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CAP. CXXVII.

An Act to prevent the Removal of the Tower of the Church of *Saint Mary Somerset* in the City of *London*, and for vesting the said Tower and the Site thereof, and a Portion of the Burial Ground attached to the said Church, in the Corporation of the said City.

[31st *July* 1868.]

WHEREAS by an Order of Her Majesty in Council, bearing Date the Tenth Day of *November* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, which Order was duly published in the *London Gazette* on the Thirteenth Day of the same Month, Provision is made in pursuance of the Act of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and forty-two, for the Union of the Benefice (being a Rectory) of *Saint Nicholas Cole Abbey* with *Saint Nicholas Olave* in the City of *London* with the Benefice (being a Rectory) of *Saint Mary Somerset* with *Saint Mary Mounthaw* in the said City of *London*, and Provision is by the said Order made for the Demolition and Sale by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England* of the Materials of the Church of *Saint Mary Somerset* (including the Tower thereof), and for the Sale of the Site of the said Church: 23 & 24 Vict. c. 142.

And

And whereas it is expedient that the Tower of the said Church should be preserved and maintained as a Feature of Architectural Interest:

And whereas it is expedient, in order to promote the Objects towards which the Funds to arise from the Sale of the said Site will be applicable in pursuance of the Provisions of the said Order in Council, and also for the Improvement of the City of *London*, that the Portion of the Churchyard and Burial Ground attached to the said Church and herein-after mentioned should be appropriated to the widening of *Upper Thames Street* in the said City in manner herein-after mentioned:

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; that is to say,

Recited Order not to authorize Demolition of Tower of the said Church.

1. The Provisions of the said Order of Her Majesty in Council shall not be held to authorize the Demolition or Sale by the said Commissioners of the said Tower, or of the Site thereof, comprising therewith a Space of Six Feet in Depth on the Northern and Eastern Sides of such Tower.

Vesting Tower and Site thereof in Corporation of London.

2. The Fabric and Site of the said Tower, together with a Space of Six Feet in Depth on the Northern and Eastern Sides of such Tower, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and their Successors for ever, and shall be under their Control and Management, and be by them preserved and maintained, and may be used by them for such Purposes as they may think fit, with the Approval of the Lord Bishop of *London* for the Time being.

Portion of Churchyard to be appropriated to widening Upper Thames Street.

3. That Portion of the Churchyard and Burial Ground heretofore attached to the said Church which is situated between *Upper Thames Street* on the South Side and the Body of the said Church and Part of the Churchyard on the North Side, and which abuts upon the said Street for a Distance of Eighty-eight Feet measured from the Western Angle of the Wall and Railing, which now encloses such Churchyard and separates the same from the said Street, and which Portion comprises an Area of Two hundred and sixteen Square Yards, more or less, shall be and the same is hereby vested in the said Corporation for the Purpose of the same being by them dedicated to the widening of *Upper Thames Street*, and the same shall, when so dedicated, be under the Care and Management of the Commissioners of Sewers of the said City.

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4. The Corporation shall cause the Remains of any Persons in any Graves or Vaults in the Portion of the Churchyard to be thrown into the public Way to be re-interred in a decent Manner, either in the remaining Portion of the Churchyard or in some public Cemetery, with the Approval of the Lord Bishop of *London* for the Time being, and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England* shall repay to the Corporation One Half of the Costs of such Removal. The Remains of any Persons in Graves disturbed by such widening of Thames Street to be re-interred.

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