

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO SECUNDO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 97.

An Act to enlarge the Powers of an Act passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act to enable the Rector of the Parish and Parish Church of Saint Mary Woolwich, in the County of Kent, for the Time being, to grant Building Leases of the Glebe Lands belonging to the said Rectory, and to sell the present Rectory House and Garden, and to build a new Rectory House.

[5th May 1812.]

HEREAS by an Act passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled An Act Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act to enable the 49 G. 3. Rector of the Parish and Parish Church of Saint Mary Woolwich, in the County of Kent, for the Time being, to grant Building Leases of the Glebe Lands belonging to the said Rectory, and to sell the present Rectory House and Garden, and to build a new Rectory House, Power and Authority is given to the Rector of the said Parish and Parish Church of Woolwich, for the Time being, by Indenture or Indentures, by him sealed and delivered, in the Presence of, and to be attested by Two or more credible Witnesses, by and with the Consent and Approbation of the Bishop of Rochester, for the Time being, to be signified by any Writing under his Hand and Seal, and from Time to Time, and at all Times thereafter, to demise or lease all, or any Part or Parts of the Glebe Lands belonging to the said Rectory, not exceeding in the whole Seventeen Acres, (Statute Measure) for any Term or Number of Years, not exceeding Ninetynine Years, unto any Person or Persons who shall be willing to take, build upon, and improve the same, by building and erecting, or causing to be built and erected thereon any Houses, Out-houses, Edifices, Buildings, or Structures, together with Ground sufficient for any Garden, Yard, Roadway, or Passage, for the Use and Convenience of the Lessees, [Loc. & Per.] and

and others the Tenants and Occupiers of the same; and which Lease, or Leases should be renewable at any Time, and should commence and take Effect in Possession, and not in Reversion, so as on the said Lease or Leases originally to be granted, or by way of Renewal, there should be reserved the best and most improved Yearly Ground-Rent or Ground-Rents that could be got or obtained for the Benefit of the said Rector and his Successors, without taking any Sum of Money, or other Thing by way of Fine, Income, or Foregift, except as is thereinafter excepted: And whereas by the said Act the Rectory House and Garden of the said Parish of Saint Mary, Woolwich, were vested in certain Trustees therein named, for the Purpose of being sold, and the Money to arise by such Sale was thereby directed' to be invested in the Purchase of Navy or Exchequer Bills, and applied towards building a new Rectory House, Garden, and Offices; and it is by the said Act provided, that such new Rectory House should be built to the Satisfaction of the said Bishop of Rochester, for the Time being, at a Price not exceeding Three thousand Pounds, within Thirty-six Calendar Months next and immediately following the Sale of the then present Rectory House and Garden: And whereas it is by the said Act further provided, that in case the Monies arising from the Sale of the then present Rectory House and Garden should fall short of, and not be sufficient to answer the several Purposes of the said Act, it should be lawful for the said Rector, for the Time being, to take and receive of and from any Person or Persons to whom he should grant any Lease or Leases as aforesaid, any such Sum or Sums of Money by way of Fine, Income, or Foregift, as might be necessary for and towards paying and discharging the Costs and Expenses preparatory to, and attending the applying for and obtaining and passing the said Act, and also towards the Expence of building and finishing such new Rectory House and Garden, but so as such Fine should not in the whole exceed Three thousand Pounds: And whereas, in pursuance of the said Act, the Trustees thereby appointed have sold the said Rectory House and Garden, and after defraying the Expences of the Sale and of the said Act, invested the Residue of the Money arising therefrom, in the Purchase of Exchequer Bills, and with the Approbation and Consent of the Bishop of Rochester, subsequently sold such Exchequer Bills, and applied the Produce thereof towards defraying so far the Expence of building a new Rectory House, Garden, and Offices: And whereas the said Hugh Fraser, with the Approbation of the Bishop of Rochester, hath granted and contracted to grant Building Leases of Part of the said Glebe Lands in Favour of divers Persons at reserved Rents, amounting in the whole to a Sum exceeding One hundred Pounds per Annum, and hath taken Premiums or Fines, amounting to about One thousand five hundred Pounds: And whereas more than One-half of the said Glebe Lands still remains to be let, and the said Hugh Fraser has every Prospect of letting the same to equal Advantage with what has been already let, and thereby considerably augmenting the Value of the Living; but owing to the limited Circumstances of the general Class of Inhabitants resident within the said Parish, the said Hugh Fraser hath found it impossible to raise a sufficient Sum of Money, by levying Fines towards defraying the Expences of building and completing the faid Rectory House and Gardens, under and by virtue of the Powers given to him in the said Act: And whereas the Building of the said Rectory House hath been proceeded in, and is at this Time nearly completed, and the Formation of the requisite Roads, Drains, and Fences, hath been carried into Effect, and they are now all completed: And whereas towards carrying on the faid

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faid Works, the Sum of Two thousand one hundred Pounds, or thereabouts, hath been expended, and after the Application of the Produce of the Exchequer Bills, in which the Residue of the Money arising from the Sale of the former Rectory House and Garden had been invested, and the Amount of the said Premiums or Fines, there will be wanting the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, or thereabouts, to enable the said Hugh Fraser to carry the Purposes of the said Act into Execution: And whereas it would be advantageous to the present and future Incumbents of the Rectory, if Power was given to the said Hugh Fraser to borrow a Sum of Money, by way of Annuity upon Two Lives, towards finishing and completing the said new Rectory House and Garden in the Manner directed by the said recited Act; but inasmuch as the necessary Sum of Money cannot be borrowed, nor any Security chargeable upon the Rents and Profits of the said Rectory be given for the same without the Aid or Authority of Parliament; wherefore Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subject Hugh Fraser, doth most humbly beseech 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 from and after the passing of this Act, it Rector of shall and may be lawful for the Rector of the Parish and Parish Church Woolwich of Wooltwich, in the County of Kent, for the Time being, by Bond or may raise Bonds. Grant or Grants Deed or Doods of Lands of Fords. Bonds, Grant or Grants, Deed or Deeds, or by some other Instrument Annuities. valid in the Law, by him sealed and delivered in the Presence of, and to be attested by Two or more credible Witnesses, by and with the Consent of the Bishop of Rochester, for the Time being, to be signified by any Writing under his Hand and Seal, to borrow any fuch Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, as may be necessary towards defraying the Expence of this Act, and for finishing and completing the said new Rectory House, Garden, and Appurtenances, in the Manner directed by the said Act, made in the Forty-ninth Year of His present Majesty, by the Sale of One or more Annuity or Annuities, upon One or more Life or Lives, and to fecure the Payment of such Annuity or Annuities by a Grant or Charge upon the Ground Rents, reserved under the Leases already granted, or which may be hereafter granted under and by virtue of the said Act of the Forty-ninth Year of His Majesty.

II. And be it further enacted, That in the Event that the Amount of Annuity may the Ground Rents shall be found insufficient for the Purpose of borrow. be charged ing the said Sum of Two thousand Pounds, it shall or may be lawful on Profits of to and for the Rector of the said Parish and Parish Church of Woolwich, for the Time being, to charge the said Annuity or Annuities upon the Rents and Profits of the said Rectory.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Money Money to be to arife by the Sale of the said Annuities, shall upon the Receipt thereof, invested in (subject to the Payment of the Costs, Charges, and Expences, preparatory to and attending the applying for and obtaining and passing this &c. Act) be invested in the Purchase of Navy or Exchequer Bills, in the joint Names of the Reverend George Avery Hatch, Clerk, Rector of Saint Matthews, Friday Street, and Saint Peters Cheap, both in the City of London, and of Alexander Frazer, of Lincoln's Inn, in the County of Middlesex, the Trustees named and appointed in and by the said Act of the Forty-ninth of His Majesty, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns; and such Navy or Exchequer Bills shall, from Time to

Time be fold, and the Monies thence arising be applied and disposed of towards defraying the Expences of finishing and completing the said new Rectory House, Garden, Offices, and Appurtenances.

When Rectory House completed, Trustees to be discharged.

IV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That when and as soon as the said new Rectory House, Garden, and Offices shall have been sinished and completed to the Satisfaction of the Bishop of Rochester for the Time being, a Declaration or Writing to that Effect, under the Hand and Seal of the Bishop, shall be a sufficient Release and Discharge to the said George Avery Hatch and Alexander Fraser, the Trustees named under this, and the former Act, for all the Monies which may have been applied by them, or by the faid Hugh Frazer, under their Authority, for and towards the Expence of building, finishing, and completing the faid new Rectory House, Garden, and Offices, pursuant to an Account thereof to be by them rendered and approved of, under the Hand and Seal of the Bishop of Rochester for the Time; and in case there shall be any Balance remaining in the Hands of the said Trustees after the Purposes of the said recited Act, and of this Act, shall have been carried into Effect, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Rector of the said Parish for the Time being, to lay out and expend the same, by and with the Approbation of the Bishop of Rochester for the Time being, in the planting of Trees, erecting of Hedge-rows, or other Fences, or in the making of Roads, Sewers, Drains, or Watercourses, or otherwise towards the making of permanent Improvements upon the Rectory House, Garden, and Glebe Land of the faid Rectory.

Trostees not accountable for each other, and to be repaid Expences.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That none of the prefent or future Trustees of this Act, shall be answerable or accountable for the other or others of them, or for involuntary Losses; and that by and out of any Monies which shall come to their or his Hands or Hand by virtue of any of the aforesaid Trusts, it shall be lawful for them or him to retain to and reimburse themselves and himself respectively all the Costs, Charges, and Expences, which they or he may respectively incur or sustain, in carrying the Trusts of the present Act into Execution, and not herein particularly provided for.

General Saving.

VI. Saving always to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to all and every Person and Persons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, his, her, or their Heirs, Successors, Executors, or Administrators, other than and except the said Bishop of Rochester for the Time being, and the said Hugh Fraser and his Successors, Rectors of the said Rectory, all such Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand of, in, to, and out of all and singular the Glebe Lands and Premises so to be leased as aforesaid, as they, every, or any of them respectively had before the passing of this Act, or could or might have had, held, and enjoyed, in case this Act had not been made.

Act to be printed by the King's Printers.

VII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be printed by the several Printers to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, duly authorized to print the Statutes of the United Kingdom, and a Copy thereof so printed by any of them, shall be admitted as Evidence thereof by all Judges, Justices, and others.

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