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## Cap. 156.

An Act to alter and amend several Acts passed in the Fortieth, Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth, and Forty-seventh Years of His present Majesty, for making Wet Docks, Basons, Cuts, and other Works, for the greater Accommodation and Security of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue, within the Port of *London*, and for other the Purposes therein mentioned relating thereto, and to enlarge the Powers and Authorities by the said Acts granted to the *London Dock Company*.

[10th June 1809.]

**W**HEREAS an Act was passed in the Fortieth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for making Wet Docks, Basons, Cuts, and other Works, for the greater Accommodation and Security of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue, within the Port of London*: And whereas an Act was passed in the Forty-fourth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for raising a further Sum of Money for carrying into Execution an Act passed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for making Wet Docks, Basons, Cuts, and other Works, for the greater Accommodation and Security of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue, within the Port of London*: And whereas another Act was passed in the said Forty-fourth Year of His said present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act*

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*Act for warehousing Goods within the Limits of certain Docks, made under an Act passed in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Year of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act for making Wet Docks, Basons, Cuts, and other Works, for the greater Accommodation and Security of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue within the Port of London, and to make Regulations relating to the said Docks:"* And whereas an Act was passed in the Forty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for making Wet Docks, Basons, Cuts, and other Works, for the greater Accommodation and Security of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue, within the Port of London, and for extending the Powers and Provisions of the said Act:* And whereas an Act was passed in the Forty-sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to alter and amend several Acts passed in the Fortieth, Forty-fourth, and Forty-fifth Years of His present Majesty, for making Wet Docks, Basons, Cuts, and other Works, for the greater Accommodation and Security of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue within the Port of London, and for other the Purposes in the said Acts mentioned, and for enlarging the Powers thereby granted to the London Dock Company:* And whereas an Act was passed in the Forty-seventh Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to enable the London Dock Company to purchase certain Waterworks in the Parishes of Stratford, Westham, Bow, Bromley, Mile End and Stepney, and other Parishes adjacent, and to amend the several Acts for making Wet Docks and other Works for the Accommodation of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue within the Port of London:* And whereas sundry of the Powers and Provisions in the said several Acts relating to the London Dock Company are found by Experience to be defective and insufficient, and it is expedient that those Acts should be further altered and amended, and that further and other Powers and Authorities should be given to the said London Dock Company in the Premises; 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 Directors of the London Dock Company or any Thirteen or more of them shall have full Power and Authority for the Purposes in the said Acts contained, or any of them, to contract and agree and to employ any Person or Persons to contract and agree with the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers of all such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, of what Nature or Kind soever, within the Limits mentioned in the said Act passed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, as they shall judge necessary to employ, pull down, remove, alter, or make use of, in or about the Concerns of the said Company, and thereupon to purchase the same, and take Conveyances, Assignments, and Surrenders thereof, with the free and voluntary Consent of such Owners, and not otherwise.

Further Powers given to the London Dock Company.

Conveyance by Feme Coverts, &c. to be valid.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Conveyance of any Estate or Interest in any such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to the said Directors, or their Successors, or any Thirteen or more of them, or to any Person in Trust for them, by Indenture or Indentures of Bargain and Sale, sealed and delivered by any Feme Covert in the Presence of and attested by two credible Witnesses and duly acknowledged, and to be enrolled in the High Court of Chancery within Six Calendar Months after the making thereof, shall as effectually and absolutely

lutely convey the Estate and Interest of such Feme Covert in the Premises as any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries would or could do if levied or suffered in due Form of Law; and further, that all Bargains and Sales whatsoever to be made of any such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as shall be purchased by the said Directors or their Successors, by virtue of this Act, and for the Purposes of this Act, or of any of the said recited Acts, and enrolled as aforesaid, shall have the like Force, Effect, and Operation in Law, to all Intents and Purposes, as any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries whatsoever would have had if levied or suffered by the Bargainor or Bargainors, or any Person or Persons seized of or entitled to any Estate or Interest in the Premises in Trust for such Bargainor or Bargainors, in any Manner or Form whatsoever.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be purchased by virtue of this Act, immediately upon the Conveyance, Assignment, or Surrender thereof, to any Thirteen or more of the said Directors, shall, according to the Estate and Interest conveyed, assigned, or surrendered therein, be vested, and the same are hereby vested in the said *London Dock Company* and their Successors.

Messuages, &c. to be vested in the *London Dock Company*.

IV. And whereas it was in and by the said first recited Act provided and enacted, That if the said *London Dock Company* should not, within Five Years next after the passing of that Act, agree for, or cause to be valued as therein mentioned, and purchase the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which they were empowered to purchase as therein mentioned, then and from thenceforth the Powers to them thereby granted for such Purposes only should cease, determine and be void: And whereas by the said Act passed in the Forty-fifth Year of His said present Majesty's Reign the Period for making Purchases by the said Company, in conformity to the said first recited Act (with all the Powers and Authorities of the said Company in respect thereof), was further extended for the Term of Two Years, to be computed and reckoned from the Expiration of the said Term of Five Years; and the said extended Term of Two Years is now expired: And whereas certain Contracts for the Purchase of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, by or on Behalf of the said Company within the Limits of the said first recited Act, which were made and entered into before the Expiration of the said extended Period of Two Years still remain incomplete, and cannot now be carried into Execution, by reason of the said extended Term of Two Years having elapsed before the completing thereof: And whereas in and towards the Improvement and Completion of the Works of the said Docks, the Directors of the said Company have found it necessary, since the Expiration of the said extended Term of Two Years, to enter into and make sundry other Contracts for the Purchase of certain Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments within the Limits of the said first recited Act; but such Contracts cannot be completed and made effectual without the Aid of Parliament: Be it therefore further enacted, That all Contracts and Agreements, for such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which have been made before the passing of this Act, and all Conveyances thereof whatsoever which may have been made before or which shall be made after the passing of this Act, according to the

Validating certain Contracts made before the passing of this Act.

Powers

Powers and Provisions of any of the said herein recited Acts in that behalf, and although not made within the Space of Time limited by the said Acts respectively for that Purpose, shall and the same are hereby declared to be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, and to have the same Effect as if the same had been made within the Times by the said Acts limited respectively as aforesaid.

Power to sell,  
let or demise  
Premises.

V. And whereas by the said first recited Act it was enacted, That it should and might be lawful for the said Directors, or any Thirteen or more of them, from Time to Time, either absolutely to sell and dispose of, or to let out and demise on Lease or at Rack Rent, or in any other Manner that should be thought advisable, all or any of the Freehold or Leasehold Estates, Lands, Houses, Wharfs, Docks, Works, Hereditaments, and Premises thereby vested in the said Directors, and which should thereafter be conveyed to them, in pursuance of that Act, in such Manner and upon such Terms, and for such Considerations as the said Directors as aforesaid should from Time to Time judge proper, and think most advantageous to the Interest of the said Company, provided the said Freehold and Leasehold Estates, Lands, Houses, Wharfs, Docks, Works, Hereditaments, and Premises, were first offered for such Sale, Letting or Demising, to the respective Person or Persons, upon the Terms and Conditions aforesaid, of or from whom the Premises respectively were purchased, by or on behalf of the said Company: And whereas by reason of the great Alteration occasioned by the taking of Streets, and taking down Houses and other Buildings within the Limits of the said first recited Act, and the Length of Time which hath now elapsed since the passing of the said first recited Act, and of Deaths, Removals and other Circumstances, great Difficulties have arisen in giving such Notice as is by the said first recited Act required to be given to the Persons of or from whom the Premises respectively were purchased, under the Authority of the said recited Acts, and many of such Persons cannot now be found: Be it therefore further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors, or any Thirteen or more of them, in respect of all or any such Part or Parts of the said Freehold or Leasehold Estates, Lands, Houses, Wharfs, Dock Works, Hereditaments and Premises as the said Company are or shall be desirous, either absolutely to sell and dispose of, or to let out or demise on Leases or at Rack Rent or otherwise, as in the said first recited Act mentioned, to proceed to sell, dispose of, or to let out or demise the same on Leases or at Rack Rent, in such Manner and upon such Terms as in the said first recited Act mentioned; provided that the same shall be first offered for such Sale, letting or demising to the respective Person or Persons, upon the Terms aforesaid, of or from whom the Premises respectively were purchased by or on behalf of the said Company, either under the Hand of the Treasurer of the said Company for the Time being, or by Advertisement in the *London Gazette*, and Two Daily Newspapers usually circulated in *London*, One Calendar Month at the least before any such Sale, Letting, or Demising.

To prevent  
Obstructions  
in going on  
board Ships  
or Vessels in  
the Docks,  
&c.

VI. And whereas divers Obstructions have been given to Constables, Watchmen, and other Persons appointed by the said Company in the Exercise of their Duty: Be it therefore further enacted, That if any Person or Persons whomsoever shall at any Time hereafter in any way obstruct, or be aiding or abetting any other Person or Persons in obstructing in the Execution of his Duty or Employment, any Constable, Watchman,

man, or other Person thereto appointed by or having Instructions in Writing in that behalf from the Directors of the said Company, or from the Superintendant of the said Docks, or from the Dock Masters, or One of the Dock Masters of the said Company for the Time being, from or in going on board, or entering into or upon, or being in or upon any Ship, Vessel, Lighter, Boat, or other Craft, for the Purpose of searching for or extinguishing any Fire, Candle, or Light being or suspected to be therein, contrary to any Provision contained in any of the said recited Acts, or this Act, or contrary to any Order, Rule, or Regulation made by virtue of any of the said recited Acts or this Act, or for the Purpose of discovering any Theft or Embezzlement committed or suspected to have been committed in or about such Ship, Vessel, Lighter, Boat, or other Craft, or for the Purpose of quelling any Riot or Disturbance therein, or for any other Purpose authorized by any of the said recited Acts or this Act, or by any such Order, Rule, or Regulation as aforesaid, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds, at the Discretion of the Justice or Justices before whom the Person or Persons so offending shall be convicted, such Penalty or Penalties to be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, in like Manner as other Penalties created by any of the said recited Acts; and if any Dog or Dogs shall at any such Time be found loose on board any such Ship, Vessel, Lighter, Boat, or other Craft, contrary to any such Order, Rule, or Regulation or Instructions, as shall be made in that behalf by the Directors of the said Company, or by the Superintendant of the said Docks, or by the Dock Masters of the said Company, or any One of them, for the Time being, as herein-before mentioned, the Master or other Person having the Charge or Command of such Ship or Vessel, and the Person or Persons having the Charge of such Lighter, Boat, or other Craft, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, to be recovered in Manner as aforesaid.

VII. And whereas further Powers and Provisions are found to be necessary respecting the keeping of Fires, Candles and Lamps on board Ships and other Vessels in the said Docks, be it further enacted, That no Person whomsoever shall have or keep, or cause to be had or kept any Fire, Candle or Lamp lighted, on board any Ship or other Vessel within the Docks or other Works of the said Company, at any Time or Times after the Hour of Four in the Evening, nor before the Hour of Seven in the Morning, between the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* and the Twenty-sixth Day of *March* in every Year, nor before the Hour of Five in the Morning between the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* and the Thirtieth Day of *September* in every Year, nor on board any Ship or other Vessel within the Docks or other Works of the said Company, having on board the same any Tar, Pitch, Rosin, Hemp, Flax, Faggots, Furze, Brandy or other Spirituous Liquors, Turpentine, Oil, Hay, Straw, Tallow, Grease, Shavings of Wood, or Combustible Matter whatsoever of any kind during any Part of the Time which such Ship or other Vessel shall be actually delivering or taking in her Cargo, upon Pain of forfeiting for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be recovered as aforesaid, unless the having of such Fire, Candle, or Lamp so lighted, shall be with the Permission in Writing of the Directors of the said Company, or of the Superintendant of the said Docks, or of the

For further Prevention of Fires, etc. on board Ships, etc. in the Docks.

Dock Masters, or One of the Dock Masters of the said Company for the Time being, for that Purpose first had and obtained.

Limiting the Notice of Removal of Ships, etc. by the Dock Master to One Hour.

VIII. And whereas by the said Act passed in the Fortieth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, it is enacted, That in case the Owner, Master, Pilot, Servant or other Person having the care of any Ship or other Vessel, shall refuse or neglect to moor, unmoor, move or remove the same, according to the Direction of the Dock Master or Dock Masters of the said Company, within Twelve Hours after Notice to him or them given in Writing, or left with some Person or Persons on board the said Ship or Vessel for that Purpose, that then it should be lawful for the said Dock Master or Dock Masters, or his or their Assistants, and he or they were by the said Act required to moor, unmoor, move, or remove such Ship or Vessel, and the Charges and Expences thereof respectively were thereby directed to be repaid, together with the Sum of Ten Pounds for each Offence, by the Master or Owner of such Ship or Vessel, and to be recovered or paid over in the Manner therein mentioned; and in case any Master, Commander, Mate, Pilot, or other Person or Persons having the Command of any Ship or other Vessel, or the Owner, Agent, Consignee, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, should obstruct or hinder the mooring, unmooring, moving, or removing of any Ship or other Vessel, such Person or Persons should for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be recovered and applied as therein mentioned: And whereas the said Time of Twelve Hours after such Notice as aforesaid, allowed by the said Act for complying with such Direction of the Dock Master or Dock Masters as aforesaid, has been found by Experience to be inconvenient; be it therefore further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, the said several Provisions, Penalties, Matters, and Things in the said Act contained, shall attach and take effect after One Hour from the Time of such Notice being given as aforesaid, in the same Manner to all Intents and Purposes as the same attach and take effect by virtue of the said Act, after Twelve Hours from the Time of such Notice being given as aforesaid.

Penalties of former Acts.

IX. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Penalty or Penalties, Forfeiture or Forfeitures imposed by any of the said recited Acts or this Act, is or are made recoverable after the same shall be demanded, it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer of the said Company for the Time being, or any Person or Persons by him authorized in Writing under his Hand for that Purpose, to make such Demand; and all Demands so made shall be deemed good and sufficient to all Intents and Purposes, any Thing to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Empowering One Justice to act in certain Cases.

X. And whereas by the said Act passed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, it is enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by the said Act imposed, concerning which no particular Direction had been therein already given, should, if the same should not be paid within Fourteen Days after the same should be demanded, be recovered and levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, which Warrant they were thereby empowered and required to grant upon the Information of One or more credible Witnesses upon Oath before them made, which

Oath they were thereby empowered to administer; and in case no such Distress as aforesaid could be had, then it should be lawful for the said Two or more Justices, by like Warrant or Warrants, to commit the Party or Parties offending to the Common Gaol of the County of *Middlesex* or House of Correction, for the Space of Ten Days, without Bail or Mainprize, or for any less Time at the Discretion of such Justices, unless the said Penalties and Charges should be sooner paid and satisfied: And whereas the said Powers and Provisions have been extended to the said other recited Acts: And whereas it is expedient that in certain Cases the said Powers should be given to One Justice of the Peace; be it therefore further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures, not exceeding Ten Pounds, imposed by any of the said recited Acts or this Act, concerning which no particular Direction hath been given, may be recovered and levied in the Manner and Form directed by the said Act passed in the Thirtieth and Fortieth Year of His present Majesty's Reign as aforesaid, before and by One Justice of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*; and all the said Powers and Provisions therein given and made to, and respecting Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County, as well relating to the Recovering, Levying, Distribution, and Mitigation of Penalties and Forfeitures, as respecting the Commitment of any Party or Parties offending, and also the Form of Conviction in the said Act mentioned, shall and may be used, exercised and put in force by One Justice of the Peace for the said County; any Thing herein or therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

XI. And whereas in pursuance of the said Act passed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, the Directors of the said *London Dock Company* have made a Dock to be used for the unloading of Ships, together with Quays and other Buildings, upon or near the Banks thereof, within the several Parishes in the County of *Middlesex* mentioned in the said Act of the Fortieth Year of His present Majesty, and have surrounded and inclosed the same by a strong and durable Wall not less than Twenty Feet high on all Sides, according to the Directions of the said Act, and such Wall is not built within Thirty Feet of any surrounding Buildings, or the Margin or Boundary of any Ground occupied by Buildings: And whereas it is provided by the said Act that no House or other Building shall be erected on the outside of the said Wall, nor any Building suffered to remain standing within Thirty Feet therefrom, which Provision hath been complied with, and various other Precautions have been taken in erecting the Buildings of the said Company to prevent Mischief by Fire; be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, the several Rules and Regulations contained in a certain Act of Parliament, passed in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the further and better Regulation of Buildings and Party Walls, and for the more effectually preventing Mischiefs by Fire within the Cities of London and Westminster, and the Liberties thereof, and other the Parishes, Precincts, and Places within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, the Parishes of Saint Mary-le-bone, Paddington, Saint Pancras and Saint Luke at Chelsea, in the County of Middlesex, and for indemnifying under certain Conditions, Builders and other Persons against the Penalties to which they are or may be liable for erecting Buildings within the Limits aforesaid, contrary to Law*, shall not extend or be construed to extend to any Buildings of the said Company erected or to be erected within the said Wall, by virtue of the said recited Acts or this Act.

Surrounding Walls.

14 G. 3. not to extend to this Act.

XII. And

Powers, etc.  
of former  
Acts extend-  
ed to this  
Act.

XII. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Regulations, and Privileges, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Matters, and Things contained in the said several recited Acts, (except so far as the same were respectively repealed, varied, altered, or expired before the passing of this Act, and also except so far as the same respectively are hereby repealed, varied, or altered), shall extend and be construed to extend to this Act, and to the said Directors and others carrying this Act into Execution; and also to all Persons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, and Corporations Aggregate or Sole, possessed of or interested in all or any of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments hereby authorized to be contracted and agreed for or purchased; and also to the Conveyance, Assignment, or Surrender of such Hereditaments to and vesting the same in the said Company, and to all other the Matters and Things herein-before comprised or having relation thereto, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same were severally and particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act, and made Parts thereof; and that the said several recited Acts (except as aforesaid) and this Act, shall as to all Matters and Things whatsoever be construed as one Act.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act, or in the said recited Acts or any of them contained, shall extend or be construed to extend to compel any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any other Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers of any Freehold or Leasehold Estates, Lands, Houses, Wharfs, Docks, Works, Hereditaments, or Premises, within the Limits aforesaid, to sell or dispose thereof to the said Company or to the Directors thereof, at any Time after the passing of this Act; any Thing herein or in any of the said recited Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Public Act.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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