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An Act for releasing the Lands of the Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851, upon the Repayment of Monies granted in aid of their Funds. [12th *July* 1858.]

WHEREAS the Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851 have purchased Lands at *Kensington Gore* with a view to secure adequate Space in the Metropolis for Institutions connected with Science and Art: And whereas in aid of the Funds of the said Commissioners, arising from the said Exhibition, which were applied to such Purchases, Two several Sums of One hundred and fifty thousand Pounds and Twenty-seven thousand five hundred Pounds were granted by Parliament in the Sessions holden in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth and in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years of Her Majesty, and it was agreed, on the Issue of such Sums, that the Lands purchased as aforesaid should be held subject to such Directions of Appropriation as should from Time to Time be issued by the Treasury in respect to such Part, not exceeding One Moiety, as should by Agreement between the Lords of the Treasury and the said Commissioners for the Exhibition be set apart for such Institutions connected with Science and Art as were more immediately dependent upon and supported by

the Government from Funds voted by Parliament, and subject also, with respect to the other Part thereof, to such general Superintendence by the Lords of the Treasury as might be necessary to secure that the Appropriation proposed to be made, and all the Arrangements in relation thereto, as regards Buildings to be erected thereon, should be in conformity with some general Plan, which should be adopted as applicable to all Parts of the Property, whether such Buildings should be erected from Public Monies or by private Subscription: And whereas the said Commissioners have proposed to repay the Sums granted by Parliament as aforesaid, together with a Moiety of the net Rents received by the said Commissioners up to the Thirty-first Day of *March* last, amounting to Three thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine Pounds Four Shillings and Twopence (making, together with the Sums granted as aforesaid, the Sum of One hundred and eighty-one thousand three hundred and seventy-nine Pounds Four Shillings and Twopence), upon having the said Lands released from the Trusts or Obligations created in respect of the Sums granted as aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient that the said Proposal should be accepted, subject to such Provision as is herein-after contained with reference to a Part of the said Lands of which the Possession may be retained for the Purposes of the Department of Science and Art: 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, as follows.

Lands purchased by Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851 to be released on Repayment of Parliamentary Grants and Moiety of Rents.

I. Upon Payment by the Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851 of a Sum or Sums amounting together to the said Sum of One hundred and eighty-one thousand three hundred and seventy-nine Pounds Four Shillings and Twopence into the Receipt of the Exchequer in such Manner as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may direct, the Commissioners for the said Exhibition, and all the Lands purchased or to be purchased by or in the Name of such Commissioners, shall be absolutely released and discharged from the Agreement herein-before recited, and from all Trust, Obligation, Control, Claim, and Demand to which such Lands may be subject in respect of the Sums granted by Parliament as aforesaid: Provided always, that if such Payment be not made within Six Months from the passing of this Act, there shall be added to the said Sum a further Sum equal to One Half of the net Rental which shall accrue to the Time when such Payment shall be made.

Land occupied by the Department

II. Provided always, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to require that Part of the said Lands now

now in the Occupation of the Department of Science and Art, that is to say, the Piece of Land containing Twelve Acres or thereabouts, bounded on the West by *Exhibition Road* and on the South by *Cromwell Road*, with the Museum, Gallery, and other Buildings thereon, shall be retained in the Occupation and for the Use of Her Majesty's Government for Purposes connected with Science or the Arts, so long as the said Commissioners of the Treasury think fit, with Liberty to erect, add to, or alter any Buildings on the said Piece of Land, and, if such Commissioners of the Treasury think fit, to cause to be taken down, removed, and disposed of all or any of the Buildings which have been already erected or which may hereafter be erected thereon; and it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Treasury to direct that the Payment of such Portion of the said Sum of One hundred and eighty-one thousand three hundred and seventy-nine Pounds Four Shillings and Twopence as they may think fit, not exceeding what may appear to them to be the Value of the said Piece of Land, may be postponed so long as such Piece of Land is so retained as aforesaid; and upon Payment in manner herein-before mentioned of the Residue of the said Sum of One hundred and eighty-one thousand three hundred and seventy-nine Pounds Four Shillings and Twopence, after Deduction of the Amount of which the Payment may be so postponed, the said Commissioners of the Treasury shall, by Warrant under the Hands of Two of such Commissioners, declare that the Residue of the said Lands shall be absolutely released and discharged from the said Agreement, and all such Trust, Obligation, Control, Claim, and Demand as aforesaid, and the same shall be released and discharged accordingly.

of Science and Art may be retained for such Department.

III. All Monies paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer under this Act shall be carried to and form Part of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Monies paid to be carried to the Consolidated Fund.

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