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An Act to empower the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods to appropriate to building Purposes the Area of *Darby Court*, in the Parish of *Saint James Westminster*.

[4th *August* 1845.]

WHEREAS the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, in right of Her Crown, is seised to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, of a Plot of Ground, with the Messuages or Tenements standing thereon, situate in the Parish of *Saint James Westminster* in the County of *Middlesex*, abutting Northward on *Piccadilly*, and Southward on *Jermyn Street*, and including the open Area of a Court or Passage leading from *Jermyn Street* to *Piccadilly* aforesaid, subject nevertheless, as to the last-mentioned Area, to the Power and Superintendence of the paving, repairing, cleansing, and lighting the same, vested in the Commissioners for paving and improving the Parish of *Saint James Westminster*, and subject, as respects Two Messuages or Tenements, numbered respectively 6 and 7 in *Darby Court* aforesaid, to a certain Indenture of Lease whereby the said Two Messuages or Tenements were, together with other Property of the Crown, demised to *Samuel Rickards*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for a Term

which will expire on the Tenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and eighty-four: And whereas all the Houses and Buildings now standing in or abutting upon *Darby Court* aforesaid (with the Exception of Numbers 6 and 7 aforesaid) are about to be pulled down with the view of a substantial public Building being erected on the Site thereof, and also on the Site of the said Court, or of some Part thereof respectively; 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 from and after the passing of this Act the Ground and open Area of the said Court called *Darby Court* shall be and the same is hereby vested in the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, freed and discharged from all Rights of Way and other Rights and Easements whatsoever, into, through, or over the same, and freed and discharged of and from the Power and Superintendence of the paving, repairing, cleansing, lighting, watering, and improving the said Court, and preventing Nuisances and Obstructions therein, now vested in the Commissioners for paving and improving the Parish of *Saint James Westminster*, all which said Rights of Way, and other Rights and Easements, Power and Superintendence, shall be and the same are hereby extinguished; and it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners for the Time being of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings to take and use or demise the said Ground and Premises so freed and discharged as aforesaid for building or other Purposes, and either together with the adjoining Ground and Premises, the Property of Her Majesty, and as Part or Parcel thereof, or separately therefrom, in as full and ample Manner as they are by Law authorized and empowered to take, use, or demise any Part or Parts of the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown under their Care and Management.

The Area of Darby Court vested in Her Majesty, discharged of Rights of Way.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to prejudice or affect the Term, Estate, and Interest of the said *Samuel Rickards*, his Executors, Administrators, Under-tenants, or Assigns, under the herein-before mentioned Indenture of Lease; and such Term, Estate, and Interest shall remain whole and unimpaired as if this Act had not been passed.

Saving the Rights of the Lessee.

III. And be it enacted, That the Exclusion herein-before contained of the Area of the said Court from the Jurisdiction of the said Commissioners for paving and improving the Parish of *Saint James Westminster*, as to paving, cleansing, and lighting the same, shall not extend to exclude the same from the Jurisdiction of the said Commissioners as to rating, but the Jurisdiction of the said Commissioners as to rating all and every the Persons and Person who shall inhabit, use, or occupy all or any of the Houses or Buildings to be erected on the said Area, Ground, and Premises,

Saving the Jurisdiction of the Paving Commissioners as to rating.

Premises, shall remain whole and unimpaired as if this Act had not been passed.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such. Public Act.

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