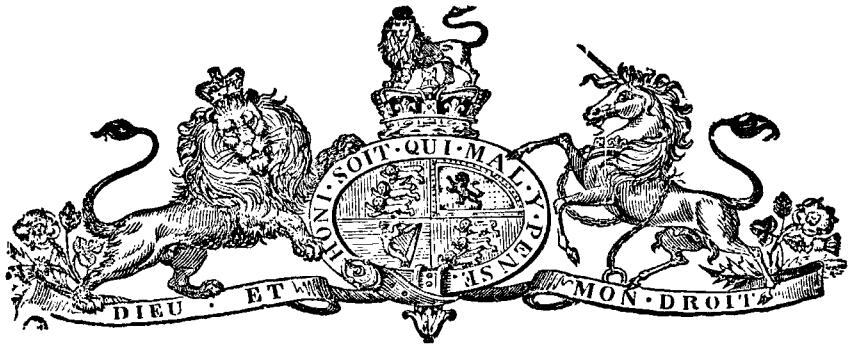


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CAP. LXXIV.

An Act to enable the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works to acquire additional Land for the Purposes of the "Public Offices Extension Act of 1859," by way of Exchange for Land already acquired but not wanted for the Purposes of the said Act. [7th *August* 1862.]

WHEREAS the Three Pieces of Ground described in the First Schedule to this Act, and colored Blue on the Plan herein-after mentioned, and marked A, B, and C in the same Schedule and Plan, have been acquired by and are now vested in the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, for the Purposes of the Act of the Twenty-second Year of Her Majesty, Chapter Nineteen, (called the Public Offices Extension Act, 1859,) under and by virtue of the following Acts; (namely,) the Piece of Ground marked A, under the Act of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Thirty-three (called the Supplemental Public Offices Extension Act, 1861); the Piece of Ground marked B, under the Act of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth

Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Twenty-eight; and the Piece of Ground marked C, under the said Public Offices Extension Act, 1859, and the Act of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Eighty-eight: And whereas the Three Pieces of Ground described in the Second Schedule to this Act and colored Red in the said Plan herein-after mentioned, and marked D, E, and F in the same Schedule and Plan, form Part of *St. James's Park:* And whereas it has been found that the Pieces of Ground described in the said First Schedule will not be required for the Purposes of the said Public Offices Extension Act, 1859, and that the Pieces of Ground described in the said Second Schedule will be required for the Purposes thereof, and it is therefore expedient that an Exchange of the Pieces of Ground comprised in the said Two Schedules respectively should be effected as herein-after mentioned: And whereas a Plan describing the Ground comprised in the said First and Second Schedules wherein the Ground comprised in the said First Schedule is colored Blue as aforesaid, and the Ground comprised in the said Second Schedule is colored Red as aforesaid, has been prepared by or under the Direction of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings: And whereas the Ground marked A was Part of the Lands belonging to Her Majesty in right of Her Crown, particularly mentioned in the said Supplemental Offices Extension Act, 1861; and the Sum of Two thousand four hundred and seventy Pounds, in the same Act stated to be the ascertained Value of such Lands, has been paid by the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, for the Purchase of the said Lands belonging to Her Majesty as by the said last-mentioned Act is directed: And whereas the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings have also paid the full Value for the said Piece of Ground marked B, but no Money Consideration has been or was to be paid for the Purchase of the said Piece of Ground marked C, the same being Part of *St. James's Park:* 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, as follows:

Plan to be deposited in Offices of Works, &c.

1. Copies of the said Plan describing the Ground to be given up by, and the Ground to be acquired by the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's

Majesty's Works and Public Buildings under the Authority of this Act, shall be signed by the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer, and shall be deposited in the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, and in the Office of Land Revenue Records and Enrolments; and all Persons shall be at liberty at all seasonable Times to inspect the Copy of the said Plan deposited in the said Offices, at their Will and Pleasure, paying the Sum of One Shilling for every such Inspection.

Land, &c. in First Schedule and colored Blue vested in Her Majesty.

2. Immediately on the passing of this Act all the said Ground and Hereditaments described in the said First Schedule to this Act, and colored Blue in the said Plan, shall become and be vested in Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, as Part and Parcel of *St. James's Park*, for all the Estate and Interest therein of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings; and all the Ground and Hereditaments described in the said Second Schedule to this Act, and colored Red in the said Plan, shall become and be vested in the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, their Successors and Assigns, as incorporated by and for the Purposes of the said Public Offices Extension Act, 1859, for all the Estate and Interest therein of Her Majesty.

Land, &c. in Second Schedule and colored Red vested in the Commissioners of Works, &c.

Provision as to Compensation provided by 24 & 25 Vict. c. 88. repealed as far as relates to Property herein named.

3. Whereas by the said Act of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Eighty-eight, after providing for the Transfer to the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings of the Piece of Land forming Part of *St. James's Park* therein mentioned, and which included the said Piece of Ground marked C in the said First Schedule hereto, it was enacted, that Compensation should be made to the Land Revenues of the Crown in respect of the said Transfer in manner following, (namely,) whenever the annual Produce of the said Revenues should cease to be carried to and form Part of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and should be retained by the Crown as Part of its Hereditary Revenues, the Value of the Premises thereby transferred, exclusive of the Value of any Buildings erected thereon, should be determined by Arbitration, and the Amount of such Value, when determined, should be deducted from the Amount for the Time being chargeable upon the said Revenues in respect of Advances made out of the Consolidated Fund, or, if there should be no such Amount then chargeable, should be paid to the Account of the

the said Revenues: Be it enacted, That the said Provision for Compensation shall be repealed so far as relates to the said Piece of Ground marked C, and in lieu thereof shall be applicable to the Piece of Ground marked F, it being intended that, as regards the Pieces of Ground marked D and E, no such Compensation shall be payable, the same being considered as given in exchange for the said Pieces of Ground marked A and B, which were not Parts of the said *St. James's Park*.

Saving Rights as to Parishes of Saint Margaret and Saint John.

4. Nothing herein contained shall vary or affect the Provisions of the Forty-eighth Section of the said Public Offices Extension Act, 1859, as altered by the Fifth Section of the said Supplemental Public Offices Extension Act, 1861, relating to the Contribution of the Commissioners towards the Rates of the Parishes of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John the Evangelist, Westminster*, either as regards the maximum Sum payable by the Commissioners, or as regards the annual Amount with reference to which the Deficiencies in the Rates are to be calculated and ascertained.

Public Offices Extension Act and this Act to be construed as One.

5. The said Public Offices Extension Act, 1859, shall be read and construed to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever (except as expressly varied by this Act) as if the Land and Hereditaments comprised in the said Second Schedule to this Act were comprised in the Schedule to the said Public Offices Extension Act, 1859.

Limitation of Actions.

6. Whereas by the Fifty-third Section of the said Public Offices Extension Act, 1859, it is provided that in every Action or Suit brought or prosecuted for anything done in pursuance thereof as therein mentioned, the Defendant shall and may, at his Election, plead specially, or plead the General Issue, and give the said Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of the said Act: Be it enacted and declared, That in case any Defendant shall plead the General Issue as aforesaid in any Action or Suit relating to the Land and Hereditaments comprised in the said Second Schedule hereto or any Part thereof, or to anything done in respect thereof, he may in like Manner give the special Matter in Evidence, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of the said Public Offices Extension Act, 1859, and of this Act.

7. Saving

General Saving.

7. Saving and reserving always to all Persons and Bodies Politic or Corporate soever, excepting the Queen's Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, all such Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand whatsoever (if any), in, to, or out of the said Ground and Hereditaments comprised in the Schedules to this Act, or any Part thereof, as they or any of them could or might have lawfully claimed in case this Act had not been passed.

The FIRST SCHEDULE.

A. A Strip of Land containing One thousand four hundred and sixty Superficial Feet or thereabouts, forming Part of the Gardens of Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16, Duke Street, Westminster.

B. A triangular Piece of Ground forming the North-west Corner of the late State Paper Office, containing One hundred and sixty Superficial Feet or thereabouts.

C. A Strip of Land Part of the South Parade and enclosed Lawn in Saint James's Park, containing Three thousand four hundred and fourteen Superficial Feet or thereabouts.

The SECOND SCHEDULE.

D. A Strip of Ground on the West Side of the late State Paper Office, containing Four hundred and sixty Superficial Feet or thereabouts.

E. A Strip of Ground on the North Side of the late State Paper Office, containing One thousand and sixty-seven Superficial Feet or thereabouts.

F. A Strip of Ground Part of the South Parade and enclosed Lawn in St. James's Park, containing Two thousand five hundred and five Superficial Feet or thereabouts.

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