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## CAP. XXIX.

**An Act to authorize and empower the Commissioners appointed by an Act of the Seventh Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, for extending to *Charing Cross*, the *Strand*, and Places adjacent the Powers of an Act for making a more convenient Communication from *Mary-le-bone Park*, to make and form a new Street from the *Strand* to *Charles Street, Covent Garden*, and to widen the North End of *Bow Street* into *Long Acre*; and for other Purposes.**

[27th *September* 1831.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for making a more convenient Communication from* Mary-le-bone Park, *and the Northern Parts of the Metropolis, in the Parish of* Saint Mary-le-bone, *to* Charing Cross, *within the Liberty of* Westminster; *and for making a more convenient Sewage for the same;* and by the same Act the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues were appointed Commissioners for carrying the Purposes thereof into execution: 53G.3.c.121.

execution: And whereas by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of
7 G. 4. c. 77. the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to extend to* Charing Cross, *the* Strand, *and Places adjacent, the Powers of an Act for making a more convenient Communication from* Mary-le-bone Park; *and to enable the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues to grant Leases of the Site of* Carlton Palace; it was enacted that the Commissioners named and appointed in and by the said Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Third should be and they were thereby authorized and empowered to make the several Improvements and Alterations therein mentioned, and to carry the Purposes of the said Act into execution in manner hereinafter mentioned: And whereas an Act was passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, inti-
9 G. 4. c. 70. tuled *An Act to alter and enlarge the Powers of an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for extending to* Charing Cross, *the* Strand, *and Places adjacent, the Powers of an Act for making a more convenient Communication from* Mary-le-bone Park, *and for enabling the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues to grant Leases of the Site of* Carlton Palace; *and for other Purposes relating thereto:* And whereas it would be a great Accommodation to the Public, and be the Means of opening a more ready Communication from the *Strand* to the Northern Parts of the Metropolis, if the Commissioners named and appointed in and by the said recited Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth were authorized to make and form a new Street, commencing on the North Side of the *Strand* opposite *Wellington Street*, and extending from thence to *Charles Street, Covent Garden*, which said Street will pass through or into the Parishes of *Saint Mary-le-Strand, Saint Clement Danes, Saint Paul Covent Garden*, and *Saint Martin-in-the-Fields*, within the Liberty of *Westminster* in the County of *Middlesex*; and also to alter and improve *Bow Street*, by widening the North End thereof into *Long Acre*, in the said several Parishes of *Saint Paul Covent Garden* and *Saint Martin-in-the-Fields* aforesaid: But as such Improvements cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament, May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King'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 His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to form and make the said new Street, Alterations, and Improvements herein-before mentioned, and to carry the Purposes of this Act into execution in manner herein-after mentioned; and all Acts, Matters, and Things authorized and 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.

Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, &c. authorized to carry this Act into execution.



II. And

Map or Plan of the Street to be deposited at the Office of the Commissioners of Woods, &c. and be open to Inspection.

II. And whereas a Map or Plan describing the Lines of the Street and the Ground and Premises through which the proposed Alterations and Improvements are to be made or carried by virtue of this Act, together with a Book of Reference containing a List of the Names of the Owners and Occupiers of such Premises, have been made for the Purpose of being deposited at the Office of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues; be it therefore enacted, That the said Map or Plan and Book of Reference, after the same shall have been authenticated by the Signature of the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons, shall be deposited with and shall remain in the Custody of the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and one Copy thereof, signed by the Speaker of the House of Commons, shall be deposited in the Parliament Office, and one other Copy, so signed, shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Peace of the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, within Three Months from the passing of this Act, to the end that all Persons may at all seasonable Times have Liberty to inspect and peruse the same, and to take Extracts or Copies thereof at their Will and Pleasure, paying the Sum of One Shilling for every such Inspection, and at the Rate of Sixpence for every Seventy-two Words of such Copies or Extracts of the said Map or Plan and Book of Reference; and that the said Commissioners for executing this Act, and for making the said Alterations and Improvements, shall not deviate between the *Strand* and *Charles Street* more than Twelve Statute Feet, nor in any other Place more than Twenty Yards of Three Feet each, from the Lines described in the said Map or Plan, without the Consent and Approbation in Writing of the Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, through whose Lands or Premises such Deviation shall be made.

Limiting any Deviation from the Plan.

Lands and Premises described in the Plan may be used, notwithstanding Errors in the Book of Reference.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for executing this Act to make the said proposed Street, Alterations, and Improvements, into, through, across, or over the several Lands, Hereditaments, or Premises of any Person or Persons who is, are, or may be Owner or Owners of the Land or Premises over which the same is or are set out and described in the said Map or Plan as aforesaid, although the Name or Names of such Person or Persons may happen to be omitted or mis-stated in the said Book of Reference, in case it shall appear to any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, and be certified by Writing under their Hands, that such Error or Omission proceeded from Mistake.

Commissioners empowered to make the Street, and to stop up Carriageways whilst the same is making.

IV. And be it further 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 the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer, or any Three or more of them, to cause the said Street, Alterations, and Improvements to be made, paved, and improved, into, through, across, or over the Lands and Premises

Premises described in such Map or Plan and Book of Reference, and in conformity to the Lines described in such Map or Plan, and to such Deviation therefrom as herein mentioned; and for such Purpose it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners acting in execution of this Act, and for their Surveyor or Surveyors, Officers, or Workmen, with or without Carriages and Cattle, from Time to Time to enter upon the Messuages or Tenements, Lands and Premises, through which or whereupon the said Street, Alterations, or Improvements hereby authorized to be made is or are intended to pass or be made, in such Manner as the said Commissioners acting in the Execution of this Act shall think necessary or proper, without being deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, and without being subject or liable to any Fine, Penalty, or Punishment, for entering or continuing upon any Part or Parts of such Lands and Premises, for the Damages that shall be thereby occasioned; and the said Commissioners acting in execution of this Act shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered, during the making of the said Alterations and Improvements, to stop up all or any Part of the Carriageways of the said Streets, and for that Purpose to put up sufficient Palisadoes, Bars, Posts, or other Erections, and to make such Orders regulating the Passage of all Carts, Carriages, and Horses through the same, as to them the said Commissioners shall seem fit and proper; and that the sole Power and Authority of paving, repairing, cleansing, lighting, and watching the said Street and new Ways which shall be made by virtue of this Act, shall, when the same shall be so made, be vested in, and such Street and Ways, for all the Purposes of paving, repairing, cleansing, lighting, and watching the same, shall be, remain, and continue under the Care, Management, Controul, and Jurisdiction of the respective Parishes to whom the same shall belong.

Commissioners empowered to purchase Lands and Buildings for the Purposes of this Act.

V. And be it further enacted, That for the Purpose of making the said Street, Alterations, and Improvements, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners acting in the Execution of this Act, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, when they shall deem it necessary, by and with the Consent and Approbation in Writing of the said Lord High Treasurer, or of the said Commissioners for executing the said Office of Lord High Treasurer, or any Three or more of them, to treat and agree for the Purchase of any of the Houses, Buildings, Erections, Ground, Tenements, and Hereditaments described or comprised in the said Map or Plan and Book of Reference, or in such Deviation as herein-before mentioned, and of any subsisting Leases, Terms, Estates, and Interests therein or Charges thereon which the said Commissioners for executing this Act may, by and with such Consent and Approbation as aforesaid, deem necessary or expedient to be purchased for the Purposes of this Act: Provided always, that the said Commissioners shall not be compelled to purchase the whole of the Space coloured on the said Plan as being within the Powers of Purchase limited by this Act.

Limiting the Time for purchasing Houses, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if the said Commissioners shall not within the Space of Three Years, to be computed from the passing of this Act, purchase or cause to be valued, as herein-after

mentioned, all and every such Houses, Buildings, Erections, Ground, Tenements, and Hereditaments which they are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase as aforesaid, and pay the Consideration Money, or Money awarded for the same respectively in manner directed by this Act, then and from thenceforth those Powers which are hereby granted to them for such Purpose only shall cease, determine, and be utterly void.

Powers and Provisions of 7 G. 4. c. 77. and 9 G. 4. c. 70. extended to this Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Provisions, Authorities, Regulations, Directions, Clauses, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things in the said recited Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth contained, relating to the Purchase of any of the Houses, Buildings, Erections, Ground, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and of any subsisting Leases, Terms, Estates, and Interests therein, by that Act directed to be purchased, or for ascertaining the Value of any such Premises in case of any Refusal or Inability to treat, or for completing any such Purchase, or obtaining Possession of any such Premises, or any other Matter or Thing relating thereto; and all Powers, Provisions, and Authorities in and by the said recited Acts of the Seventh and Ninth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty given to the said Commissioners acting in execution of the said Acts, for selling, leasing, or exchanging any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of or belonging to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, in the said Acts mentioned, shall, as far as the same are applicable or can be applied, extend and be construed to extend to this present Act, in such Manner as that the Commissioners acting in execution of the said recited Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty as aforesaid shall be enabled to make the Alterations and Improvements herein-before directed to be made, and shall have all Facilities and Advantages for enabling them to make the same, as fully, amply, and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Regulations, Directions, Clauses, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things were particularly repeated and re-enacted in this present Act with reference to the said Alterations and Improvements, and as if such Alterations and Improvements had been included in and authorized to be made and done by the said last-mentioned Act.

Part of the Court or Passage called Gloucester Court, on the East Side of St. James's Street, to cease to be a Public Way.

VIII. And whereas a certain Court or Passage called *Gloucester Court*, situate on the East Side of *Saint James's Street*, in the Parish of *Saint James* within the Liberty of *Westminster* in the County of *Middlesex*, adjoining to Freehold Property belonging to His Majesty, is now used as a public Thoroughfare from *Saint James's Street* into *Crown Court*, and from thence into *King Street* in the Parish of *Saint James* aforesaid: And whereas in consequence of the Improvements now making by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, under the Powers and Provisions of the said recited Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, by widening the Communication between *Saint James's Street* and *King Street* aforesaid, the greater Portion of the said Court called *Gloucester Court* has become unnecessary as a

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public Thoroughfare; and it is desirable that such Part of the Soil and Freehold of the said Court should be vested in His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, freed and discharged from all public or other Rights of passing or repassing over the same: Now therefore it is hereby further enacted, That the said Court or Passage called *Gloucester Court*, except so much and such Part of the Eastern End thereof as may be necessary for a Way or Passage from *Crown Court* to the Offices belonging to a Messuage or Dwelling House in the Occupation of *John Dingwall* Esquire, shall henceforth for ever hereafter cease to be a public Way or Passage, and that the Soil and Freehold of the said Court or Passage (except as aforesaid) shall from henceforth be vested in His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, freed and discharged from all public and private Right of passing and repassing over and along the same; and that the said Court or Passage, and the Site, Soil, and Freehold thereof, (except as aforesaid,) shall be liable to be sold, exchanged, leased, or disposed of by the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, in such and the like Manner as any other Estates or Possessions of the Crown under their Care and Management.

IX. And whereas by an Act passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the
46 G. 3. c. 89. Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for consolidating and rendering more effectual the several Acts for the Purchase of Buildings and further Improvement of the Streets and Places near to* Westminster Hall *and the Two Houses of Parliament*, certain Commissioners were appointed and authorized to be appointed for carrying the Purposes of the said Act into execution; And whereas an Act was passed in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign
48 G. 3. c. 137. of His said late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend and enlarge the Powers of an Act of the Forty-sixth Year of His present Majesty, for consolidating and rendering more effectual the several Acts for the Purchase of Buildings and further Improvement of the Streets and Places near to* Westminster Hall *and the Two Houses of Parliament*: And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the
54 G. 3. c. 154. Third, intituled *An Act for further amending and enlarging the Powers of an Act of the Forty-sixth Year of His present Majesty, intituled 'An 'Act for consolidating and rendering more effectual the several Acts for 'the Purchase of Buildings and further Improvement of the Streets and 'Places near to* Westminster Hall *and the Two Houses of Parliament,' and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, it was amongst other Things enacted, that in case the Piece or Parcel of Ground situate, lying, and being on the West Side of *Little George Street*, the North Side of *Bow Street* at the Back of the new Court House, and the South Side of *Prince's Mews*, containing in Length from East to West, as well on the North as the South Side, One hundred and two Feet and Six Inches, little more or less, and from North to South, as well on the East as the West Side, Seventy Feet Six Inches, little more or less, should at any Time thereafter be purchased by the said Commissioners of the said Act of the Forty-sixth Year aforesaid, in pursuance of the Powers contained in the said Acts of the Forty-

sixth and Forty-eighth Years aforesaid, or either of them, it should and might be lawful to and for the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners for executing the said Office of Lord High Treasurer, for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, at any Time or Times after the Purchase or Purchases last mentioned should have been made, and notwithstanding any Act or Acts of Parliament then in force to the contrary, by Indenture or Indentures, to be inrolled in one of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, to grant or demise all or any Part or Parts of the said last-mentioned Piece or Parcel of Ground to the Patron, President, and Vice-Presidents for the Time being of the School commonly called, or intended to be called, "The *Westminster* National Free School," and their Successors, for any Term or Terms of Years not exceeding Ninety-nine Years from the Date or respective Dates thereof, at a Peppercorn Rent during the whole of the Term or Terms of Years thereby to be granted, and under and subject to such Covenants for building and keeping in repair, and insuring from Loss or Damage by Fire, and such other Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Agreements, as the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners for executing the said Office of Lord High Treasurer, for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, should approve; provided nevertheless, that every such Grant or Lease should be on the Face of it expressed to be made in Trust for the Purposes of the said *Westminster* National Free School, and that a Proviso should be therein inserted for making void the same respectively in the Event of the Ground therein to be comprised, and the Buildings to be erected thereon, or any of them, or any Part thereof, being used for any Purpose or Purposes whatsoever unconnected with the said School; and it was thereby further enacted, that the Patron, President, and Vice-Presidents for the Time being of the said School should be and they were thereby constituted a Corporation, by the Name of "The Patron, President, and Vice-Presidents of the *Westminster* National Free School," in order to enable them to accept and take in a Corporate Capacity, by the Name aforesaid, the Grant or Grants, Lease or Leases therein-before authorized to be granted, and to execute a Counterpart or Counterparts thereof, and for other Purposes of the said School; and by that Name, for the Purposes aforesaid, they should and might have and use a Common Seal, and might sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded; but nothing in the said Act, or in such Grant or Grants, Lease or Leases, contained or to be contained, should extend to charge the Person or Persons of him or them, or of his or their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, or his or their or any of their own proper Lands or Tenements, Goods or Chattels, with the Performance of all or any of the Covenants, Conditions, or Agreements in the same Grant or Grants, Lease or Leases, or any of them, to be contained; but all and every such Action and Actions, Suit and Suits, as should be brought or prosecuted for or in respect of the same Covenants, Conditions, and Agreements, or any of them, should be brought or prosecuted against the said Patron, President, and Vice-Presidents, and their Successors, for the Time being, in their Corporate Capacity: And whereas the said Piece or Parcel of Ground mentioned and described in the said recited Act of the Fifty-fourth Year

Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, as aforesaid, was soon after the passing of the said Act purchased by the said Commissioners acting in execution of the said recited Act of the Forty-sixth Year aforesaid, and the Patron, President, and Vice-Presidents of the *Westminster* National Free School were thereupon let into Possession of the said Piece or Parcel of Ground situated between the *Westminster* Court House and *Prince's Mews*, and have since erected and built thereon a Building or School called "The *Westminster* National Free School," and on a small Piece or Parcel of Crown Land on the North Side thereof, and adjoining thereto, a Dwelling House, for the Residence of a Master or Mistress to such School; which said Building, School, and Dwelling House have been ever since the Completion thereof appropriated and used as and for the Purposes of the Education of the Children of the Poor; but no Lease has ever been granted to the said Patron, President, and Vice-Presidents of the *Westminster* National Free School in pursuance of the said recited Act of the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Third as aforesaid: And whereas by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty
7 G. 4. c. 78. King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to vest in the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues the Powers of several Acts for the Improvement of the Streets near* Westminster Hall *and the Houses of Parliament, and to authorize the Conversion of the Pavements in several Parts of the Metropolis into broken Stone Roads*, after reciting (amongst other Things) the several herein-before recited Acts of Parliament, it was enacted that all the several Powers and Authorities given by the said Acts therein-before recited, to the said Commissioners appointed or to be appointed under and by virtue of the said recited Act of the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said then late Majesty, should, from and after the passing of the now-reciting Act, be transferred to the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and be vested in the said last-mentioned Commissioners, in as full, ample, and beneficial a Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, for the carrying into effect the Objects of the said recited Acts, as the same were then vested in the said Commissioners appointed under or by virtue of the said recited Act of the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty; and the said Powers and Authorities should, as to any Exercise thereof by the said Commissioners appointed or to be appointed by the said recited Act of the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, from and after the passing of the now-reciting Act, cease, determine, and be void, except as to any Matter or Thing which might have been done or contracted to be done by the said last-mentioned Commissioners, in virtue thereof, before the passing of the now-reciting Act; any thing in the said recited Acts, or any of them, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and it was thereby further enacted that all the several Provisions in the said therein-before recited Acts contained, and thereby made applicable to the said Commissioners appointed or to be appointed under or by virtue of the said recited Act of the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said then late Majesty, should, from and after the passing of the now-reciting Act, apply to the said Commissioners

sioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, in the same Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as they would have done in case the said last-mentioned Commissioners had been named in the said recited Acts, instead of the said Commissioners appointed or to be appointed under or by virtue of the said recited Act of the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said then late Majesty: And whereas the Income of the said *Westminster* National Free School, depending in a great measure on voluntary annual Contributions, has become insufficient to meet its Expences, and it has therefore been proposed by the National Society for the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church to establish the said *Westminster* National Free School as the central or chief School of the said National Society, in order that the Children in the Neighbourhood of the *Westminster* National Free School may lose no Part of the Education hitherto received by them in the said School: And whereas the Patron, President, and Vice-Presidents of the *Westminster* National Free School, being desirous that the Proposal of the said National Society should be carried into effect, have applied to and requested the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues to make and grant a Lease or Leases of the said Two Pieces or Parcels of Ground, with the Building or School and Dwelling House so erected thereon respectively as aforesaid, to the said National Society; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, by and with the Consent and Approbation of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them, at any Time or Times hereafter, and notwithstanding any Act or Acts now in force to the contrary, to grant or demise the said Piece or Parcel of Ground, with the Building or School and Dwelling House thereon erected and built, to "The National Society for the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church," and their Successors, for any Term or Terms of Years not exceeding Ninety-nine Years, to be computed from the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* last, at a Peppercorn Rent for and in respect of the said Piece or Parcel of Ground on which the said Building or School is erected and built as aforesaid, and at the yearly Rent of One Pound Fifteen Shillings for and in respect of the said Piece or Parcel of Ground on which the said Dwelling House is erected and built as aforesaid, payable to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, during the whole of the Term or Terms of Years thereby to be granted, and under and subject to such Covenants for keeping in repair, and insuring from Loss or Damage by Fire, and such other Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Agreements as the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues shall approve: Provided nevertheless, that every such Grant or Lease be on the Face of it expressed to be made in Trust for the Purposes of the said National Society, and that a Proviso be therein inserted for making void the same respectively in the Event of the Ground therein to be comprised, and the Buildings erected thereon, or any of them, or any Part thereof, being used for any Purpose or Purposes whatsoever unconnected with the said National Society.

Commissioners, with Consent of Treasury, may grant a certain Piece of Ground to the National Society for the Education of the Poor.

Saving the Powers of the Commissioners of Sewers.

X. Provided always, and be it further declared and enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be deemed or construed to extend, to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Powers, or Authorities vested in the Commissioners of Sewers for the City and Liberty of *Westminster* and Part of the County of *Middlesex*; but all the Rights, Powers, and Authorities vested in them shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if this Act had not been made.

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