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*Cap. 102.*

An Act to enable Sir *George Pigot* Baronet, *Margaret Fisher*, and *Frances Pigot*, to dispose of a certain Diamond therein mentiond by a Lottery.

[2d July 1800.]

**W**HEREAS the Right Honourable *George Lord Pigot*, being Preamble.  
possessed at the Time of his Decease (amongst other Things)  
of a Diamond of very considerable Value, duly made  
and published his last Will and Testament in Writing, bearing Date  
the Sixteenth Day of *April* in the Year One thousand seven hundred  
and seventy-five, and thereby gave and bequeathed all the Rest, Residue,  
and Remainder of his Personal Estate and Effects (whereof the said  
Diamond was Part) unto his Brothers Sir *Robert Pigot* Baronet (then  
*Robert Pigot*) and *Hugh Pigot*, late Vice Admiral in His Majesty's Navy,  
and his Sister *Margaret Fisher* Widow, their Executors, Administrators,  
and Assigns, in equal Shares and Proportions, Share and Share alike:  
And whereas the said Sir *Robert Pigot* afterwards died, and by his last  
Will and Testament in Writing, bearing Date the Eleventh Day of *May*  
in the Year One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, gave and  
bequeathed all the clear Residue of his Personal Estate and Effects unto  
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the said *Hugh Pigot*, *Thomas Partington*, of *Lincoln's Inn* in the County of *Middlesex*, Esquire, and *Edward Boodle*, of *Lower Brook Street* in the Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square* in the County of *Middlesex*, Esquire, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, upon certain Trusts therein mentioned, whereby his Son *Sir George Pigot*, of *Patsbull* in the County of *Stafford*, Baronet, became and now is beneficially interested in his late Father's undivided Third Part or Share of and in the said Diamond: And whereas the said *Hugh Pigot* died intestate, (in the Lifetime of the said *Sir Robert Pigot*), and Letters of Administration of the Goods, Chattels, and Credits, of the said *Hugh Pigot*, were, on or about the Twenty-third Day of *January* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, granted by the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of *Canterbury* to *Frances Pigot* his Widow, whereby the undivided Third Part or Share of the said *Hugh Pigot*, of and in the said Diamond, became vested in the said *Frances Pigot*: And whereas the said Diamond is esteemed by skilful Lapidists to be but little inferior in Weight, and equal in Water and Brilliancy, to any known Diamond in Europe; and the Value thereof is now estimated at a Sum little short of Thirty thousand Pounds: And whereas the said Diamond has at various Times been shown for Sale, but owing to its very great Value, no Individual hath yet been willing to purchase it; whereby the several Persons interested therein have, for a great Number of Years, lost all the Benefit and Advantage which they otherwise would have derived therefrom, had the same been sold and disposed of: And whereas there is not now any Prospect of selling and disposing of the same, to the best Advantage, other than and except by Way of Lottery or Chance; in order therefore, that the said *Sir George Pigot*, *Margaret Fisher*, and *Frances Pigot*, may be enabled to sell and dispose of the said Diamond, to the best Advantage; may it please Your Majesty, (at the humble Petition of the said *Sir George Pigot*, *Margaret Fisher*, and *Frances Pigot*), 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 it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Sir George Pigot*, *Margaret Fisher*, and *Frances Pigot*, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of the said Diamond, by Way of Lottery or Chance, without being subject or liable to any Penalty or Forfeiture imposed by any Act or Acts of Parliament against any Sale or Sales by Way of Lottery, or by Lots, Tickets, Numbers, or Figures; and that such Sale or Sales, so to be made of the said Diamond by the said *Sir George Pigot*, *Margaret Fisher*, and *Frances Pigot*, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, (subject only to the Terms, Provisoos, and Restrictions, herein mentioned), shall be good, valid, and effectual; any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Power to sell  
the Diamond  
by a Lottery.

Limiting the  
Sum to be  
raised, and  
the Number  
and Price of  
the Tickets.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the Money so to be raised by the said *Sir George Pigot*, *Margaret Fisher*, and *Frances Pigot*, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty-three thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight Pounds and Sixteen Shillings upon the Sale of the said Diamond; and that the Number of Tickets shall not in the Whole exceed Eleven thousand four hundred and twenty-eight, to be numbered respectively from One to Eleven thousand four



four hundred and twenty-eight, both inclusive, at and for the Price of Two Guineas for each Ticket.

III. And be it further enacted; That the said Sir *George Pigot, Margaret Fisher,* and *Frances Pigot,* their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall, before they shall sell, dispose of, or deliver any Ticket, Number, or Figure, under or in pursuance of this Act, give Notice in the *London Gazette* of their Intention to sell or dispose of the said Diamond, under and in pursuance of the Terms, Provisoos, and Restrictions herein-contained.

Notice to be given in the *Gazette* of the Intention to sell by a Lottery.

IV. And be it further enacted; That the said Diamond shall constitute One Prize only; and such Prize shall be determined by the Drawing of the First State Lottery within this Kingdom, to be drawn by Authority of Parliament after the passing of this Act; and that the First Ticket that shall be drawn in such State Lottery, the Number whereof corresponds with any Number to be issued by the said Sir *George Pigot, Margaret Fisher,* and *Frances Pigot,* their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall be and is hereby declared to be the Prize.

Lottery how to be made.

V. And be it further enacted, That before such Notice shall be given in the *London Gazette* as aforesaid, the said Diamond shall be deposited in the Bank of *England,* in the Names of the Trustees herein appointed; and immediately on such Notice being given as aforesaid, the absolute Right and Property of, in, and over the said Diamond, shall be pledged and vested in the Right Honourable Lord *Granville Leveson Gower,* the Honourable *Edward Monckton,* and *Edward Stracey* the younger, Esquire; Barrister at Law, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, and such other Person or Persons as shall or may be appointed under and in pursuance of this Act, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, their and his Executors and Administrators, in Trust nevertheless from and immediately after the Drawing of the fortunate Number, for the Holder of the fortunate Ticket; and the same Diamond shall be and is hereby declared to be freed and discharged of, from, and against all Rent and Arrears of Rent, Assignments, Sales, Judgements, Executions, Titles, Charges, Debts, and Incumbrances whatsoever, and shall become the Property of and be delivered to the Bearer of such fortunate Ticket, by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England,* by virtue of an Order for that Purpose, to be signed by the said Trustees, for the Time being, which Order they are hereby authorized and required to give at any Time after the drawing and determining the Prize, upon Demand made to them for that Purpose; and on Production of the Ticket containing such fortunate Number as aforesaid.

Trustees appointed in whom the Diamond is vested.

VI. Provided always, and be it enacted; That in case any of the said Trustees shall die before the Drawing of the said State Lottery, or before the Delivery of the said Order, the Survivors or Survivor of them shall, and they and he are and is hereby required to elect, nominate, or appoint, by and with the Approbation of the Court of Chancery, One or more Person or Persons in the Room or Stead of the Person or Persons so dying; and the Person or Persons so elected, nominated, or appointed, shall have the like Powers, Rights, and Authorities in carrying this Act into

For appointing new Trustees.

into Execution, as were vested in the Person or Persons in whose Room or Stead he or they shall have been so elected, nominated, or appointed.

Bank not to be responsible.

VII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or the said Trustees, shall not in any Manner be answerable or responsible for the Officers or Servants of the said Governor and Company, in the Care or keeping Possession of the said Diamond, or otherwise relating thereto; any Thing herein-contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

For paying the expences of the Act.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences incident to and attending the obtaining and passing of this Act, and the selling and disposing of the said Tickets, shall be paid and defrayed out of the Monies to be raised by the Sale of such Tickets, prior and in preference to any other Payment whatsoever.

Publick Act.

IX. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a Publick Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such, by all Judges, Justices, and other Persons whomsoever, without specially pleading the same.

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