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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

Cap. cxi.

An Act for further continuing, altering, and amending several Acts for the better Regulation of Lastage and Ballastage in the River *Thames*; and for enabling the Corporation of *Trinity House* of *Deptford Strond* to reduce, alter, modify, relinquish, or abolish Dues payable to the said Corporation, and for other Purposes connected therewith. [29th July 1822.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to repeal Two Acts passed in the Sixth and Thirty-second Years of His late Majesty, for the Regulation of Lastage and Ballastage in the River Thames, and to make more effectual Regulations relating thereto*; which Act was to continue in force from the passing thereof, until the First Day of *August*, in the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight, and from thence until the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas an Act was passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for continuing the Term of and altering and amending an Act passed in the Forty-fifth Year of His present Majesty, for repealing Two Acts of His late Majesty, for the Regulation of Lastage and Ballastage in the River Thames, and to make more effectual Regulations relating thereto*; which Act was to

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continue in force, from the passing thereof, until the First Day of *August* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty, and from thence until the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas another Act was passed in the First and Second Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for further continuing several Acts for the better Regulation of Lastage and Ballastage in the River Thames*; by which it was enacted that the said Two Acts of Parliament should be further continued according to the Tenor and Effect thereof from the Expiration thereof, until the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas it is expedient that the said Acts should be further continued, and that some of the Provisions of the said Acts should be altered and amended: And whereas an Act was passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled *An Act concerning Sea Marks and Mariners*, whereby the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the *Trinity House* at *Deptford Strond*, being a Company incorporated as therein mentioned, were empowered to make, erect, and set up Beacons, Marks, and Signs for the Sea, whereby Dangers may be avoided, and Ships the better come to their Ports without Peril, and to continue, renew, and maintain the same as in the said Act is mentioned: And whereas the Beaconage and Buoyage, and the Office of Beaconage and Buoyage, were by a certain ancient Grant, dated the Eleventh Day of *June* in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty Queen *Elizabeth*, vested in the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the *Trinity House* of *Deptford Strond* aforesaid, to hold the same, with all and every Fees, Advantages, Salaries, Profits, Emoluments, Commodities, and Rights, Incidents, and Appurtenances whatsoever to the same appertaining, or belonging unto the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and their Successors for ever: And whereas under the Authority and by virtue of the said Act made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty Queen *Elizabeth*, and of the said Grant, the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the Time being, of the *Trinity House* of *Deptford Strond* aforesaid, have from Time to Time executed the said Office of Beaconage and Buoyage, and have made, erected, and set up, placed, laid out, continued, renewed, and maintained Beacons, Buoys, and Light Houses, and other Marks and Signs for the Sea, in and upon the Sea and Sea Shores, and various Parts of the Coasts of this Realm, and on the Forelands and elsewhere near the Sea, and on certain Islands, Rocks, and other Places adjoining or near thereto: And whereas, under the Authority and by virtue of the several Acts of Parliament and Grant herein-before recited, as well as of other Acts of Parliament, and of divers Charters, Grants, and Letters Patent, of Kings and Queens of this Realm, and also by prescriptive Right, the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the Time being of the *Trinity House* of *Deptford Strond* aforesaid, have collected, taken, levied, and received, from or in respect of Ships and Vessels requiring Ballast, the several Rates and Prices specified in the said Act of the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Third, and certain Dues or Duties, Rates or Tolls, of various Denominations, from or in respect of all *British* Ships and Vessels, and from or in respect of all Foreign Ships and Vessels, entering or departing from the Ports, Harbours,

or Roadsteads of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*: And whereas the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the *Trinity House of Deptford Strond* aforesaid have not, by the Terms of the said several Acts of Parliament, Charters, Grants, and Letters Patent, or any of them, any Power to reduce, modify, alter, relinquish, or abolish any of the Rates, Prices, Dues, Duties, and Tolls imposed or granted, collected, taken, levied, and received as aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient that the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants should be empowered (under the Regulations herein-after contained) to reduce, alter, modify, relinquish, or abolish, and at any Time or Times thereafter, to revive and re-establish any of the Rates, Prices, Dues, Duties, and Tolls aforesaid, or any Part or Parts thereof, from Time to Time, as to them the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall seem meet, just, and reasonable: And whereas the erecting, placing, and continuing of Beacons, Buoys, Light Houses, and other Marks and Signs for the Sea, and the Care thereof, and the Execution of the Office of Lastage and Ballastage, and the Regulation thereof, and the Examination of Pilots, and the Regulation of Pilotage, and divers other important Duties entrusted by the said several Acts of Parliament and Grants to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Corporation, in which the Security of Shipping and Navigation, and also of Commerce, are deeply involved, require the unremitting Exertion and Superintendance of the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and the rest of the Elder Brethren of the said Corporation, and especially of such of them as are experienced Mariners, in General Meetings and in Committees, and also in Surveys of the Coasts, and Inspections of Beacons, Buoys, Light Houses, and other Marks and Signs for the Sea wherever erected or placed, under the Authority aforesaid; and it is therefore expedient, just, and necessary that more effectual Provision should be made for the Remuneration of such of the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and Elder Brethren as are or have been Mariners as aforesaid: 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 Act passed in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, and the said Act passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, and all and every the Articles and Clauses, Powers, Authorities, and Provisions in the said Acts respectively contained (other than and except such as are by this Act altered or amended), shall be and continue, and the same are and is hereby continued in force from the Expiration thereof, until the Time herein-after mentioned.

Recited Acts
of 45 G. 3.
c. xciii. and
49G. 3. c. clv.
continued:

II. And be it further enacted, That the sole Right of supplying all Ships and Vessels that shall pass and repass in the River of *Thames*, between *London Bridge* and the Main Sea, with Ballast, at the Rates and Prices accustomed, and of digging, raising, and taking up Gravel, Sand, and Soil of the said River *Thames*, and every Part and Parcel thereof, between *London Bridge* and the Main Sea, for the ballasting of such Ships and Vessels as aforesaid, shall be and is hereby vested in and shall belong to the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants

Vesting in
the Trinity
House the
sole Right
of supplying
Ballast.

ants of the *Trinity House*, for the Uses and Purposes aforesaid, and for the ballasting of Ships and Vessels in the said River; and that every Person not duly authorized by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, who shall, for the ballasting of any Ship or Vessel being remaining or lying in or going out of the said River, or elsewhere, between *London Bridge* and the Main Sea, or any Dock, Wharf, Bank, Creek, Shore, Coast, or any Part of the same, or near adjoining thereto, or for any other Purpose whatsoever, unless with the Consent of the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the *Trinity House*, raise or take any Gravel, Sand, or Soil from the Bed or Channel of the said River, or who shall supply any other Ballast to any such Ship or Vessel, contrary to the Provisions of the said Act passed in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, and of this Act, shall, for every Ton of Ballast so supplied, or Gravel, Sand, or Soil so raised as aforesaid, forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds.

Prices of
Ballast.

III. And be it further enacted, That the several Rates and Prices following shall be paid by the Owner or Owners, or Captain or Master, or other Person having the Command of or acting as Agent for any Ship or Vessel for which Ballast shall be required, and shall be payable and paid to, and demanded, taken, and received by the said Corporation at the Time of making the Entry of the Demand of such Ballast at the Ballast Office of the said Corporation; (that is to say),

Rates.

For every Ton of Ballast, not being Washed Ballast, consisting of Twenty hundred Weight, carried to any Ship or Vessel employed in the Coal Trade, the Sum of One Shilling:
 For every such Ton of Ballast carried to any other *British* Ship or Vessel, the Sum of One Shilling and Three-pence:
 For every such Ton of Ballast carried to any Foreign Ship or Vessel, the Sum of One Shilling and Seven-pence:
 For every Ton of Washed Ballast, consisting of Twenty hundred Weight, carried to any Ship or Vessel employed in the Coal Trade, the Sum of Two Shillings:
 For every Ton of Washed Ballast carried to any other *British* Ship or Vessel, the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence:
 For every Ton of Washed Ballast carried to any Foreign Ship or Vessel, the Sum of Three Shillings and Two-pence; and,
 For every Ton of Ballast delivered in or unladen from the Dock of Thirty Acres, called *The Inward West India Dock*, the further Sum of Ten-pence; and for every Ton of Ballast delivered in or unladen from the Dock of Twenty-five Acres, called *The Outward West India Dock*, the further Sum of Four-pence; and for every Ton of Ballast delivered in or unladen from the Docks called *The London Docks*, the further Sum of Four-pence; and for every Ton of Ballast delivered in or unladen from the Dock called *The Inward East India Dock*, the further Sum of Ten-pence; and for every Ton of Ballast delivered in or unladen from the Dock called *The Outward East India Dock*, the further Sum of Four-pence; and for every Ton of Ballast delivered in or unladen from the Dock called *The Commercial Dock*, the further Sum of Four-pence; and for every Ton of Ballast delivered in or unladen from the Dock

Dock called *The East Country Dock*, the further Sum of Fourpence; and for every Ton of Ballast delivered in or unladen from the Canal called *The City Canal*, the further Sum of Fourpence; and for every Ton of Ballast delivered in or unladen from the Canal called *The Surry Canal*, the further Sum of Fourpence; and for every Ton of Ballast delivered in or unladen from the Canal called *The Regent's Canal*, the further Sum of Fourpence.

Which further Rates or Prices shall be payable and paid over and above the respective Rates first mentioned, and over and above the Rates mentioned in the said Act passed in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, for unlading Ballast from every Ship and Vessel coming into the River *Thames*, by the Owner or Owners, or Captain or Master, or other Person having the Command of or acting as Agent for the Ships or Vessels into or from which Ballast shall be delivered or taken respectively.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the Time being of the Corporation of *Trinity House* of *Deptford Strond* aforesaid, shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, and at any Time or Times hereafter, upon the Requisition or with the Consent of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in His or Their most Honourable Privy Council, to reduce, relinquish, abolish, alter, or modify all or any or either of the Rates, Prices, Dues, Duties, or Tolls imposed or granted by the said several Grants, Charters, or Acts of Parliament, or any of them, or collected, taken, levied, and received under the Authority thereof respectively, or by ancient Usage, Custom, or Prescription, or any Part or Parts thereof, so far as may be consistent with the charitable and other Uses, Purposes, and Intents for which the said Corporation has been established and maintained; and it shall also be lawful for the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the Time being of the said Corporation of *Trinity House* of *Deptford Strond*, at any Time or Times thereafter, to revive and re-establish any Rates, Prices, Dues, Duties, or Tolls which may have been relinquished or abolished, or to increase or otherwise alter or modify any Rates, Prices, Dues, Duties, or Tolls which may have been reduced, altered, or modified under the Authority of this Act, and so from Time to Time to relinquish or abolish, and revive or re-establish, and reduce or increase, alter, or modify all or any of such Rates, Prices, Dues, Duties, or Tolls as Occasion may require; so as, nevertheless, that no such Rates, Prices, Dues, Duties, or Tolls, shall at any Time be increased beyond the Amount which might be collected, taken, levied, or received by the said Corporation in respect thereof before the passing of this Act: Provided always, that no such Relinquishment, Abolition, Reduction, Alteration, or Modification, or subsequent Revival, Re-establishment, Increase, Alteration, or Modification of any such Rates, Prices, Dues, Duties, or Tolls, or any or either of them, or any Part or Parts thereof, shall at any Time be deemed valid or take effect until the same shall have been submitted by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants to and shall have been assented to and confirmed by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, in His or Their Most Honourable Privy Council, and such

TrinityHouse may reduce, abolish, &c. Rates, Dues, or Duties, and raise them again; but to be approved by the King in Council.

Assent and Confirmation shall have been signified in Writing unto the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants; and it shall be lawful for the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants to fix and determine the Period (so that the same do not exceed Three Calendar Months from the Receipt by them of such Assent or Confirmation as aforesaid) from and after which all and every the Rates, Prices, Dues, Duties, or Tolls so relinquished or abolished shall be discontinued and no longer collected, taken, levied, or received, or from and after which all and every the Rates, Prices, Dues, Duties, or Tolls so revived or re-established, reduced, increased, altered, or modified respectively as aforesaid, shall and may be collected, received, levied, or taken.

Relinquish-
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not to im-
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Rights of the
Corporation.

V. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no such Relinquishment, Abolition, Revival, Re-establishment, Reduction, Increase, Alteration, or Modification of any such Rates, Dues, Duties, or Tolls, shall in any Manner weaken, impeach, or invalidate any of the Charters, Grants, Letters Patent, or Acts of Parliament, or any Usage, Custom, or Prescription, or any Power or Authority of the said Corporation heretofore used or exercised under or by virtue of any or either of the said Charters, Grants, Letters Patent, or Acts of Parliament, or Usage, Custom, or Prescription; but all such Charters, Grants, Letters Patent, and Acts of Parliament, and Usages, Customs, and Prescriptions, and all Powers and Authorities of whatsoever Kind, which the said Corporation might heretofore lawfully use and exercise in relation to the Rates, Prices, Dues, Duties, or Tolls heretofore collected, received, levied, or taken by the said Corporation, may and shall be used and exercised for the collecting, receiving, levying, and taking all such Rates, Prices, Dues, Duties, and Tolls, as shall be so revived, re-established, reduced, increased, altered, or modified, and assented to and confirmed by His Majesty in Council; and such Rates, Prices, Dues, Duties, and Tolls may and shall be collected, received, levied, and taken, and may and shall be used and applied in such and the like Manner, and to such and the like Purposes, as before the passing of this Act the Rates, Prices, Dues, Duties, and Tolls heretofore collected, received, levied, and taken have been collected, received, levied, and taken, used, and applied.

Salaries to
Master,
Wardens,
and Assist-
ants of the
Trinity
House.

VI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, it shall and may be lawful to and for such of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and the rest of the Elder Brethren for the Time being of the Corporation of *Trinity House of Deptford Strond* aforesaid, as shall be or shall have been Mariners, from Time to Time to have, receive, take, and enjoy, in lieu and instead of the Remuneration heretofore received by them respectively, such Salaries or Allowances out of the general Funds of the said Corporation, for the Services to be performed by them respectively in the Business of the said Corporation, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Seven thousand Pounds in any One Year, as the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants shall from Time to Time think reasonable in that Behalf; and all such Rates, Dues, Duties, or Tolls as have been heretofore charged, with the Remuneration of the Master's Deputy, and the Wardens and Assistants, and the rest of the Elder Brethren of the said Corporation, shall,

from and after the said First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, form Part of the general Funds of the said Corporation, and be applicable to all the Uses and Purposes thereof; any thing in this Act contained, or any Usage, Custom, or Prescription to the contrary notwithstanding.

VII. And whereas it is expedient that the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the Time being of the Corporation of *Trinity House of Deptford Strond* aforesaid, should be empowered to purchase any Beacons, Buoys, Light Houses, or other Marks and Signs for the Sea, belonging to any Body or Bodies Corporate or Politic, or to any Person or Persons; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the Time being of the Corporation of *Trinity House of Deptford Strond* aforesaid, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, with and out of any surplus Monies in their Hands, or which may at any Time hereafter be in their Hands, arising from any Rates, Prices, Dues, Duties, and Tolls heretofore collected, taken, levied, and received, or which may hereafter be collected, taken, levied, and received, to purchase any Beacons, Buoys, Light Houses, or other Marks and Signs for the Sea, or any Interest therein, or in any Dues, Duties, or Tolls arising therefrom, belonging to any Body or Bodies Corporate or Politic, or to any Person or Persons; and it shall be lawful for all Bodies Corporate, Politic, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants for Life or in Tail, Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Feoffees in Trust, Committees, Executors, Administrators, and all other Persons whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of the Person or Persons entitled in Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy after them, and for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Femes Covert or Infants unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be possessed of or interested in any Beacons, Buoys, Light Houses, and other Marks and Signs for the Sea, or any Interest therein, or in any Dues, Duties, or Tolls arising therefrom, to treat, contract, and agree with the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the Sale thereof, and by Conveyance, Lease and Re-lease, or Bargain and Sale, to sell and convey the same unto the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and all Contracts, Sales, and Conveyances which shall be so made shall be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, without Fine or Recovery, and shall be a complete Bar to all Estates Tail, and other Estates, Rights, Titles, Trusts, and Interests whatsoever, any Law, Statute, Usage, Custom, or other Matter to the contrary notwithstanding; and all such Bodies Corporate, Politic, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants for Life or in Tail, Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Feoffees, Committees, Executors, Administrators, and all other Persons, shall be and are hereby indemnified for what they or any of them shall do by virtue or in pursuance of this Act; and that from and after every such Purchase by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants as aforesaid, all such Beacons, Buoys, Light Houses, and other Marks and Signs for the Sea so purchased, and all Dues, Duties, and Tolls arising therefrom, and the Ships and Vessels liable thereto, shall be and be

Trinity
House may
purchase
Beacons, &c.

be deemed subject to such and the like Regulations, and such Dues, Duties, and Tolls shall be collected, taken, levied, and received under such and the like Powers and Authorities, and with the same Penalties for Nonpayment thereof, and shall be subject to be reduced, altered, modified, and abolished, and be revived and re-established, and the Produce thereof shall and may be applied in the same Manner as other like Dues, Duties, and Tolls belonging to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Corporation of *Trinity House of Deptford Strond* aforesaid.

Application
of Compensation Money
exceeding
200l.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed to be paid for any Beacon, Buoy, or Light House, or other Mark and Sign for the Sea to be purchased by virtue of the Powers of this Act, which shall belong to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, Tenant for Life or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account, *ex parte* the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Beacon, Buoy, or Light House, or other Mark and Sign for the Sea, in the Purchase of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same, or affecting any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith, to the same or to the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Beacon, Buoy, or Light House, or other Mark and Sign for the Sea which shall be so purchased as aforesaid, stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance or Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking effect; and in the meantime, and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court of Chancery, upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name, in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and Annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid by the Order of the said Court to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Settlement or Purchase were made.

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IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed to be paid for any Beacon, Buoy, or Light House, or other Mark and Sign for the Sea, purchased as aforesaid, belonging to any Corporation or to any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Beacon, Buoy, or Light House, or other Mark and Sign for the Sea, so purchased, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-after directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved by Three or more of the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties), in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends and Interest arising thereon, may be applied in manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the Court of Chancery.

Application of Compensation Money when less than 200*l.* and not less than 20*l.*

X. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so agreed to be paid as last before mentioned shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Beacon, Buoy, or Light House, or other Mark and Sign for the Sea, so purchased, in such Manner as the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or any Three or more of them, shall think fit; or in case of Lunacy or Infancy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

Application of Compensation Money when less than 20*l.*

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the said Court of Chancery, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Beacon, Buoy, or Light House, or other Mark and Sign for the Sea, to be purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or to the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Beacon, Buoy, or Light House, or other Mark and Sign for the Sea, at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Beacon, Buoy, or Light House, or other Mark and Sign for the Sea, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shown to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Chancery; and

Respecting disputed Titles to Money.

the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be applied and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made to appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Beacon, Buoy, or Light House, or other Mark and Sign for the Sea, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

Court of Chancery to direct Payment of Expences in certain Cases.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation, entitled to any Beacon, Buoy, or Light House, or other Mark and Sign for the Sea, to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the Court of Chancery, and to be applied in the Purchase of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court of Chancery to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of the said Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or any Three or more of them, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Saving the Rights of Lord Mayor of London, as Conservator of the River of Thames, &c.

XIII. Provided also, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prejudice or derogate from the Estates, Rights, Interests, Privileges, Franchises, or Authority of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or their Successors, or the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or to prohibit, defeat, alter, or diminish any Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction which at the Time of making this Act the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, as Conservator of the River of *Thames* and Waters of *Medway*, did or might lawfully claim, use, or exercise; and further, that it shall be lawful for the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, in like Manner as he hath used to do in other Cases, to enquire of, hear, and determine by Presentment or Indictment, taken before him as Conservator of the said River and Waters, all Offences contrary to this Act, and upon Conviction of the Offender or Offenders to impose a Penalty or Penalties on him, her, or them, not exceeding the Penalty or Penalties hereby inflicted for such Offence or Offences, but no Person shall be punished Twice for one and the same Offence.

Public Act.

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

Continuance of Acts.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the said recited Act of the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, and the said recited Act of the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, and all and every the Articles and Clauses, Powers,

Powers, Authorities, and Provisions therein contained (except as aforesaid), shall continue and be in force from the passing hereof until the First Day of *August* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

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