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GEORGI III. REGIS.

Cap. 47.

An Act to authorize the Commissioners for improving and completing the Navigation of the Rivers *Thames* and *Isis*, from the Jurisdiction of the City of *London*, near *Staines*, in the County of *Middlesex*, to the Town of *Cricklade*, in the County of *Wilts*, to make a navigable Canal out of the River *Thames* near *Milson's Point*, in the Parish of *Egham*, in the County of *Surrey*, to communicate with the said River at or near *Bell Weir*, in the said Parish of *Egham*; and to erect Pound Locks in such Cut, with necessary Weirs and other Works on the said Navigation. [20th April 1812.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for improving and completing the Navigation of the Rivers Thames and Isis, from the City of London to the Town of Cricklade, in the County of Wilts*: And whereas another Act was passed in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act made in the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for improving and completing the Navigation of the Rivers Thames and Isis, from the City of London,* [Loc. & Per.]

11 G. 3. c. 45.

15 G. 3. c. 11.

28 G. 3. c. 51.

35 G. 3.
c. 106.

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Proposed
new Cut at
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to the Town of Cricklade in the County of Wilts: And whereas another Act was passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty, intituled, *An Act to explain, amend and enlarge the Powers of so much of Two Acts passed in the Eleventh and Fifteenth Years of His present Majesty, for improving and completing the Navigation of the Rivers Thames and Isis, from the City of London to the Town of Cricklade in the County of Wilts, as relates to the Navigation of the said Rivers from the Boundary of the Jurisdiction of the City of London near Staines, in the County of Middlesex, to the said Town of Cricklade*: And whereas another Act was passed in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty, intituled, *An Act for amending and rendering more effectual an Act passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty intituled, 'An Act to explain, amend and enlarge the Powers of so much of Two Acts passed in the Eleventh and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, for improving and completing the Navigation of the Rivers Thames and Isis, from the City of London to the Town of Cricklade in the County of Wilts, as relates to the Navigation of the said Rivers, from the Boundary of the Jurisdiction of the City of London near Staines, in the County of Middlesex, to the said Town of Cricklade'*; and for extending and enlarging the Powers of the said several Acts passed in the Eleventh and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His said present Majesty, so far as the same relate to the improving and completing of the Navigation of the said Rivers, from the Jurisdiction of the City of London near Staines, in the County of Middlesex, to the Town of Cricklade, in the County of Wilts: And whereas by the said Acts Power was given to borrow and take up at Interest, on the Credit of the Tolls thereby arising, the Sum of Seventy-five thousand Pounds for the improving and completing of the said Navigation: And whereas the Commissioners appointed for putting the said Acts into Execution have borrowed and taken up at Interest the Sum of Sixty-six thousand eight hundred Pounds on the Credit of the Tolls arising by virtue of the said Acts, and have expended the same, or the greatest Part thereof, in making and erecting necessary Pound Locks in such Parts of the Rivers as the said Commissioners had Power by the said Acts to make and erect, and in the purchasing of other Pound Locks, and in ballasting the Channel of the said Rivers, and making Horse Towing-paths and other necessary Works for the Improvement and Amendment of the said Navigation from the Boundary Stone of the City of London, near *Staines*, in the County of *Middlesex*, to or near *Lechlade*, in the County of *Gloucester*; and by reason of the erecting of the said Pound Locks, and making the said Horse Towing-paths and other Works, the Navigation of the said Rivers hath been much improved in Safety, Certainty, and Expedition; and the Price of the Carriage of Goods thereon hath been lessened within the Extent of the said Improvements: And whereas there are in that Part of the River between the City Stone and *Boulter's Lock* aforesaid, divers rapid Streams, Shallows, or Shoals, and short Turnings, defective Towing-paths, and long Bridges, inconvenient and dangerous to the Navigation thereof; and Levels and Surveys having been taken of the said Part of the River, it was been found necessary for the amending, improving, and completing of the Navigation thereof, to make a navigable Cut or Channel from and out of the said River at or near a Place called *Milson's Point* in the Parish of *Egham*, in the County of *Surrey*, into the said River again at or near a Place called *Bell Weir*, in the said Parish of *Egham*; and also to
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make and erect a Pound Lock therein, with all necessary Weirs, Bridges, Cuts, and Towing-paths thereto; but the same 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 all and every the Powers, Authorities, Proviso's, Restrictions, Clauses, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things contained in the before-recited Acts made in the Eleventh, Fifteenth, Twenty-eighth, and Thirty-fifth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, shall be and are hereby declared to be and continue in full Force and Effect for executing and performing the several Works by the said former Acts and by this Act authorized and directed to be done and performed (except so much as relates to Exemptions from Stamp Duties, and such Parts thereof as shall be altered, varied, or repealed by this present Act); and the Commissioners constituted and appointed under and by virtue of the said Acts, or either of them, shall have full Power and Authority to execute the said Acts, or so much thereof as shall remain in Force, and also this Act, and every Part thereof.

Powers of former Acts continued.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Eleven or more of them, assembled at any General Meeting specially called and duly advertised for that Purpose, pursuant to the said recited Acts; and they are hereby authorized and empowered to dig and make, or cause to be dug and made, a navigable Cut or Canal, and to make and erect a Pound Lock therein, with proper Tunnels, Towing-paths, Weirs, Bridges, Channels, Arches, Locks, and other necessary Works, from and out of the River *Thames*, at or near a Place called *Milson's Point*, in the Parish of *Egham*, in the County of *Surrey*, opposite to *Anchorwick*, in the Parish of *Wyrardisbury* or *Wraybury*, in the County of *Bucks*, to join and come into the said River *Thames* again in the Parish of *Egham*, in the County of *Surrey*, near to and below a Place called *Bell Weir*, nearly opposite to the Boundary Stone of the Jurisdiction of the City of *London*, near *Staines*, in the County of *Middlesex*; which said Canal is intended to be made in and to pass through the Parish of *Egham*, in the County of *Surrey*, and the Parish of *Wyrardisbury* or *Wraybury*, in the County of *Bucks*, as the said Commissioners shall think necessary or requisite for the Improvement of the said Navigation, in like Manner, under the like Regulations, Restrictions, and Conditions, and with Power of collecting the same Tolls at the said Lock or Pound Lock as the Commissioners are by the said Acts, or any of them, enabled to do in other Parts of the said River any Thing in the said recited Acts, or any of them, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and that all and every the Powers given and established by the said recited Acts, or any of them, for empowering and enabling the said Commissioners to set out, ascertain, and purchase any Houses, Messuages, Mills, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments; and also for enabling all Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Husbonds, Guardians, Trustees, Feoffees in Trust, Committees, Executors, and Administrators to contract for, sell, and convey unto the said Commissioners all or any Part of such Messuages, Mills, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments for the Use of the

Power of Commissioners to make new Cut, Pound Lock and Works.

Power to purchasing Lands, as by former Acts, for making new Works.

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said Navigation shall extend, and they are hereby declared to extend to the setting out, ascertaining, purchasing, contracting for, selling, and conveying any Messuages, Mills, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments necessary or requisite, or that by Order of the said Commissioners shall be deemed necessary or requisite for the digging or making of the said navigable Cut or Canal, and for making and erecting a Pound Lock therein, with all Tunnels, Towing Paths, Weirs, Bridges, Channels, Arches, Locks, and other necessary Works thereto, or that shall be deemed or thought necessary thereto, or for the Improvement of the said Navigation, according to the said Plan, from *Milson's Point* aforesaid, to or near *Bell Weir* aforesaid, and for the erecting Locks, or Pound Locks, Towing Paths, Ways, Cuts, Channels, Weirs, or other Devices, as if the same were repeated and re-enacted in this present Act.

Plans and Books of Reference to remain with the Clerk of the Peace.

III. And whereas Maps or Plans describing the Line of the said intended Canal, and the Lands through which the same are intended to be carried, together with a Book of Reference, containing a List of the Owners or reputed Owners and Occupiers of such Lands, have been deposited at the Offices of the Clerks of the Peace for the said Counties of *Surrey* and *Bucks*; be it therefore further enacted, That the said Maps or Plans and Books of Reference, hereinbefore mentioned or referred unto, shall remain with the Clerks of the Peace of the said Counties; and all Persons shall at any seasonable Times have Liberty to inspect and peruse, and to examine and take Extracts from or Copies of the same, at their Will and Pleasure, paying to the said Clerk the Sum of One Shilling for every such Inspection, and for Extracts from or Copies of the said Books of Reference, after the Rate of Three Pence for every Two hundred Words; and the said Plans and Books of Reference so deposited, or true Copies or Extracts of or from the same or either of them, signed by such Clerk of the Peace aforesaid, shall be and are hereby declared to be good Evidence in all Courts of Law or elsewhere where their Production may be necessary; and the said Commissioners, in making the said Canal, shall not deviate more than Fifty Yards from the Line thereof so described in the said Maps or Plans and Books of Reference as aforesaid; nor shall any such Deviation be made into or carried through the Lands of any Person or Persons, not named in the said Books of Reference, without the Consent in Writing of the Owners or reputed Owners for the Time being of the Estates, Lands, or Grounds which may be affected by any such Deviation respectively: Provided always, that no Advantage shall be taken of or against the said Commissioners, or any Interruption be given to the making of the said Canal on account of any Error or Omission in the said Books of Reference, in case it shall appear to any Two or more Justices of the Peace acting for the County, within which such Lands or Grounds shall lie, and be certified by Writing under their Hands, that such Error or Omission proceeded from Mistake.

Not to deviate more than Fifty Yards from the Line laid down in the Plans.

Purchase of Lands belonging to the Crown.

IV. And whereas the King's Most Excellent Majesty is seised in Fee of certain Lands, Grounds, and Hereditaments in the Parish of *Egham*, in the County of *Surrey*, through which the intended Canal, or Cut, to be made in pursuance of this Act, is to pass; and it will be necessary for the said Commissioners and their Successors to take and purchase several Parts of the said Lands, Grounds, and Hereditaments for the Purposes

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aforefaid: Be it therefore further enacted, That it fhall be lawful for the Commissioners authorized and appointed for putting this Act into Execution, at any Time or Times after the paffing of this Act, to contract and agree with the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or the Surveyor-General of His Majesty's Land Revenue for the Time being, for the Sale of any of the Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments abovementioned, of or belonging to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, his Heirs, or Successors, as the faid Commissioners appointed by this Act fhall deem proper and neceffary to be taken by them for making the Canal or Cut hereby authorized to be made, or any Part or Parts thereof, and for other Works and Conveniences thereto, or for any of the Purpofes of this Act, for the Prices or Considerations in Money which fhall be agreed upon between the faid Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or the faid Surveyor-General for the Time being; and the faid Commissioners appointed by this Act, and the faid Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenue, or the faid Surveyor-General for the Time being fhall, and they, or he, are and is hereby authorized and empowered to accept and receive a Consideration in Money for the Value of fuch Lands, Grounds and Hereditaments, and alfo Satisfaction for the Damages to be fufained in making and completing the faid Works hereinbefore directed; and the Purchase-Money arifing from fuch Sale fhall be paid into the Bank of *England*, to the Account of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in like Manner as the Money arifing from the Sales of Land Revenue, authorized by an Act of the Thirty-eighth Year of His prefent Majesty, intituled, *An Act for making perpetual, fubject to Redemption and Purchase in the Manner therein ftated, the feveral Sums of Money now charged in Great Britain as a Land Tax for One Year, from the Twenty-fifth Day of March One thousand feven hundred and ninety-eight*; and by another Act of the Forty-second Year of His prefent Majesty, intituled, *An Act for consolidating the Provisions of the feveral Acts paffed for the Redemption and Sale of the Land Tax into One Act, and for making further Provision for the Redemption and Sale thereof, and for removing Doubts refpecting the Right of Perfons claiming to vote at Elections for Knights of the Shire, and other Members, to ferve in Parliament in refpect of Messuages, Lands or Tenements, the Land Tax upon which fhall have been redeemed or purchafed*, are directed to be paid; and all Sales made under this Act of Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments of or belonging to His faid Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, fhall be made in the fame Manner and Form, and under the like Rules, Regulations, and Provisions, and fhall be to all Intents and Purpofes as valid and effectual as if the fame had been made under the faid Acts of the Thirty-eighth and Forty-second Years of His prefent Majesty or either of them; and from and immediately after the Payment of the Consideration Money and the Inrollment of the Certificate and Receipt, as provided by the faid laft mentioned Acts or either of them, the Fee-Simple and Inheritance of the Lands, Grounds, and Hereditaments fo contracted and agreed to be fold as aforefaid, fhall, by virtue of this Act, veft in the Commissioners for improving the faid Navigation, and their Successors for ever, for the Purpofes thereof; and in cafe the faid Commissioners for putting this Act into Execution, and the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Land Revenue cannot or do not

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agree as to the Amount or Value of such Consideration, Satisfaction, and Damage, the same shall be ascertained and settled by a Jury, in the like Manner and Form as is directed by the said recited Act passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty: Provided always, that no Contract shall be made by the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or by the said Surveyor General, in virtue of this Act, unless by special Warrant to be issued for that Purpose by the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, or any Three of them; except only in case it shall be found necessary that such Consideration, Satisfaction, and Damage as aforesaid, shall be ascertained and settled by a Jury.

Bridges to be made.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall, at their own proper Costs and Charges, from Time to Time, make, erect, and set up, and from Time to Time maintain and support such and so many convenient Bridges across the said Canal and Cut, and also Gates and Stiles in and through all the Hedges and Fences to be by them so made on the Side of such Towing-paths as aforesaid, in such Manner as the Justices of the Peace of the said County shall at the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace from Time to Time judge necessary, and appoint for the Use of the Owners and Occupiers of the Lands and Grounds, Mills or Hereditaments, adjoining to such Canal or Cut.

Power to borrow 25,000*l.* in addition to former Sums.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners or any Eleven or more of them, over and above the Sums of Fifty Thousand Pounds and Twenty-five Thousand Pounds allowed to be borrowed by the said recited Acts shall be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to borrow and take up at legal or less Interest on the Credit of the Works and Tolls arising on the said Navigation, a further Sum of Money not exceeding Twenty-five thousand Pounds, so that the whole Money borrowed or to be borrowed on the Credit of the whole of the said Navigation, shall not at any Time exceed the Sum of One hundred thousand Pounds.

Restriction between City Stone and Boulter's Lock repealed.

VII. And whereas in and by the said recited Act of the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty, it was enacted, That the said Commissioners should have Power to make a Cut or Cuts into and out of the said Rivers, for the Purpose of erecting or communicating with any Lock or Locks, Pound Lock or Pound Locks, or other Device, and to erect and make any Lock, Pound Lock, or other Device for the Improvement of the said Navigation; provided, that such Cut or Cuts did not exceed Three Statute Miles in Length, and were not made so as to divert the Course of the said Rivers; and that no Lock or Pound Lock be erected between the City Stone and Boulter's Lock: Now be it hereby enacted and declared, That the said Provisions shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Commissioners may erect Locks between Boundary of Jurisdiction of City of London, and Crick-

VIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to erect any Lock or Locks, Pound Lock or Pound Locks, or other Device for the Improvement of the said Navigation from the Boundary of the Jurisdiction of the City of London, near *Staines* in the County of *Middlesex*, to the Town of *Cricklade* in the County of *Wilts*; and to make any Cut and so many Cuts as they shall deem

deem necessary for the said Navigation, or for the Purpose of erecting or communicating with any Lock or Locks, Pound Lock or Pound Locks on the said Navigation: Provided nevertheless, that no one Cut shall exceed the Length of Three Statute Miles, nor be made so as to divert or stop up the present or usual Channel of the said River, or to turn, divert, or alter the Course of the Stream or Water passing through the same, nor be made through any Garden, Orchard, Yard, Park, Paddock, inclosed Lawn or planted Avenue to any House, without the Consent of the Owner or Proprietor thereof.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all Sums of Money to be paid to any Body Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees or Trustees for or on Behalf of any Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert or Cestuique Trusts, or to any other Person or Persons whomsoever whose Lands or Estates are limited in strict or other Settlement, or to any other Person under any other Disability for the Purchase of or by way of Compensation for Damage done or to be done to any Lands, Grounds, Tenements or Hereditaments by virtue of the Powers herein contained, shall be paid and applied in Manner following, (that is to say) in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds the same shall with all convenient Speed, be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant-General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account *ex parte* the said Commissioners, together with the Name or Names of such Person or Persons as any Seven of the said Commissioners shall by Writing under their Hands direct or appoint (although they may not be assembled at any Meeting to be held by virtue of this Act), to the Intent that such Money shall and may be applied and disposed of under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court (to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way, by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments), in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land-Tax, or Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrance or Part thereof as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments standing settled to the same or the like Uses, Intents or Purposes, or when such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested under the Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Grounds, Tenements or Hereditaments which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Premises which shall be so purchased, taken, used or damaged as aforesaid, stood limited or settled, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyances and Settlements, shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time, and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall by Order of the Court of Chancery, upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant-General in his Name, in the Purchase of *Three Pounds per Centum per Annum* Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities, and in the mean Time, and until such Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court, to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and Annual Proceeds

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of the same Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

In case the same be less than 20*l.* and exceed 20*l.*

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case any Monies so agreed, awarded, assessed or adjudged to be paid for or in respect of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, belonging to any Corporation, or to any such other Person or Persons as last herein before-mentioned, and which Monies would by virtue of this Act, in case the same amounted to Two hundred Pounds or upwards, be payable into the Bank of *England* as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall be equal to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, in respect whereof the same shall be paid, or of his, her or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, Trustee or Trustees, or other Person or Persons acting as such as aforesaid, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant-General of the Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in the Manner hereinbefore directed, or otherwise the same shall be paid at the like Option to Three Trustees to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by Seven or more of the said Commissioners, though they may not be assembled at any Meeting of such Commissioners, (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties) in order that such principal Money and the Dividends arising thereon may be applied in any Manner hereinbefore directed, so far as the Case shall be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the Court of Chancery.

In case the same do not amount to 20*l.*

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case such Money, so agreed, awarded, assessed or adjudged to be paid as last hereinbefore mentioned, shall not be equal to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being be entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in respect whereof the same shall be paid, in such Manner as the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them, whether assembled at a General Meeting or not, shall think fit, or to his, her or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, Trustee or Trustees, or other Person or Persons acting as such, to and for the Use of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively; and the Receipt or Receipts of the Person or Persons to whom the said Commissioners or any Seven of them as aforesaid shall direct the same to be paid, shall be sufficient Discharges for the same.

Purchase Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in certain Cases.

XII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Person or Persons to whom any Sum or Sums shall be awarded, assessed, or adjudged for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased by virtue of this Act, shall refuse to accept the same, or shall not

be able to make a good Title to the Premises, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, or in case such Person or Persons to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so awarded, assessed, or adjudged as aforesaid, cannot be found, or if the Person or Persons entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments be not known or discovered, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners to order the said Sum or Sums of Money so awarded as aforesaid, to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privy of the Accountant-General of the Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments [*describing them*], subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the Court of Chancery, which said Court, on the Application of any Person or Persons making Claim to such Sum or Sums of Money or any Part or Parts thereof, by Motion or Petition, shall be and is hereby empowered in a summary Way of Proceeding, or otherwise as to the same Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the Public Funds, and to order Distribution thereof or Payment of the Dividends thereof according to the respective Estate or Estates, Title or Interest of the Person or Persons making Claim thereunto, and to make such Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable, and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England*, who shall receive such Sum or Sums of Money, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums of Money, mentioning and specifying for what and for whose Use the same is or are received, to such Person or Persons as shall pay any Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforesaid.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Person in Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person or Persons to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privy of the Accountant-General of the Court of Chancery, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of, or as a Recompence for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased or taken in pursuance of this Act, or as a Satisfaction or Recompence for any Damages to be done by virtue of the Powers herein contained, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall be in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in respect whereof such Money shall have been so paid at the Time of passing this Act; and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments according to such Possession until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Chancery; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities shall be paid, applied and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

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XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons or Corporation entitled to any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments to be taken or purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said Court, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be settled to the like Uses; it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the Court shall deem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said Commissioners, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Public Act.

XV. 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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