waterside Premises as herein-before mentioned.

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