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was otherwise lawfully paid for the Metage thereof, for every Chaldron of Coals or Culm imported or brought into the Port of the said City of *London*, or the River of *Thames* within the Liberty of the said City, to be sold by the Chaldron or Ton, imposed by the said Act of the Fifth and Sixth Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and also of the Imposition, Rate, or Duty of Sixpence for every Chaldron or Ton of all Coals or Culm usually sold by the Chaldron or Ton imported into the Port of *London*, or Members thereof, imposed by the said Act of the Fifth and Sixth Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, from *Michaelmas Day* One thousand seven hundred, for the Term of Fifty Years, and continued for the Term of Thirty-five Years from the Expiration of the said Term of Fifty Years by an Act passed in the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George*
21 G. 2. c. 29. the Second, intituled *An Act for the further Relief of the Orphans and other Creditors of the City of* London, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, and further continued for the Term of Forty-six Years from the Expiration of the said Term of Thirty-five Years by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty
7 G. 3 c. 37. King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for completing the Bridge across the River* Thames *from* Blackfriars *in the City of* London *to the opposite Side in the County of* Surrey, *and the Avenues thereto on the* London *Side; for redeeming the Tolls on the said Bridge and on* London Bridge; *for rebuilding the Gaol of* Newgate *in the said City; for repairing the* Royal Exchange *within the same; for embanking Part of the North Side of the said River within certain Limits; and for further continuing towards those Purposes the Imposition of Sixpence* per *Chaldron or Ton of Coals and Culm imported into the Port of the said City, established by an Act of the Fifth and Sixth Year of the Reign of King* William *and Queen* Mary; *and also for carrying on the new Pavements in the City and Liberties of* Westminster *and Borough of* Southwark; *and for other Purposes therein mentioned;* and further continued for the Term of Five Years and Three Quarters of a Year from the Expiration of the said Term of Forty-six Years by an Act passed in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of His said
44 G. 3. c 27. (Local.) late Majesty, intituled *An Act for raising an additional Sum of Money for carrying into execution several Acts for widening the Entrance into the City of* London *near* Temple Bar; *for making a more commodious Street at* Snow Hill; *and for raising on the Credit of the Orphans Fund certain Sums of Money for those Purposes; and also for enlarging the Powers of the said Acts;* and also reciting, that the said Term of Five Years and Three Quarters of a Year would expire on the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven; and reciting, that the Surplus of the said Fund had been from Time to Time applied according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament relating thereto, and thereby the Capital Debt due to the Orphans of the said City of *London* had been annihilated, and the Capital Debt due to the other Creditors of the City of *London*, and charged upon the said Fund before the passing of the now-reciting Act, was on the Twenty-eighth Day of *January* then last reduced to the Sum of Two hundred and nine thousand nine hundred Pounds, and it was probable that if no further Charge or Incumbrance were made on the said Fund the whole of the said Capital Debt would be paid off and discharged by the Fifth

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Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two; and reciting, that if an Imposition, Rate, Duty, or Sum of Sixpence for every Chaldron or Ton of Coals or Culm was created for the Term of Twenty-one Years, to commence on the said Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, when the said like Imposition, Rate, Duty, or Sum of Sixpence for every Chaldron or Ton of Coals or Culm would determine as aforesaid, there was a reasonable Probability that the Produce thereof, and of the said Imposition, Rate, or Duty of Four-pence for every Chaldron of Coals or Culm, would be sufficient to pay off by or before that Time the further Sum of One million Pounds, with Interest thereon in the meantime after the Rate of Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, although the other Charges forming Part of the said Fund should be discontinued, to be applied to the Purposes thereof after the whole of the Capital Debt then charged thereon should have been paid off, and such Sum of One million Pounds might be applied, together with the Residue (if any), which should remain after the Completion of the said new Bridge, of the Monies to be advanced, raised, and supplied by virtue of the said therein recited Acts, in Payment of the Costs, Charges, and Expences of making more convenient Approaches to the said Bridge; it was by the said Act now in recital enacted, that it should be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the said City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, to cause spacious and convenient Streets, Ways, Passages, and Places to be designed, laid out, opened, widened, and made for making convenient and suitable Approaches to the said new Bridge, with Branches and Communications thereto, as therein is mentioned; and that for the Purposes aforesaid it should be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, to borrow and raise any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of One million Pounds, upon the Credit of the Fund created by the now-reciting Act as therein is mentioned, and that the Fund created by the now-reciting Act should be and the same was thereby charged and made chargeable (subject to any Mortgage or Mortgages to be made to the Solicitor of His Majesty's Treasury as therein mentioned) with the Annuities which should be secured by the Bond or Bonds to be executed as therein directed for securing the Repayment of the Sum or Sums of Money which should be borrowed as therein mentioned; and it was thereby further enacted, that for providing a Fund for the Purposes of the now-reciting Act, after the said Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, when the said Imposition of Sixpence for every Chaldron or Ton of Coals or Culm so made and continued as aforesaid should cease, a like Imposition, Rate, or Duty of Sixpence for every such Chaldron of Coals and Culm and Small Coal imported into the Port of *London*, or the River *Thames* within the Liberty of the said City, should be and was thereby made payable for the Term of Twenty-one Years, to be computed from the said Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, unless the Sums of Money charged thereon should be sooner paid off and discharged, and in the same Manner in a respects as the said Imposition, Rate, or Duty of Sixpence was then payable; and it was thereby further enacted, that when and so soon as all the said Principal Sums raised and borrowed and all the Annuities charged on the said Fund called "The Orphans Fund" should

should have been paid off and discharged, then and from thenceforth the said Imposition, Rate, or Duty of Four-pence for Metage *per* Chaldron upon Coals and Culm, granted to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens by the said Act of the Fifth and Sixth Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, should be appropriated to and form Part of the Fund created by the now-reciting Act for the Purposes thereof, until the Sums of Money charged thereon should be paid off and discharged: And whereas by an Act passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to make further Provision for defraying the Expences of making the Approaches to* London Bridge, *and the Removal of* Fleet Market, it was (amongst other things) enacted, that all the Funds which before and at the Time of the passing of the said recited Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, constituted and formed the Fund called "The Orphans Fund," including the Duty of Four Shillings *per* Tun upon Wine imported into the Port of *London* or the Members thereof, by way of Merchandize, and the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence to be paid by every Apprentice at the Time of his binding to any Master who was a Member of any of the respective Companies within the City of *London* and the Liberties thereof, and the Sum of Five Shillings to be paid by every Person admitted to be a Freeman of the City of *London* at the Time of his Admission, and also all the Aqueducts and Right of bringing and conveying Water, and all the Improvements thereof, and Rents, Profits, and Benefits which might arise therefrom, and also the several annual Sums of Eight thousand Pounds, Two thousand Pounds, and One thousand five hundred Pounds respectively charged, by several Acts passed in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, and the Seventh Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third respectively, upon the Estates and Revenues of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, free from all other Charges whatsoever, should, from and after the passing of the said recited Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, be held chargeable and should be charged with the raising and paying off the Capital Sum of One million Pounds, with Interest thereon, allowed to be raised under the Provisions of the said before recited Act for executing the Improvement of the said Approaches, in addition to the Capital Debt remaining charged thereon before the passing of the said Act; and all such several and respective Funds as were not permanent should, after all the Principal Sums raised and borrowed, and all the Annuities charged upon the said Fund called "The Orphans Fund," and then due and owing, had been paid off and discharged, be continued, and the whole thereof be applicable to the Purposes of the said Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth and of the now-reciting Act, until the Sums charged and to be charged thereon by virtue of the same Acts respectively should be paid off and discharged; and it was further enacted, that it should be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, at any Time or Times after the passing of the now-reciting Act, to borrow and raise any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand

11 G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. lxiv.

thousand Pounds, upon the Credit of the Fund created for improving the Approaches to *London Bridge* as aforesaid: And whereas by an Act passed in the First and Second Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for improving the Site of the Royal Exchange in the City of* London, *and the Avenues adjoining thereto*, it was enacted, that, for the Purposes of that Act it should be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, to borrow and raise any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of One hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, upon the Credit of the Fund created for improving the Approaches to *London Bridge* by the said respective Acts of the Tenth and Eleventh Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth as aforesaid; and it was further enacted, that the Fund created for improving the Approaches to *London Bridge* as aforesaid should be and the same was thereby charged and made chargeable with the Annuities which should be secured by the Bond or Bonds to be executed as therein directed for securing the Repayment of any Sum or Sums of Money which might be borrowed as therein mentioned; and it was thereby further enacted, that all such several and respective Funds constituting or forming Part of the said Fund created for improving the Approaches to *London Bridge* as were not permanent, after all the Principal Sums raised and borrowed and all the Annuities charged upon the said Fund, and then due and owing, had been paid off and discharged, should be and were thereby continued until the Annuities and Sums charged and to be charged thereon by virtue of the now-reciting Act should be paid off and discharged; provided nevertheless, that the Rates or Duties which by the said Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth were continued for a Term which would expire on the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, unless the Sums charged thereon should be sooner paid off and discharged, should not be continued by the now-reciting Act beyond the said Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight: And whereas, in order to remove many of the existing Obstructions which now impede the main Lines of Communication in several Parts of the Metropolis, and for creating new and commodious Thoroughfares in such Districts, so as to afford additional Facilities of Intercourse, it hath been proposed to open a convenient Thoroughfare from the End of *Coventry Street* to the Junction of *Newport Street* and *Long Acre*, and to continue the Line of Street from *Waterloo Bridge* already completed to *Bow Street*, from thence Northward into *Broad Street, Holborn;* to extend *Oxford Street* in a direct Line through *Saint Giles's* so as to communicate with *Holborn* at or near *Southampton Street;* and to open a spacious Thoroughfare between the populous Neighbourhood of *Whitechapel* and *Spitalfields* and the Docks and Wharfs of the River *Thames*, by widening the Northern and Southern Extremities of *Leman Street*, and by creating a new Street from the Northern Side of *Whitechapel* to the Front of *Spitalfields* Church: And whereas it is expedient that the carrying into effect such several Alterations and Improvements should be placed under the Direction and Superintendence of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, subject to the Approbation of the Lord High Treasurer

1 & 2 Vict. c. c.

or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being: And whereas the Income of certain of the several Funds herein-before mentioned charged, by the said recited Acts of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His said Majesty, and the First and Second Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, with the Repayment of the several Sums thereby authorized and directed to be raised for the several Purposes therein mentioned, hath so much increased as to render it probable that if the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings were empowered to raise the Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds on the Credit of the said several Funds (such Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds to be applied by them towards the making and completing the several Alterations and Improvements herein-before mentioned), the Surpluses of such Funds would be amply sufficient to pay the Interest thereof, and also to pay off, on or before the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, the Principal thereof, as well as the Principal Sums of Money and Interest and Annuities now remaining charged thereon: And whereas the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, have consented that the said several annual Sums of Eight thousand Pounds, Two thousand Pounds, and One thousand five hundred Pounds, and also the other Payments contributed by them towards the said Improvement Fund, shall be charged, together with the said Duties on Coals, with the further Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds: And whereas the several Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Aid of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it 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 Commissioners for the Time being of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings shall be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for executing and completing the several Alterations and Improvements herein-before mentioned, and for carrying the Purposes of this Act into execution; and all Acts, Matters, and Things authorized or necessary to be done and executed by the said Commissioners in pursuance of this Act 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.

Appointment of Commissioners of Woods, &c. to be the Commissioners of this Act.

II. And be it enacted, That for providing a Fund for the Purposes of this Act it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings for the Time being, from Time to Time, with the Consent of the Lord High Treasurer of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer of the said United Kingdom, or any Three or more of them, to charge the Funds herein-after mentioned, and made subject as after mentioned, with the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds, together with

Commissioners of Woods, &c. empowered to charge the Funds after mentioned with any Sum not exceeding 200,000*l*.

Interest on the Sum or Sums to be charged, from the Time of charging the same, not exceeding Five *per Centum per Annum*, to be payable half-yearly.

Funds made chargeable for the Purposes of Act.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Fund called "The Orphans Fund," and the Fund called "The *London Bridge* Approaches Fund," and all and singular the Funds, Duties, Impositions, and Revenues created, constituted, imposed, or continued by the said recited Acts of the Tenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, the Eleventh Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, and the First and Second Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, or any or either of them, shall be the Fund to be charged by Her Majesty's said Commissioners, and shall be applicable, after the Sums already borrowed thereon shall have been paid off and discharged, to the Payment of all such Monies as may be so charged thereon by the Commissioners for executing this Act, and the Interest thereof, until the Sum or Sums and Interest to be charged thereon as last aforesaid shall be paid off and discharged.

Funds to be applied in Payment of Monies to be charged thereon.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Funds so to be charged as aforesaid shall (subject as aforesaid) be paid and applied in satisfaction and discharge of all Monies to be charged thereon by the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, as aforesaid, and the Interest thereof, in such Manner and from Time to Time as the same shall be received and as the said Commissioners for executing this Act shall order and direct.

Commissioners of Woods empowered to raise 200,000*l.* on the Credit of the Fund.

V. And be it enacted, That for the Purposes of this Act it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, by and with the Consent and Approbation of the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, to borrow and raise any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds, upon the Credit of the said Monies and Interest so charged, and thereupon to assign and dispose of the Principal Monies and Interest which the said Commissioners are hereby authorized to charge as aforesaid, in such Shares, and by way of Debenture or otherwise, and with such Priorities and in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall think fit, as a Security for the Monies so to be borrowed; and such Monies so to be raised shall be paid into the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, by such Instalments, in such Proportions, at such Times, and in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall direct.

Treasury empowered to advance Monies out of the Consolidated Fund on the Credit of the Fund made chargeable by this Act.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, if he or they shall think it expedient, from Time to Time to advance and lend out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britan* and *Ireland*, to the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings for the Time being, free and clear of all Fees and Deductions whatsoever, any Sum or Sums of Money for

for the Purposes of this Act, not exceeding the Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds, on the Credit of the said Monies which the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings are hereby authorized to charge, upon such Security being given for the Repayment thereof, with such Rate of Interest not exceeding Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, and at such Times and Manner, as the said Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, shall direct.

Security for the Repayment of such Monies.

VII. And be it enacted, That the Repayment of every Sum or Sums of Money which shall be lent by the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them, by virtue of this Act, together with Interest thereon, shall, subject to any Assignment or Charge which may have already been made by the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, be secured by an Assignment to the Solicitor for the Time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, in Trust for the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, of the said Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds, and Interest, which the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings are hereby authorized to charge as aforesaid, or of such Part thereof as the said Lord High Treasurer or any Three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the Time being shall direct; and such Assignment shall be made in such Form as the said Lord High Treasurer or any Three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the Time being shall direct: Provided nevertheless, that it shall be lawful for the said Lord High Treasurer or any Three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the Time being to make any such Loan or Advance as aforesaid notwithstanding the Income of the aforesaid Fund, so to be charged by the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, may not at the Time of making such Advance be sufficient to pay the Interest of the Monies so advanced by reason of the prior Charges thereon, but nevertheless so as the same Fund shall continue liable to the Payment of such Interest as well as the Principal Monies charged thereon; and further, that when any Monies may be borrowed by the said Commissioners for executing this Act, in pursuance of the Powers herein contained, from any Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, it shall and may be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer or any Three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, on any such Loan, to guarantee the Payment of the Interest of the Money so to be borrowed as aforesaid, or any Part thereof, by half-yearly Payments, and for that Purpose to charge the same on the Consolidated Fund aforesaid, yet nevertheless such Charge on the Consolidated Fund as aforesaid shall only be considered as a collateral Security for such Interest; and the Interest of the said Monies hereby authorized to be charged by the said Commissioners for executing this Act shall continue payable when and as there shall be Funds sufficient to answer the same, and shall be applied in satisfaction of any Monies which may have been advanced out of the said Consolidated Fund for the Purpose aforesaid.

VIII. And

VIII. And be it enacted, That such Parts of the Fund hereinbefore made applicable to the Purposes of this Act, and which are hereby authorized to be charged, as are not permanent, after all the Principal Sums raised and borrowed, and all the Annuities charged upon the said Fund, and now due and owing, have been paid off and discharged, shall be and are hereby continued, in all respects as is directed by the said Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, until the Sums charged and to be charged thereon by virtue of this Act shall be paid off and discharged: Provided nevertheless, that the Rates or Duties which by the said Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth were continued for a Term which will expire on the said Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, unless the Sums of Money charged thereon should be sooner paid off and discharged, shall not be continued by this Act beyond the said Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

The Fund continued until the Sums charged thereon by this Act are paid.

IX. And be it enacted, That the Sum and Sums of Money which the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings are hereby authorized to charge, or which may be borrowed and taken up at Interest by the said Commissioners in pursuance of the Powers of this Act, shall be applied, in the first place, in paying all the Charges and Expences of or incident to or incurred in the obtaining and passing this Act and any other Act for the Purpose of making and completing the said Improvements, and afterwards in paying and discharging the necessary Expences of surveying, designing, laying out, making, and completing the Streets and other Improvements which are to be made and done by the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, in such Manner as may be provided in any Act to be passed for that Purpose.

Application of the Monies borrowed under this Act.

X. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for executing this Act, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, by and with the Consent and Approbation in Writing of the Lord High Treasurer of *Great Britain*, or of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer, or any Three or more of them, to cause proper Surveys and Plans to be made of the Direction of the said intended Thoroughfares or Streets, and to submit the same for Approval to the Lord High Treasurer of *Great Britain*, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer.

Commissioners empowered to cause Surveys and Plans to be made of intended Streets, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for executing this Act, and for their Surveyor or Surveyors, Officers, and Workmen, from Time to Time, at all reasonable Times in the Day, upon giving Notice in Writing for the first Time Twenty-four Hours, and afterwards from Time to Time Twelve Hours previous Notice, to enter into and upon all or any of the Tenements and Hereditaments which in the Opinion of the Commissioners for executing this Act it may be necessary to survey or inspect for the Purposes of this Act, for the Purpose of surveying or valuing the said Premises, without being deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, and without being subject or liable to any Fine, Penalty, or Punishment, on account of entering or continuing upon any Part

Power to Commissioners and their Surveyors, &c. to enter upon Houses, &c. for surveying or valuing.

or Parts of the said Tenements and Hereditaments, for the Damages that shall be thereby occasioned: Provided nevertheless, that if the Owners or Occupiers of any such Tenements or Hereditaments respectively shall be apprehensive of Damage from such Entry and Survey being made, and shall forbid the same by Notice in Writing to the said Commissioners or their Surveyors, it shall not be lawful to the said Commissioners, or their Surveyors, Officers, or Workmen, to enter into or upon the Tenements or Hereditaments to which such prohibitory Notice shall apply, without first obtaining the Consent of the Owners or Occupiers of such Tenements or Hereditaments respectively.

Receipts of Commissioners to be sufficient Discharges.

XII. And be it enacted, That the Receipts in Writing of the said Commissioners for the Execution of this Act, for any Monies payable to them under or by virtue of this Act, shall be sufficient Discharges for the same to the Persons paying the same, who shall not afterwards be liable for any Misapplication thereof: Provided nevertheless, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the Execution of this Act to invest all or any Part of the Monies which may be raised for the Purposes of this Act, in the Names of them, or of any Two of them, in the Purchase of the Public Stocks or Funds of *Great Britain*, or in the Purchase of Exchequer Bills, as a temporary Investment, until such Monies shall be wanted for the Purposes of this Act.

Commissioners to invest the Monies.

Monies to be paid into the Bank of England.

XIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That, subject as aforesaid, all Sums of Money, Bills, and Drafts which shall be received by the said Commissioners for executing this Act shall from Time to Time, within Two Days after the same shall have been received, or within Two Days after any Bill shall have been accepted, completed, and perfected, if the same shall not be accepted, completed, and perfected at the Time it shall be received by the said Commissioners, be paid by them into the Hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, for which the Receipt of the Cashier or Cashiers of the said Governor and Company shall be a sufficient Discharge; and all such Monies, Bills, and Drafts so to be paid to the said Governor and Company shall from Time to Time be placed to an Account to be raised in the Books of the said Governor and Company, intituled "The Account of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings making the Improvements in the Metropolis," and shall be applied and disposed of by the said Commissioners for executing this Act for and towards the carrying the several Purposes thereof into execution.

Commissioners may retain a Sum for current Expences in the Hands of a private Banker.

XIV. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners for executing this Act to reserve out of the Monies to be received by them by virtue of this Act, for casual and ordinary Payments for the Purposes thereof, in the Hands of any private Banker, to be nominated by any Writing under the Hand of the said Lord High Treasurer, or the Hands of the said Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer, or any Three or more of them, a Sum not exceeding Five hundred Pounds, to be drawn for by the said Commissioners for executing this Act, or any One of them; and if at any Time the Sum so reserved shall be reduced below Three hundred Pounds, then it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for executing this Act from Time to Time to make up the same to the Sum of Five hundred Pounds by

Drafts

Drafts under their Hands upon the Funds to be deposited in the Hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* as aforesaid.

Drafts on the Bank of England to specify the particular Service.

XV. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners for executing this Act shall make all Payments required to be made out of the Monies to be deposited in the Bank of *England* by Drafts under their Hands on the said Bank, and shall specify on each such Draft the particular Service, or other Charge, Purpose, or Cause for which such Draft shall be given, and every such Draft shall also have marked in the Margin thereof a Figure corresponding to the Page in a Book to be kept by the said Commissioners, wherein Entry shall be made of the particular Service, Salary, or other Charge, Purpose, or Cause for which such Draft shall be given.

Drafts shall be Authority to the Bank.

XVI. And be it enacted, That all Drafts drawn pursuant to the Directions of this Act, but not otherwise, shall be sufficient Authority to the Bank of *England* to pay the Amount thereof to the Persons mentioned in such Drafts, or to the Bearer of them; and that the said Commissioners for executing this Act, observing the Rules and Regulations hereby prescribed, shall not be answerable, either collectively or individually, for any Money which the said Commissioners, or any or either of them, shall have so paid into the Bank of *England;* and that the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* shall be answerable for all Monies which shall be actually received by them from such Commissioners.

An Account to be laid before Parliament yearly.

XVII. And be it enacted, That there shall be yearly laid before each House of Parliament, within Ten Days after the meeting of Parliament, a true Account, made up to the Thirty-first Day of *December* in the preceding Year, of the Receipts and Applications of the Sums of Money which shall be received and are directed to be applied by virtue of this Act.

The Commissioners exempted from personal Responsibility.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That nothing contained in this Act, or to be contained in any Mortgage or Mortgages, Conveyance, Lease, or other Instrument or Instruments, which shall be made, given, and created by the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, for any of the Purposes of this Act, shall extend to charge the Person or Persons of all or any of the Commissioners executing any such Deed or Instrument, or the Heirs, Executors, or Administrators of the same Commissioners, or any of them, or any of their proper Lands, Tenements, Goods, or Chattels, with or for the Performance of all or any of the Covenants, Conditions, or Agreements in the same Deed or Instrument to be contained on the Part of the same Commissioners or any of them, but the Amount of all Sums, Costs, Charges, Damages, and Expences which shall or may be recovered in any Suit or Suits at Law or in 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 any such Deed or Instrument, or the Covenants, Conditions, or Agreements therein contained, and also all the Costs, Charges, Damages, and Expences which the said Commissioners or any of them, or their or any of their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, shall bear, pay, expend, or be put to, or which shall be occasioned to them, for or by reason or means of any such Deed or Instrument, or any Covenant, Condition, or Agreement therein contained,

tained, or any Action or Actions, Suit or Suits to be brought or prosecuted by or against them, shall be paid out of the Monies to be raised under this Act.

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

XIX. And be it enacted, That in all Actions, Suits, Bills, Plaints, Indictments, Prosecutions, Trials, or Proceedings at Law, to be had, brought, prosecuted, or defended in pursuance of this Act, the said Commissioners for executing this Act may sue and be sued in the Name of their Secretary or Clerk to be appointed for the Purposes of this Act; 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, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of such Secretary or Clerk, or by any Act of such Secretary or Clerk without the Consent of the said Commissioners, but the Secretary or Clerk for the Time being to the said Commissioners shall always be deemed the Plaintiff or Defendant in such Action, as the Case shall be: Provided always, that any such Secretary or Clerk in whose Name any Action or Suit shall be commenced, prosecuted, or defended, in pursuance of this Act, shall always be reimbursed and paid, out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, 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 the Order of the said Commissioners.

Mortgages and other Instruments exempt from Stamp Duty.

XX. And be it enacted, That no Mortgage, Assignment, or other Instrument which shall be made, granted, entered into, or executed by the Commissioners for executing this Act, under any of the Powers or Authorities hereby granted, nor any Deeds or other Instruments 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, shall be subject or liable to any *ad valorem* or other Stamp Duty whatsoever imposed by any Act or Acts now in force, nor to any *ad valorem* or other Stamp Duty to be imposed by any future Act or Acts, unless the same be specially subjected thereto in and by such future Act or Acts.

Continuance of Powers under this Act.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the Powers of entering and making Surveys herein-before contained shall not be in force for a longer Term than One Year from the passing of this Act, unless in the meantime another Act of Parliament shall be passed authorizing the making and completing the Thoroughfares and Improvements herein-before mentioned, or some or one of them.

Public Act.

XXII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others.

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