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Cap. 99.

An Act for inclofing Lands in the Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet* in the County of *Suffolk*.

[5th May 1812.]

WHEREAS there are within the several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet*, in the County of *Suffolk*, divers Open Fields, and also certain Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Grounds: And whereas *Lydia Baret* is Lady of the Manor of *Burgh Castle*, and is or claims to be entitled to the Soil of the Commons and Waste Grounds in the said Parish of *Burgh Castle*, and *Anthony Merry* Esquire, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, are Lord and Lady, or one of them is Lord or Lady of the Manor of *Herringfleet* late Priory, and are or claim, or one of them is, and claims to be entitled to the Soil of the Commons and Waste Grounds in the said Parish of *Herringfleet*: And whereas the said *Lydia Baret*, *Anthony Merry*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, *William Youell* Junior, *William Fisher*, *John Hanbury Williams*, *John Nessen*, and several other Persons, are Owners and Proprietors of the said Open Fields, and also of divers ancient commonable Messuages and Cottages, and Tofts (being the Sites of ancient commonable Messuages or Cottages), with the Lands, Tenements, and Appurtenances thereto belonging, within the said Parishes, and have in respect thereof a Right of Common, or are possessed of other Rights and Interests in, to, over, and upon the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands; and sundry of such Owners or Proprietors have or claim to have exclusive Rights of cutting Whins, Fern, and Heath upon certain Parts of the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands; and also Rights of Sheep-walk over the same or some Parts thereof: And whereas an Act was passed in the Forty-first Year of the Reign

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of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for consolidating in one Act certain Provisions usually inserted in Acts of Inclosure; and for facilitating the Mode of proving the several Facts usually required on the passing of such Acts*: And whereas the said Open Fields lie very much intermixed and dispersed in small Parcels, and are inconveniently situated for the several Owners and Occupiers thereof, and the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands, in their present uncultivated State, yield very little Profit; but if the same were divided, and specific Parts or Shares thereof allotted to and amongst the several Persons entitled thereto, or having Right of Common thereon, or otherwise interested therein, according to their respective Estates, Rights, and Interests, and such Allotments inclosed and held in Severalty, and all Rights of Common in, over or upon the same extinguished, it would be of great Advantage to such Persons and of public Utility, but such Division, Allotment, and Inclosure cannot be effected without the 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 said Open Fields, Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands shall be set out, divided, allotted, and inclosed in Manner hereinafter mentioned; and that *Henry Jermyn*, of *Sibton*, in the said County of *Suffolk*, Esquire, *Robert Boyden*, of *North Cove*, in the same County, Gentleman; and *Samuel Tolver*, of *Great Yarmouth*, in the County of *Norfolk*, Gentleman, and their Successors, to be elected in Manner hereinafter mentioned, shall be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for setting out, dividing, allotting, and inclosing the said Open Fields, Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands, and for putting this Act in Execution, in the Manner, and subject to the Rules, Orders, and Directions herein contained, and also subject to the Powers and Provisions of the said recited Act, except where the same are hereby varied and altered: Provided always, that all Powers, Authorities, Directions, Acts, Matters, and Things thereby or hereby vested in them, or authorized or directed to be done or executed by or before the said Commissioners, may be done and executed by or before any Two of them, and the same shall be as valid and effectual as if done and executed by or before all the said Commissioners.

Advantage to inclose.

Open Fields and Commons to be inclosed.

Appointment of Commissioners.

Two Commissioners may act.

Election of new Commissioners.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any of the said Commissioners shall refuse or become incapable to act in the Execution of the Powers hereby vested in him or them, or shall die before all the Powers and Authorities reposed in the said Commissioners shall be fully executed and performed, it shall be lawful for the remaining or surviving Commissioners or Commissioner, and they and he are and is hereby required by Writing under their Hands and Seals, or his Hand and Seal, from Time to Time within the Space of Thirty Days next after the Refusal, Incapacity, or Death of any such Commissioner or Commissioners to appoint another Person not interested in the said intended Division, Allotment, and Inclosure, to be a Commissioner in the Room of every such Commissioner so refusing or becoming incapable to act or dying; and every Commissioner so to be appointed shall have the like Power and Authority to execute this Act and the said recited Act as the Commissioner whom he shall succeed was vested with.

III. And be it further enacted, That out of the Monies that shall be raised for defraying the Expences of obtaining this Act, and of carrying the same and the said recited Act into Execution, there shall be paid to each of the said Commissioners as a Recompence for his Pains and Trouble, the Sum of Four Pounds and Four Shillings, and no more, for every Day he shall be employed in travelling to, attending at, or returning from the Meetings to be held for the Execution of this Act and the said recited Act. Allowance to Commissioners.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Notices and Advertisements necessary or requisite to be made and given by the said Commissioners, and not hereinafter, or by the said recited Act otherwise directed, shall be made and given by Advertisement in the *Ipswich Journal*, or if that Paper shall not be published, then in some other public Newspaper to be circulated in the said County of *Suffolk*. Directing how Notices shall be given.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall and they are hereby required to give or cause to be given public Notice in the several Parish Churches of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringsfleet* aforesaid, upon some *Sunday* immediately after the Time of Divine Service, or by Advertisement to be inserted in the *Ipswich Journal* or some other public Newspaper to be circulated in the said County of *Suffolk*, of the Time and Place of the First and every other Meeting for executing the Powers hereby vested in them Ten Days at least before every such Meeting, (Meetings by Adjournment only excepted); and that it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners at any of their Meetings to be holden in pursuance of this and the said recited Act, from Time to Time, as they shall find it convenient, to continue such Meetings by Adjournment; provided that if at any Meeting appointed to be holden as aforesaid, it shall happen that only One of the said Commissioners shall attend, such Commissioner may adjourn such Meeting to any future Day he shall see most convenient, giving due Notice to the others or other of the said Commissioners, and so from Time to Time as often as there shall be occasion, until Two or more of the said Commissioners shall be present. Notice of Meetings. One Commissioner may adjourn.

VI. And be it further enacted, That all Meetings of the said Commissioners for putting this Act into Execution, shall be held within the Distance of Eight Miles from the said Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringsfleet*; and that the Proprietors interested in the said Open Fields, Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands, and all Persons claiming to be interested therein, shall pay their own Expences, and the Charges and Expences of their Agents, Attornies, and Witnesses, when they shall attend the said Commissioners at any of their said Meetings. Where Meetings to be held. Proprietors to pay their own Expences.

VII. And be it further enacted, That if any Claim of Right of Common, or other Right or Interest in or to the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands intended to be divided, allotted, and inclosed by virtue of this Act, shall, by Writing to be delivered to the said Commissioners at such Time as shall be by them appointed for that Purpose in pursuance of the said hereinbefore recited Act, be objected to by any Person or Persons claiming to be interested in the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands, and the Party or Parties making such Claim shall persist therein, then the said Commissioners shall, and they are Disputed Claims to be heard, and determined by the Commissioners.

are hereby required at a Meeting to be by them held for that Purpose, of which they shall give public Notice at least Ten Days before the Time of holding the same, by Examination of Witnesses upon Oath, and by such other Evidence, Ways, and Means as they shall think proper to hear and determine the Matter of every such Claim so made and objected to, and persisted in as aforesaid; but that nothing herein contained shall authorize the said Commissioners to determine the Title to any Messuages, Cottages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments whatsoever.

Power to assess Costs.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall, and they are hereby empowered and required to assess such Costs and Charges as they shall think reasonable to be paid to the Party or Parties in whose Favour any such Determination shall be made by the Party or Parties against whom the same shall be made, and the same shall be paid within such Time as the said Commissioners shall appoint; and if any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay such Costs and Charges within Ten Days next after Demand thereof made, the same shall and may be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the said Commissioners, which Warrant the said Commissioners are hereby empowered and required to grant, upon Proof, on Oath, of such Neglect or Refusal, and of such Demand as aforesaid; and the Overplus (if any) after the Charges of levying the same shall have been deducted, shall be returned on Demand to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels.

Persons dissatisfied may try Claims at Law.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, interested or claiming to be interested in the said intended Division, Allotment, and Inclosure, shall be dissatisfied with any Determination of the said Commissioners, touching or concerning any Claim or Claims of Common or other Rights, or Interests in, to, over, or upon the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands hereby directed to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, or any Part thereof, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for such Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, to try such Claims at Law at the next or at the following Assizes to be holden for the said County of *Suffolk*, next after such Determination, first giving Fourteen Days Notice to the said Commissioners, or their Clerk, of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Action, and for that Purpose the Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, who shall be dissatisfied with the Determination of the said Commissioners, shall cause an Action to be brought upon a feigned Issue against the Person or Persons in whose Favour such Determination shall have been made, within Three Calendar Months after such Determination of the said Commissioners; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action is and are hereby required forthwith to appear to such Action, accept a Declaration, and plead to Issue (such Issue to be settled by the proper Officer of the Court in which the said Action shall be commenced, in case the Parties shall differ about the same); and the Verdict or Verdicts which shall be given in such Action or Actions shall be final, binding and conclusive upon all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, Body and Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, unless the Court wherein such Action or Actions shall be brought, shall

shall set aside such Verdict or Verdicts, and order a new Trial to be had therein, which it shall be lawful for the Court to do, as is usual in other Cases; and that after such Verdict or Verdicts shall have been obtained and not set aside by the Court, the said Commissioners shall, and they are hereby required to act in Conformity thereto, and to allow or disallow the Claim or Claims thereby determined, according to the Event of such Trial or Trials.

X. And be it further enacted, That if any of the Parties in any Action to be brought in pursuance of this Act shall die, pending the same, such Action shall not abate by reason thereof, but shall be proceeded in as if no such Event had happened. If any of the Parties die, Proceedings not to abate

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all such Orders and Determinations of the said Commissioners as shall have been made as aforesaid, with respect to such Claims touching which no such Action at Law shall be brought or commenced and proceeded in within the Time aforesaid, shall be final, binding, and conclusive upon all Persons whomsoever, any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding. Determination of the Commissioners to be final unless Parties proceed at Law.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons in whose Favour any such Determination as aforesaid shall have been made, and against whom any such Action or Actions might have been brought if living, shall die before any such Action or Actions shall have been brought, and before the Expiration of the Time hereinbefore limited for bringing such Action or Actions, it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, who might have brought such Action or Actions against the Person or Persons so dying, to bring the same within the Time so limited as aforesaid against such Person or Persons as if actually living, and to serve the Clerk of the said Commissioners with Process for commencing such Action or Actions, in the same Manner as the Party or Parties might have been served therewith if living; and it shall thereupon be incumbent on the Heir or Heirs, or other Person or Persons who shall claim the Benefit of such Determination as aforesaid, to appear and defend such Action or Actions in the Name or Names of the Person or Persons so dead, and Proceedings shall be had therein in the same Manner as if such Person or Persons had been actually living; and the Rights of all Parties shall be equally bound and concluded by the Event of such Action or Actions. In case of Death of Parties before Actions brought.

XIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend to enable the said Commissioners to determine any Right between any Parties, contrary to the Possession of any of such Parties (except in cases of Encroachments made since the Year One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two); but in case the said Commissioners shall be of Opinion, against the Right of the Person or Persons so in Possession, they shall forbear to make any Determination thereupon, until the Possession shall have been given up or recovered from such Person or Persons by Ejectment, or other due Course of Law. Right of Possession of Persons not to be determined by Commissioners.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons whomsoever, from and after the passing of this Act until the Execution of the Award of the said Commissioners, to cut, dig, pare, To prevent breaking the Soil of the Commons grave, grave,

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grave, break up, flay, or carry away the Turf, Flags, or Soil upon or from off the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands, or any Part thereof, or to fell, lop, top, cut down, take, or carry away any Shrubs, Bushes, Thorns, Ling, Furze, or Whins growing thereon, without the Licence or Consent of the said Commissioners, in Writing under their Hands, first had and obtained, (which Licence or Consent the said Commissioners are hereby empowered to grant, under such Rules, Orders, Regulations, and Restrictions as they shall think proper to insert therein); and if any Person or Persons shall after the passing of this Act, and before the Execution of the said Award, cut, dig, pare, grave, break up, flay, or carry away any Turf, Flags, or Soil from any Part of the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands, or fell, lop, top, cut down, take, or carry away any Shrubs, Bushes, Thorns, Ling, Furze, or Whins growing or being in or upon the same, without such Licence or Consent as aforesaid, or having obtained such Licence or Consent, shall act in any Manner contrary thereto, or to the Rules, Orders, Regulations, and Restrictions therein contained; every such Person being convicted thereof, either by his, her, or their own Confession, or upon the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witnesses or Witnessess, before any Justice of the Peace acting in and for the said County of *Suffolk*, not being interested in the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands, (and which Oath or Oaths such Justice is hereby authorized to administer, and to summon the Person or Persons complained of, and examine such Witness or Witnessess relating to the said Complaint,) shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay such Sum of Money as the said Justice shall direct, not exceeding Five Pounds, to be applied by the said Commissioners for the Purposes of this Act; and it shall be lawful for such Justice, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, directed to any Person or Persons whomsoever, to cause the said Penalty or any other Penalty incurred under this Act, to be raised and levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons offending (Demand having been first made thereof) rendering the Overplus (if any) after deducting the Charges of such Distress and Sale, to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels.

Power to
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ary Fences.

XV. And be it further enacted, That in order to shorten the Boundary Fences between the Lands and Grounds by this Act directed to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, and any adjoining Parish or Parishes, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, with the Consent in Writing under the Hand or Hands of the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the Manor or Manors, or Owner or Owners of the Soil, and under the Hands of the major Part in Value, according to the Land Tax Assessment, of the Land Owners in any Parish or Parishes interested in any Commons or Waste Grounds adjoining to the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet*, and also under the Hand or Hands of the Owner or Owners of any adjoining Lands upon which such Fence or Fences are intended to be made, to set out and ascertain the Boundary Fences to be made between the said Commons and Waste Grounds adjoining to the Lands and Grounds hereby intended to be divided and allotted in such Manner as they shall judge proper for the Purposes aforesaid; and after such Boundary Fences shall be set out and ascertained as aforesaid, the same shall be fenced by such Person or Persons in such Manner and at such Time or Times as the said Commissioners shall order and direct in and
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by their Award, and shall for ever thereafter be and be deemed and taken to be the Boundaries between the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet*, and such adjoining Parish or Parishes as aforesaid, any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That all Encroachments which have been made upon the said several Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands hereby intended to be divided and inclosed, at any Time since the Year One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, shall be deemed Part of the Lands to be divided and allotted by virtue of this Act, save and except such Parts thereof as have been inclosed by virtue of a Licence in Writing under the Hand of the Lord or Lady of any of the said several Manors: but no Person or Persons in Possession of any Land which has been so inclosed from the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands, within the Time aforesaid shall be entitled to any Allotment in respect thereof, under or by virtue of this Act; and in case any Dispute shall arise touching any such Encroachments, or the Extent thereof, every such Dispute shall be finally terminated by the said Commissioners.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Cottages, Huts, or other Buildings shall have been erected upon any Part of the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, or Waste Lands, or upon any Encroachments which shall have been made thereon at any Time since the Year One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, without such Licence as aforesaid, then the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered, in case they shall think fit, to make, sell, and dispose of such Encroachments whereon such Cottages, Huts, or other Buildings shall stand, or such other Parts of the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands, in lieu thereof, as they the said Commissioners shall think most proper and convenient, (not exceeding the Quantity or Value of such Encroachments respectively) to the Owners of such Cottages, Huts, or other Buildings, or any of them respectively, at such Price or Prices, to be paid as after mentioned, as they the said Commissioners shall deem fair and reasonable, and in and by their Award to set out, allot, and convey the same to such Purchaser or Purchasers, his, her, or their Heirs accordingly, and the Monies arising from such Sale or Sales shall be applied in and towards the Payment of the Expences attending the passing and executing this Act: Provided always, that if any Surplus Money shall remain after the Payment of such Expences as aforesaid, such Surplus shall be divided and apportioned between the several Proprietors and Persons interested in the said Lands and Grounds, in such Shares as shall be in Proportion to their respective Property and Interest therein, and the Shares of such of them as shall be Tenants in Fee Simple shall be paid to them respectively; and the Shares of the other Proprietors and Persons of and in such Surplus Money shall be applied and disposed of in Manner directed by the said recited Act in those Cases where any Money is to be paid for the Purchase or Exchange of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Timber or Wood growing thereon, and which Money ought to be laid out in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be settled to the same Uses; but if the Owner or Owners of any such Cottages, Huts, or other Buildings shall refuse to purchase their respective Encroachments, or such other Parts of the said Common Heaths, Marshes,

Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands in lieu thereof, at the Discretion of the Commissioners as they shall think most proper and convenient, not exceeding the Quantity or Value of such Encroachments as aforesaid, for the Price or Sum which the said Commissioners shall value the same at, or shall refuse or neglect to pay the respective Purchase Monies thereof, at such Time and Place, and to such Person or Persons as the said Commissioners shall for that Purpose at any Time before the Execution of their Award, by any Writing under their Hands direct, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners to pull down or cause to be pulled down such Buildings respectively, and convert the Materials thereof for the general Purposes of this Act.

Commissioners may stop up old Roads after new ones are made

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered with the Concurrence and Order of Two Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Suffolk*, acting in and for the Division in which the Road or Roads, Footpath or Footpaths hereinafter mentioned shall be situate, and not interested in the Repair of such Road or Roads, Footpath or Footpaths, to stop up, and direct to be discontinued any public Road or Roads, Footpath or Footpaths through any Part or Parts of the Lands or Grounds in the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet*, or either of them, which to the said Commissioners shall appear to be useless or unnecessary: Provided always, that such Order so to be made, shall be subject to an Appeal to the Quarter Sessions in like Manner, and under the same Provisions and Restrictions as if the same had been originally made by such Justices as aforesaid: Provided also, that none of the present Roads or public Highways within the said Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet*, or either of them, shall be shut up or discontinued until the Roads intended to remain Public Highways within the said several Parishes shall be set out according to the Directions of the said recited Act, and the same shall be properly formed, and made safe and convenient for Horses, Cattle and Carriages.

Ditches to be cleansed.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to cause any Ditches, Fences, Drains, Brooks, or Watercourses, within the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet* to be cleansed, opened, scoured, widened, deepened, or enlarged, and also to cause any new Ditches, Fences, Bridges, Drains, Brooks, or Watercourses to be made within the said several Parishes, and to make such Orders for maintaining such Ditches, Fences, Bridges, Drains, Brooks, or Watercourses in repair as they shall think proper; provided, that no such Works shall be made upon any inclosed Lands, without the previous Consent of the Owner or Owners thereof, testified by Writing under his, her, or their Hands; and that no such Brooks or Watercourses shall be diverted or turned without the Consent in Writing of the Owner or Owners of any inclosed Land, from which any such Brooks or Watercourses shall be diverted or turned, or into which the same shall be intended to be carried or conveyed.

No Cattle to be depastured in the Highways for 14 Years.

XX. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons shall graze or keep any Sort of Cattle or Swine whatsoever, in or upon any Part of the public Roads or Ways which the said Commissioners shall order and direct to be set out and fenced on both Sides, for the Space of Fourteen

Years next after the making and executing of their Award, under the Penalty not exceeding Forty Shillings, for every Bullock, Cow, Horse, Ass, Sheep, Lamb, Head of Swine, or other Beast which shall be found therein, to be paid to the Person or Persons who shall take and impound the same; and every Proprietor or Occupier of Lands and Tenements within any of the said several Parishes, and their and every of their Servants, and Labourers is and are hereby empowered to take and impound every such Bullock, Cow, Horse, Ass, Sheep, Lamb, Head of Swine, or other Beast, which shall be found grazing as aforesaid, at any Time or Times after any live Fences shall have been made or planted next the said Roads or Ways so fenced off as aforesaid, before the Expiration of the said Term of Fourteen Years.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall after they have set out and appointed the Public Carriage Roads and Highways in, through, over, and upon the said Open Fields intended to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, assign, set out and allot all the said Open Field Lands unto and amongst the several Owners and Proprietors thereof, and all and every other Person or Persons, and Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate having any Right or Interest in, to, over, or upon the same or any Part thereof, in such Shares and Proportions as the said Commissioners shall adjudge and determine to be proportionate to the Value of and a full Satisfaction and Compensation to him, her, or them respectively, for his, her, or their respective Parts and Shares, of and in such Lands, and his, her, or their respective Rights and Interests therein.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and required to set out and allot such Parts or Parcels of the Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands hereby intended to be divided and inclosed, as they shall think fit, in each of the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet* aforesaid, as and for Public Watering Places for Cattle, and as and for Public Clay, Gravel, and Sand Pits, with convenient Roads to and from the same, to be used by the Proprietors of Lands and Estates in the said several Parishes respectively, and their respective Tenants, as well for their own necessary Uses within the said Parishes only, in such Manner and under such Rules and Regulations as the said Commissioners shall by their Award direct or appoint, as in common for the Repairs of the Public and Private Roads within the same Parishes; and that such Allotments shall be vested in the Surveyors of the Highways of the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet* aforesaid respectively, in trust for the Purposes aforesaid; and it shall be lawful for them from Time to Time to let the said Allotments for Clay, Gravel, and Sand Pits (subject to such Right of taking Clay, Gravel, and Sand therefrom) for the best Rents that can be gotten for the same, and to apply the Profits thereof towards the Repairs of the Public Roads and Ways within the said several Parishes respectively.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, after they shall have set out the Public Roads and Ways, and Private Roads, Watering Places, Clay, Gravel, and Sand Pits, shall in the next Place assign, set out, and allot unto the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the said

several Manors, or to such of them respectively as may be entitled to the Soil of the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands hereby intended to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, according to their several and respective Rights and Interests therein, so much and such Part and Parts of the Residue of the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands respectively in each of the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet*, as in the Judgment of the said Commissioners shall be equal in Value to One-seventeenth Part thereof; and such Allotment or Allotments shall be in full Compensation, Recompence, and Satisfaction to such Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the said several Manors, for his, her, or their respective Rights and Interests in and to the Soil of the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands.

Allotment for
the Poor.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall also assign, set out, and allot unto the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the said several Manors, or to such of them respectively as shall or may be entitled to the Soil of the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands in each of the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet* respectively, and to the Rector, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said several Parishes for the Time being, and to their respective Successors, for the Use and Benefit of the poor Persons residing within the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet* respectively, such Part or Parts of the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands hereby intended to be divided, allotted, and inclosed as the said Commissioners shall think fit, provided that the Quantity so to be assigned, set out, and allotted in either of the said several Parishes shall not exceed the Proportions following; (that is to say,) in the Parish of *Burgh Castle* not exceeding in Value Ten Acres of the Average Value of the Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands within the said Parish of *Burgh Castle*, and in the Parish of *Herringfleet* not exceeding in Value Eight Acres of the Average Value of the Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands within the said Parish of *Herringfleet*; which said several Allotments when set out shall be, and the same shall be deemed to be vested in such Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies as aforesaid, and the Rector, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of each of the said Parishes respectively for the Time being for ever, upon Trust that they the said Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies, Rector, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said several Parishes respectively, and their Successors for the Time being, or the major Part of them shall, and they or the major Part of them are hereby authorized and required, by any Deeds or Writings under their respective Hands and Seals or otherwise, from Time to Time, to demise and let the said Lands so to be allotted to them respectively as aforesaid, or any Part or Parts thereof, by Public Auction (of which Auction One Month's public Notice shall be given upon a *Sunday* in the Parish Church of each of the said several Parishes respectively, immediately after Divine Service) to any Person or Persons whomsoever, for any Term or Number of Years they shall think proper, not exceeding Twenty-one Years, so that in every such Lease there be reserved and made payable to the said Trustees for the Time being, or the major Part of them, by Two equal Half-yearly Payments in every Year, the best and most improved yearly Rent or Rents that can be reasonably obtained for the

the same, without taking any Income, Fine, Premium, or Foregift, in consideration of granting such Lease or Leases, and so that in all such Leases there be contained the usual Covenants and Stipulations between Lessors and Lessees, and such other Covenants, Stipulations, and Agreements, and such Security for the Performance of the same as the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, shall think proper to be inserted therein; and all such Deeds and Writings shall be good and valid in the Law, and the Rents and Profits arising from such Lands shall from Time to Time be paid to the said Trustees of the Poor of each of the said several Parishes for the Time being, and be by them applied for the Use and Benefit of such poor Inhabitants in the Purchase of Coals or other Fuel, to be distributed to them in such Proportions and Quantities, at such Time and in such Manner in every Year, and according to such Rules and Orders as the said Trustees for the Time being of each of the said several Parishes respectively, or the major Part of them for the Time being, shall think most beneficial: Provided always, that in case the Rents and Profits of any or all of such Allotments in either or both of the said several Parishes shall at any Time or Times be more than sufficient to answer the Purposes for which the same is or are hereby directed to be set out, then and so often it shall be lawful for the said Trustees for the Time being, or the major Part of them, (in such of the said Parishes wherein the same shall happen) to apply and dispose of the Overplus of such Rents and Profits for the Relief and Benefit of the Poor of the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet* respectively, in such Manner as they shall think proper; provided always, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the said several Manors Trustees as aforesaid, and the said Rector respectively for the Time being, to act in the Execution of the Trusts hereby reposed in them as aforesaid (except the signing and executing of any Lease to be by them made) by their Agents or Proxies respectively to be appointed in Writing under their respective Hands.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That after all the Allotments herein-
 before mentioned shall be made, the said Commissioners shall then assign, Allotment of the Residue.
 set out, and allot all the Residue and Remainder of the said Common
 Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands unto and amongst the several
 Persons, and the several Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Colle-
 giate interested therein at the Time of such Division, Allotment, and
 Inclosure, according to their respective Rights of Common, and other
 Rights and Interests in, to, over, and upon the said Common Heaths,
 Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands so to be divided and inclosed as afore-
 said (other than and except such Rights and Interests for which a Com-
 pensation is hereinbefore directed to be made as aforesaid), in such Shares
 and Proportions as the said Commissioners shall adjudge and determine
 to be proportionate to the Value of and in full Satisfaction and Compen-
 sation to him, her, or them respectively, for his, her, or their respective
 Parts and Shares of such Lands and Grounds, and his, her, or their re-
 spective Rights or Interests therein, subject to the Rules, Orders, and
 Regulations of this Act and the said recited Act: Provided always, that
 all such Owners and Proprietors of Lands and Grounds lying in the said
 several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet*, who shall prove to the
 Satisfaction of the said Commissioners an Exercise of a Right of Com-
 mon in respect of such Lands or Grounds, previous to the Year One
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thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, in, over, and upon any of the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands so intended to be divided, allotted, or inclosed in the said several Parishes, and who shall deliver in their Accounts or Claims in Manner prescribed by the said recited Act, shall be deemed to be entitled to a Right of Common of Pasture upon the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands, lying in the said several Parishes respectively in which such Lands or Grounds shall be respectively situated.

Allotment for Houses not to be affected on account of the Persons being entitled to the Soil. **XXVI.** Provided always, and be it enacted, That the Right of the said *Lydia Baret, Anthony Merry* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, or any other Person or Persons, to an Allotment or Allotments of the said Commons and Waste Grounds in the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet*, for or in respect of his, her, or their Houses or Lands in the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet*, shall not in any Manner be prejudiced or affected by or on account of the said *Lydia Baret, Anthony Merry*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, or such other Person or Persons being entitled to the Soil of the said Commons and Waste Grounds, in the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet*, or any Part thereof; or of such Houses or Lands, or any of them being or at any Time heretofore having been the Property of the Person or Persons who is, are, hath, or have been the Owner or Owners of the Soil of the said Commons and Waste Grounds, or any Part thereof, but that the said *Lydia Baret, Anthony Merry*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, and all such Owners and Proprietors of Houses or Lands in the said Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet*, as shall prove to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners the Exercise of Rights of Common, in respect of such Houses or Lands in, over, or upon the said Commons and Waste Grounds, and who shall deliver in their Accounts or Claims in Manner prescribed by the said recited Act, shall be deemed to be entitled to the Right or Rights of Common, the Exercise whereof shall be so proved in the same Manner as such Person or Persons would have been in case such Houses or Lands had never been the Property of the Person or Persons entitled to the Soil of the said Commons and Waste Grounds.

Disputes to be settled by the Commissioners. **XXVII.** And be it further enacted, That in case any Dispute or Difference shall arise between any of the Parties, touching the respective Shares and Proportions of the said Open Fields, Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands, hereby intended to be set out, divided, allotted, and inclosed, which they or any of them are entitled to or ought to have in lieu of their Rights of Common, or other Rights or Interests in, to, over, or upon the same, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to examine into, hear and determine the same.

Commissioners to exhibit a Schedule of the intended Allotments. **XXVIII.** Provided always, and be it further enacted, That when the said Commissioners shall have set out the several and respective Allotments to the said Owners and Proprietors respectively of the said Open Fields, Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands to be set out, divided, and allotted by virtue of this Act, they the said Commissioners shall give Notice in such Manner as is hereinbefore directed with respect to their Meetings, of some convenient Time and Place, when and where all Persons interested may peruse a Schedule of such intended Allotments, and may take a Copy of such Schedule, or any Part thereof; and

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in regard that some Person or Persons may be dissatisfied with their intended Allotments the said Commissioners shall give Notice as aforesaid of a Meeting to be held by them for receiving Complaints or Objections to such intended Allotments, and for hearing and determining such Complaints and Objections; and the Determination of the said Commissioners as to such Allotments shall be final, binding, and conclusive upon all Parties and all Persons interested therein.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That in making the several Allotments aforesaid the said Commissioners shall have due regard, as well to the Quantity and Quality of the said Lands and Grounds so to be set out, divided, allotted, and inclosed as aforesaid, as to the Situation and Contiguity of the same to the respective Habitations, Messuages, Barns, and other Property of the said Parties to or for whose Use such Lands or Grounds shall respectively be assigned and allotted. For laying Allotments conveniently.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall or may have sold, or at any Time before the Execution of the Award of the said Commissioners shall sell his, her, or their Right of Common Interest, or other Rights, or any Part thereof, in, over, or upon the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands to any Person or Persons whomsoever, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and required (on receiving the Contract, or Agreement, or Memorandum thereof in Writing, signed by every such Vendor and Vendee of such Sale, at a Meeting of the said Commissioners to be appointed for that Purpose) to make the Allotment of the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands unto the Vendee or Purchaser under such Sale, or to his, her, or their Heirs or Assigns, for and in respect of the Estate under which the Vendor claims such Right of Common Interest and other Rights, or such Parts thereof so sold as aforesaid; and every such Vendee or Purchaser, and his or her Heirs or Assigns shall and may, from and after the Execution of the said Award, hold and enjoy the Lands so to be allotted to him or her as aforesaid, in the same Manner, subject to the same Incumbrances and to all Intents and Purposes as the Vendor in every such Sale might, could, or ought to have held and enjoyed the same, in case such Sale had not been made, or such Right of Common Interest or other Right had still remained vested in such Vendor at the Time of making such Allotment as aforesaid. In case any Person sells his Common Right, the Allotment to be made to the Purchaser.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That all such Part and Parts of the said Open Field Lands or Grounds, as shall be assigned, set out, and allotted by virtue of this Act to any Person or Persons, for or in respect of any Open Field Lands or Grounds holden of any Manor or Manors, by Copy of Court Roll or for or in respect of any Leasehold, Open Field Lands or Grounds, and also all such Part or Parts of the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands as shall be assigned, set out, or allotted, for or in respect of any Right of Common or other Right or Interest appurtenant to any Messuages, Cottages, or Tofts, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which are holden by Copy of Court Roll of any Manor or Manors or which are Leasehold, shall from and after the Execution of the Award of the said Commissioners be deemed and taken to be Copyhold and Leasehold respectively, according to the Tenure of the Messuages, Allotments for Copyhold or Leasehold Premises, to be of the same Tenure; other Allotments to be Freehold.

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Cottages, or Tofts, Lands, Tenements, Open Fields, Lands, Grounds, and Hereditaments, for or in respect of which they shall be so assigned, set out, or allotted, and shall be held accordingly by and under the same Tenure, and subject to the same Rents, Payments, Fines, Customs, and Services as the Copyhold or Leasehold Messuages, Cottages, or Tofts, Open Field Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments respectively for or in respect whereof any such Allotment shall be made, are now holden; and the said Commissioners shall, in and by their said Award, ascertain the Quantities of and determine, describe, and abut the said several Lands and Grounds which are so to be and remain Copyhold or Leasehold respectively as aforesaid, and all other the Lands and Grounds to be assigned, set out or allotted by virtue of this Act, (save and except such as shall be so ascertained by the said Commissioners to be Copyhold or Leasehold respectively), shall from thenceforth be deemed, taken, and enjoyed as Freehold Lands and Grounds, subject nevertheless to such Free Rents and Services as are now payable out of the respective Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for or in respect whereof the same shall or may be allotted; and that all and every Person or Persons to whom such Copyhold Allotments shall be made as aforesaid shall, within the Space of Six Calendar Months next after the Execution of the said Award, or at the first General Court Baron to be holden for each of the said several Manors next after the Expiration thereof, be admitted Tenants to the same respectively; and in case the Person or Persons to whom such Copyhold Allotment or Allotments shall be made as aforesaid, any or either of them shall have been before admitted thereto or to the Messuages, Cottages, or Tofts, Open Field Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments in respect whereof the same shall have been made, no Fine or other Charge shall become payable to the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies, or to the Stewards of any of the said several Manors, (save and except the Stamp Duties and Parchment requisite to be used for the Copies of such Admissions and the accustomed Fees to the respective Steward or Stewards of the said Manor or Manors); but in case any such Person or Persons as aforesaid, to whom any such Copyhold Allotment or Allotments shall be made as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to be admitted thereto within the Time aforesaid, or shall not have been before admitted to the same, or to the Messuages, Cottages, or Tofts, Open Field Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments in respect whereof the said Allotment or Allotments shall have been made, or shall die without Admittance, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the said Manors respectively for the Time being to take and use all such Measures for compelling such Admission or Admissions to the said Allotment or Allotments respectively as such Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies are now by Law, and according to the Customs of the said several Manors empowered to take and use for want of a Tenant to any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments holden by Copy of Court Roll of his, her, or their said several Manors, and in such Case the same Fines, Fees, and other Payments shall be due and payable on such Admission or Admissions respectively as such Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies, and the Stewards of the said Manors respectively are now by Law and the Customs of the same Manors respectively entitled to take and receive upon Admissions to any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments holden by Copy of Court Roll of the said several Manors respectively; and from and after the First Admission, all the said Copyhold Allotments

Proprietors to be admitted to Copyhold Allotments within a limited Time.

ments shall for ever thereafter be held under the same Tenure, and subject to the same Services, Fines, and other Payments as the present Copyhold Messuages, Cottages, or Tofts, Open Field Lands and Hereditaments in respect whereof such Allotments shall be made are now held under, and subject and liable to: Provided always that all such Allotments of the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands as shall be made for or in respect of any such Right of Common, or other Right or Interest appurtenant to any Copyhold Messuages, Cottages, or Tofts, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments as aforesaid shall be subject and liable to and the Proprietors thereof respectively, for the Time being, shall pay to the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the said several Manors respectively for ever, a yearly Quit Rent at and after the Rate of One Penny *per* Acre for every Acre of the said Lands and Grounds which shall be so allotted, and so in proportion for any less Quantity than an Acre, at such Time or Times as the said Commissioners shall in and by the said Award appoint for the Payment of the same: Provided also, that no Allotment of the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands, so to be made in respect of any such Right of Common, or other Right or Interest appurtenant to any such Copyhold Messuages, Cottages, or Tofts, Lands, or Hereditaments which shall contain in the whole a smaller Quantity than One Rood, (unless it shall be the entire Quantity which shall be allotted to any such Proprietor) shall by the said Commissioners be declared to be Copyhold.

Copyhold Allotments of Commons to be subject to a Quit Rent.

Not to be less in Quantity than

XXXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to revoke, make void, alter, or annul any Will or Settlement, or to prejudice any Person or Persons having any Right or Claim of Dower, Jointure, Portion, Debt, or Incumbrance out of, upon, or affecting any of the Lands or Grounds to be set out, divided, allotted, and inclosed as aforesaid, or any Part or Parts thereof respectively; but that each and every Proprietor shall stand and be seised of the Allotment and Allotments to be set out, assigned, and allotted to him, her, or them as aforesaid, or which shall be sold, given, or taken in Exchange in pursuance of this Act, or of which Partition shall or may be made in pursuance of the before-recited Act to such and the same Uses, and for such and the same Estates, and subject to such and the same Wills, Jointures, Limitations, Trusts, Charges, and Incumbrances, and no other, as the same Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, for or in respect whereof such Allotments, Exchanges, or Partitions shall be made would have been subject or liable to be charged with or affected by, in case the same had remained uninclosed, unsold, unexchanged, or no Partition thereof had been made as aforesaid.

Wills and Settlements not to be affected.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Proprietor or Proprietors of any Messuages, Lands, and Tenements within the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet* shall hold the same by different Tenures, or for different Estates, or in different Rights, or under different Titles, the said Commissioners shall, upon the Request of any such Proprietor or Proprietors, ascertain and distinguish the Messuages, Lands, and Tenements held by each of such Tenures for each of such Estates, and under each of such Rights or Titles respectively, and shall accordingly in their said Award assign, set out, and allot distinct and several Allotments

Separate Allotments to be made for Estates held under different Titles.

Allotments by distinct and several Descriptions for such respective Messuages, Lands, or Tenements, and shall declare in Right of what Estate or Estates such Allotments respectively shall have been made; and in case the said Commissioners, from want of necessary Information or for any other Cause, shall not discriminate and distinguish such different Rights or Titles, different Estates, or different Tenures in their Award, it shall be lawful for them, at any Time within Twelve Calendar Months after the Execution of the said Award, upon the Request in Writing of any Person or Persons interested, to do or cause to be done all proper and necessary Acts for the Purpose of enabling them to make such Discrimination and Distinction as aforesaid, in the same Manner as they might or could have done by their said Award; and when and as soon as the said Commissioners shall have obtained sufficient Information for the Purpose by any Deed or Instrument in Writing under their Hands and Seals to ascertain and distinguish the Difference of such Tenures, Estates, Right and Titles respectively, and to make distinct and several Allotments in the same Manner as they are hereby authorized to do by their said Award, and every such Deed or Instrument shall have the same Force and Effect as if the same was contained in the said Award, and shall be delivered to the Person or Persons upon whose request the same shall have been executed, or to the Person or Persons to whom the Custody of the Deeds and Writings concerning the Title to the Premises in question shall, in the Opinion of the said Commissioners, properly belong for the Time being, and all the Costs, Charges, and Expences which shall be occasioned by the Proceedings of the said Commissioners in making such Discrimination or Distinction, and Allotment or Allotments, and of preparing and settling any such Deed or Instrument, or in anywise relating thereto, shall be ascertained and settled by the said Commissioners, and shall be paid by the Person or Persons who shall make such Request as aforesaid, or by his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators to such Person, and at such Time and Place as the said Commissioners shall by Writing under their Hands appoint; and in case such Costs, Charges, and Expences shall not be so paid, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby required to raise and levy the same by such Ways and Means as the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining this Act, and executing the said recited Act and this Act, can or may be raised and levied.

Leases to be
void as to
Open Fields.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That for the Purposes of facilitating the setting out and allotting the Open Field Lands, and the exchanging any Part or Parts of the old inclosed Lands within the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet*, all and every Lease and Leases and other Agreements for any Term or Number of Years, which is or are now subsisting of all or any Part of the Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said respective Parishes, either alone or together with any other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments shall cease, determine, and be void, so far as any such Lease or Leases or other Agreements affect or concern any Open Field Lands or old Inclosures which shall be allotted or exchanged by virtue of this Act, and every Tenant or Occupier thereof shall, immediately after the signing of the Award of the said Commissioners, or at such other Time or Times as the said Commissioners shall thereby or by any Writing under their Hands for that Purpose appoint, give and resign up the full and peaceable Possession

session of such allotted or exchanged Lands, to the Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, to or with whom the same shall be respectively allotted or exchanged; but the Tenants or Occupiers of such allotted or exchanged Lands, shall instead thereof have and receive the quiet and peaceable Possession of the Lands and Grounds to be taken by such Lessor, Owner, or Proprietor, in lieu of or in Exchange for such Lands respectively, or shall receive from such Lessors, Owners, or Proprietors thereof, such Satisfaction as the said Commissioners shall ascertain, order, direct, or appoint to be paid to such Tenants respectively, as an Equivalent for the Loss or Losses they shall respectively sustain thereby; and if the Money so to be ascertained and directed to be paid as aforesaid shall not be paid to the Person or Persons entitled to receive the same, within Ten Days after Demand made thereof, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby required to raise and levy the same for the Use and Benefit of the Person or Persons entitled thereto, by such Ways and Means as the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and executing this Act can or may be raised and levied: Provided always, that the Option of retaining the Allotments or receiving Satisfaction in lieu thereof, hereinbefore given to such Tenants or Occupiers, shall be declared in Writing under his, her or their Hands, and be delivered to the said Commissioners within One Month from the Time of their exhibiting the Schedule of Allotments hereinbefore directed to be made and exhibited: Provided always, that if there shall be any Lease of Lands, Part of which shall lie in either of the said several Parishes, and Part in any adjoining Parish, all and every such Lease and Leases upon Rack Rent now subsisting, may be vacated, but where any Land shall be taken in Exchange, which Land shall be under Lease and wholly situate in any adjoining Parish, the Lease of such last-mentioned Land shall not be vacated.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Lease and Leases and other Agreements at Rack or Extended Rent, which is or are now subsisting of all or any Part of the Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle and Herringfleet*, either alone or together with any other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall cease, determine, and be void, so far as such Lease or Leases or other Agreements affect or concern any Allotment or Allotments of the Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands, which shall be made to any Person or Persons whomsoever, for and in respect of any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments comprized in any such Lease or Leases or other Agreements, and it shall and may be lawful for the respective Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords of any such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to enter into and upon such Allotment or Allotments, and to hold and enjoy the same for and during all such Time and Term as the said Lessee or Lessees, Tenant or Tenants, shall or may have to come and unexpired of such Leases or Agreements respectively, making such yearly Deduction or Allowance out of the Rent or Rents in and by such Leases or Agreements reserved or agreed to be paid by such Lessees or Tenants respectively, for and during all the Residue of such Term or Terms therein, as the said Commissioners shall in and by some Instrument or Instruments in Writing, under their Hands, for that Purpose ascertain and determine to be a reasonable Compensation for the Loss of the Right or

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Rights of Common, which hath or have been accustomed to be used and exercised by such Lessee or Lessees, Tenant or Tenants, in virtue of the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so leased to or agreed to be held by him, her, or them respectively, unless in cases where by any such Lease or Agreement the Right of Common is excepted and reserved to the Landlord; but in case any such Lessors or Landlords shall not within One Calendar Month next after the said Commissioners shall have made such Allotment or Allotments, and exhibited a Schedule thereof as hereinbefore directed, give Notice in Writing of his, her, or their Intention of taking and holding the Allotment or Allotments so to be made of the said Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands, to the Lessee or Lessees, Tenant or Tenants thereof respectively, such Notice to be left at his, her, or their last or most usual

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Place or Places of Abode, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for such Lessee or Lessees, Tenant or Tenants respectively, to enter upon the said Allotment or Allotments so to be made to such Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords as aforesaid, and to hold and enjoy the same for and during all such Time and Term as he, she, or they shall have to come and unexpired in such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, by virtue of such Lease or Leases or other Agreements, upon paying such further or advanced Rent or Rents to their respective Lessors or Landlords, and under and subject to such Orders and Regulations respecting the Tillage and Management thereof, as shall be ascertained and determined by the said Commissioners, and be specified in and by some Instrument or Instruments in Writing under their Hands, to be made at the joint Expence of such Lessors and Lessees respectively, which Rent or Rents shall be paid at such Time or Times, and in such Manner, as the said Commissioners shall by such Instrument or Instruments respectively appoint; and such Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, shall have such Powers and Remedies for the recovering and obtaining such additional Rent, as he, she, or they had, or was or were entitled to have had, for obtaining and recovering the original Rent reserved by such Lease or Leases or other Agreements;

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but if such Lessee or Lessees, Tenant or Tenants, shall not within One Calendar Month next after the Date of such Instrument or Instruments as aforesaid, give Notice in Writing of his, her, or their Intention of holding such Allotment or Allotments, and thereby agree to pay for the same such Rent or Rents as the said Commissioners shall have so appointed to be paid to the Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords thereof (such Notice to be left at his, her, or their last or most usual Place of Abode), that then and in such Case the Allotment or Allotments so to be made in right of the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments respectively leased, or agreed to be held by such Lessee or Lessees so neglecting or refusing to give Notice as aforesaid, shall go to and remain unto, and be held and enjoyed by his, her, or their respective Lessors or Landlords, freed and discharged of and from all Right and Interest in such respective Leases.

Power to
make
Exchanges.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to set out, allot, and award any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet*, in lieu of or in exchange for any other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said Parishes, or within any adjoining Parish, Hamlet,

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or Place; provided that all such Exchanges be ascertained, specified, and declared in and by the Award of the said Commissioners, and be made with the Consent of the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which shall be so exchanged whether such Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors shall be a Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, or a Tenant, or Tenants in Fee Simple, or for Life or Lives, or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or by the Courtesy of *England*, or for Years determinable on a Life or Lives, or with the Consent of the Guardians, Trustees, Feoffees for Charitable and other Uses, Husbands, Committees, or Attornies of, or acting for any such Owners, or Proprietors as aforesaid, who at the Time of making such Exchange or Exchanges shall be respectively, Infants, Femes Covert, Lunatics, or under any other legal Disability, or who shall be beyond the Seas, or otherwise disabled to act for themselves, himself, or herself, such Consent to be testified in Writing under the Common Seal of every such Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and under the Hands of the other consenting Parties respectively; and all and every such Exchange and Exchanges so to be made shall be good, valid, and effectual, in the Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever: Provided nevertheless, that no Exchange shall be made of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments held in Right of any Church or Chapel, or other Ecclesiastical Benefice, without the Consent testified as aforesaid, of the Patron thereof, and of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese in which such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be exchanged shall be situate: Provided always, that all Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the making of any Exchanges and Partitions shall be paid and borne by the several Persons making such Exchanges or Partitions in such Manner, and in such Proportions as the said Commissioners shall by their Award order and direct.

XXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice, lessen, or defeat the Right, Title, or Interest of any Person or Persons, or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, in or to any Tithes arising or renewing out of or payable in respect of any Lands hereby directed to be divided and allotted, but that such Tithes shall be payable and paid, at all Times hereafter, in the same Manner as they would have been, in case this Act had not been passed.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges and Expences of making and forming the Public Carriage Roads, and of putting the same into good and sufficient Repair, and of the Surveyor or Surveyors to be appointed, as by the said recited Act is directed, shall be borne by the several Persons who are by this Act charged with or made liable to the Payment of the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and executing the same or any Part thereof, according to the annual Value of their several Allotments, save and except the Rector of the said Parish of *Burgh Castle*, the Surveyors of the Highways, and the Trustees of the Poor of the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet* in respect of the Allotments to be made to them as aforesaid; and the same, together with the Costs, Charges, and Expences of raising and making the Fences against such Roads (if any shall be made and raised by the said Commissioners, under the Provisions of this Act) shall be paid by them the said Proprietors respectively to such Person or Persons, and at such

Rights to Tythes not to be prejudiced.

Expences of new Roads, by whom paid and at what Time.

such Time or Times as the said Commissioners shall think proper, and by their Award appoint for that Purpose, or to such other Person or Persons, and at such other Time or Times previous to their making their said Award, as they the said Commissioners shall by any Rate or Rates to be made and signed by them, or by any Writing or Writings under their Hands for that Purpose direct or appoint; and in case any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their Share or Shares of such Charges and Expences, or any Part thereof, to the Person or Persons who shall be thereby appointed to receive the same, within the Time to be limited by the said Commissioners as aforesaid, then and in such Case the said Commissioners shall cause the same to be levied and recovered in manner directed by the said recited Act.

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to be paid.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the several Sums of Money hereinbefore directed to be paid to the said Commissioners for their Trouble and Attendance in the Execution of this and the said recited Act, and the Allowance to the Surveyor or Surveyors to be appointed by them for surveying and admeasuring, planning, and mapping the said Open Fields, Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands, to be divided, allotted, and inclosed by virtue of this Act; and the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in respect whereof a Right of Common, or other Right or Interest thereon or therein, shall be claimed; and also the Costs and Charges in any Way occasioned by, incident to, and attending the obtaining and passing of this Act, and of valuing, dividing, and allotting the said Open Fields, Common Heaths, Marshes, Doles, and Waste Lands, and also of opening, cutting, and making any Ditches or Drains necessary for preserving and improving the said Lands and Grounds, and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of inclosing and fencing the said several Allotments hereinbefore directed to be inclosed and fenced at the general Expence, and of preparing and enrolling the Award of the said Commissioners, and all other necessary Expences of the several Persons employed by the said Commissioners in and about the Premises, and of all Public Works, and all other Costs, Charges, and Expences of carrying this and the said recited Act into Execution shall be borne and defrayed by the several Persons and Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, to whom Allotments shall be made by virtue of this Act, in Proportion to the Value of the Lands to be allotted to them respectively, to be ascertained by the said Commissioners, and shall be paid by them the said Proprietors respectively, at such Time or Times as they the said Commissioners shall think proper, and in and by their Award mention and appoint for that Purpose; and in case any of the Persons aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their Share or Shares of such Charges and Expences, or any Part thereof, to the Person or Persons who shall be appointed to receive the same within the Time to be limited by the said Commissioners as aforesaid, then and in such Case the said Commissioners shall cause the same to be levied and recovered in Manner directed by the said recited Act: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to the charging or making liable the said Rector of the said Rectory of *Burgh Castle* for the Time being, for or in respect of any Allotment or Allotments to be made to him, of any Open Fields, or Common Heaths, which shall be made to him in Right of the said Rectory or the Surveyors of the Highways of the said several Parishes, for or in respect of the Allotments to be made to them or the several Persons to whom

whom the said Allotments for the Benefit of the said poor Persons shall be made as aforesaid to the Payment of the Costs, Charges, and Expences, or any Part thereof hereinbefore directed to be paid, but the same shall be charged upon, and borne and defrayed by the rest of the said Proprietors.

XL. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as it may be necessary to charge any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which shall be allotted by virtue of this Act, and which are or shall be or become Copyhold, with any Sum or Sums of Money by way of Mortgage for paying and defraying any Share or Shares of the Costs, Charges, or Expences of obtaining and executing this Act, and the said recited Act, then and in such Case such Copyhold Premises shall be surrendered to the Use of the Person or Persons who shall advance or lend such Sum or Sums of Money, and his, her, or their Heirs and Assigns, according to the Custom or Customs of the Manor or Manors whereof the same shall be holden by way of Mortgage for securing such Sum or Sums of Money, and Interest for the same, instead of being mortgaged and surrendered to such Person or Persons his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns for a Term of Years as mentioned in the said recited Act. Power to charge Copyhold Lands with Expences.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to borrow and take up at Interest of any Person or Persons willing to advance and lend the same, such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from Time to Time be necessary for defraying the Charges and Expence of passing this Act, and of carrying the same and the said recited Act into Execution; and the Money which shall be so advanced for the Purposes aforesaid shall be repaid, with lawful Interest, to such Person or Persons out of the first Monies which shall be raised from the several Proprietors as hereinbefore mentioned and directed for defraying the Expences of obtaining and executing this Act. Commissioners may borrow Money to defray Expences. Money advanced to be repaid with Interest.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That once at least in each and every Year during the Execution of this Act, (such Year to be computed from the Day of the passing thereof) the said Commissioners shall, and they are hereby required to make a true and just Statement or Account of all Sums of Money by them received and expended, or due to them for their own Trouble and Expences in the Execution of this and the said recited Act; and such Statement or Account when so made, together with the Vouchers relating thereto, shall be examined by the Reverend *Richard Turner*, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said County of *Suffolk*, and in case of his Death or Refusal to act, then by some other Justice of the Peace acting for the said County of *Suffolk*, not interested in the said Division and Inclosure, and the Amount or Balance thereof shall be by the said *Richard Turner*, or such other Justice of the Peace, stated in the Book of Accounts by the said recited Act required to be kept in the Office of the Clerk of the said Commissioners, and that no Charge or Item in such Account shall be binding upon the Parties concerned, or be valid in Law unless the same shall be duly allowed by the said *Richard Turner*, or by such other Justice as aforesaid. Commissioners' Accounts to be examined yearly by a Person appointed for that Purpose

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, Body, Parties or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, shall think himself, herself, or themselves grieved may appeal.

themselves aggrieved by any Thing done in pursuance of the said recited Act or this Act (other than and except such Orders and Determinations of the said Commissioners as are by the said recited Act or this Act directed to be final, binding, and conclusive, and except in such Cases wherein an Issue at Law shall be tried as hereinbefore mentioned), then and in every such Case he, she, or they may appeal to the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace which shall be holden for the said County of *Suffolk* within Four Calendar Months next after the said Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, on giving the said Commissioners or the Party or Parties intended to be appealed against, Fourteen Days Notice of such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, and the Justices in their said General Quarter Sessions are hereby authorized and required to hear and determine the Matter of every such Appeal, and to make such Order therein, and award such Costs and Damages as to them in their Discretion shall seem reasonable; and in case of Non-payment thereof before the then next General Quarter Sessions, to levy by their Order or Warrant, the Costs and Damages which shall be so awarded by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties liable to pay the same, rendering the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels, after deducting the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale, which Determination of the said Justices shall be final and conclusive on all Parties concerned, and shall not be removed by *Certiorari* or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or elsewhere; but in case such Appeal shall appear to the Justices to be frivolous or without Foundation, then the said Justices shall award such Costs to be paid by the Appellant or Appellants, as to them the said Justices in their Discretion shall seem reasonable, and to be levied in manner aforesaid.

Award to be deposited with the Clerk of the Peace; and in the Parish Churches.

XLIV. And be it further enacted and declared, That within Six Calendar Months after the said Commissioners shall have made and executed their said Award, according to the Directions of the said recited Act, they shall cause the same Award and the reduced Map or Plan, or reduced Maps or Plans thereto annexed, to be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the said County of *Suffolk*, who is hereby required, upon payment of the Sum of Two Guineas, to receive and deposit the same with the Records of the same County, to the End that Recourse may be had thereto by any Person or Persons interested therein; for the Inspection and Perusal whereof the Sum of One Shilling and no more shall be paid, and the said Award shall from and after the Delivery of the same to the said Clerk of the Peace be deemed and taken to be inrolled according to the Directions and within the Meaning of the said recited Act, and the said Award and such Map or Plan, Maps or Plans thereto annexed, or any Copy thereof, or of any Part thereof, signed by the said Commissioners, or by the said Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy, certifying the same to be a true Copy, shall at all Times be admitted and allowed in all Courts whatsoever, as legal Evidence of the Matters and Things therein contained; and the said Clerk of the Peace and his Deputy for the Time being, is and are hereby required upon the Request of any Person or Persons interested or claiming to be interested therein, to make and deliver to such Person or Persons requiring the same, a true Copy of the said Award or of any Part or Parts thereof, and

to sign and certify the same to be a true Copy, for which Copy no more shall be paid than Four Pence *per* Sheet, each Sheet containing Seventy-two Words; and the said Award and the several Allotments, Partitions, Orders, Directions, Matters, and Things therein contained, shall be and are hereby declared to be binding, final, and conclusive upon all and every Person and Persons, Body and Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate interested in the Premises, and all Rights of Common of Pasture, and all other Commonable Rights and Interests whatsoever in, over or upon all the Commons and Waste Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted, shall from and immediately after the Execution of the said Award cease, determine and be for ever extinguished, and the same Commons and Waste Grounds shall for ever thereafter be held and enjoyed in Severalty by the respective Owners and Proprietors thereof; and that so much of the Award as relates to each of the said several Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet* respectively, shall, together with a Plan thereunto annexed, be deposited and kept in the several Churches of the said Parishes of *Burgh Castle* and *Herringfleet* respectively.

XLV. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, his Heirs ^{General} and Successors, and to all and every Person and Persons, Body and Bodies ^{Saving.} Politic, Corporate or Collegiate his, her, and their Heirs, Successors, Executors and Administrators all such Estate, Right, Title, and Interest (other than and except such as are meant and expressed to be barred, destroyed and extinguished by this Act,) of, in, to, or out of the said Lands and Grounds hereby intended to be divided, allotted, and inclosed as they, every or any of them could or ought to have had and enjoyed, in case this Act had not been made.

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

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