



### CHAPTER lii.

An Act to enable His Majesty's Postmaster-General to acquire lands in Blackpool, Swansea and Doncaster for the public service, and for other purposes. [4th August 1926.]

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**W**HEREAS further accommodation for the purposes of the public service is required by the Postmaster-General in the county borough of Blackpool, the county borough of Swansea and the borough of Doncaster, and it is expedient that he be empowered to acquire certain lands and buildings in such county boroughs and borough respectively for the purposes aforesaid and to erect buildings on any lands so acquired :

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament :

And whereas plans showing the respective lands to be acquired by the Postmaster-General for the purposes of the public service under the authority of this Act with books of reference containing the names of the owners or reputed owners, lessees or reputed lessees and of the occupiers of the lands which may be taken compulsorily under this Act have been deposited with the clerks of the peace for the several counties in which such lands are situated respectively, which plans and books of reference are in this Act respectively referred to as "the deposited plans" and "the deposited books of reference" :

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Be it therefore 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, as follows :—

Incorporation of  
Lands  
Clauses  
Acts.

1. The Lands Clauses Acts (which expression in this Act means the Lands Clauses Acts as varied by the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919) are, subject to the provisions of this Act, incorporated with this Act with the following exceptions and modifications viz. :—

- (a) The provisions relating to the sale of superfluous land and access to the special Act and section one hundred and thirty-three of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845 (relating to land tax and poor rate), shall not be incorporated with this Act :
- (b) In the construction of this Act and the Lands Clauses Acts this Act shall be deemed to be the special Act and the Postmaster-General shall be deemed to be the promoter of the undertaking :
- (c) The bond required by section eighty-five of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, shall be under the corporate seal of the Postmaster-General and shall be sufficient without the addition of the sureties in the said section mentioned :
- (d) At any time after notice to treat has been served the Postmaster-General may, after giving not less than fourteen days', or in the case of a dwelling-house not less than ninety days' notice to the owner, lessee or occupier of the land, enter on and take possession of the land or such part thereof as is specified in the notice without previous consent or compliance with sections eighty-four to ninety of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845 (which relate to entry on lands), but subject to the payment of the like compensation for the land of which possession is taken and interest thereon as would have been payable if those provisions had been complied with.

Power to  
acquire  
lands.

2.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General to purchase and acquire for the purposes of this Act all or any of the lands

shewn on the deposited plans and described in the deposited books of reference. A.D. 1926.

(2) Any lands acquired by the Postmaster-General for the purposes of the public service under the authority of this Act shall be vested in and be held by him in his corporate capacity on behalf of His Majesty for the purpose of the post office.

3. In settling any question of disputed purchase money or compensation under this Act the official arbitrator settling the question shall not award any sum of money for or in respect of any improvement, alteration or building made or erected or any interest in the lands created after the twentieth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, if, in the opinion of the arbitrator, the improvement, alteration or building or the creation of the interest in respect of which the claim is made was not reasonably necessary and was made or created with a view to obtaining or increasing compensation under this Act. Compensation in case of recently altered buildings.

4. If any omission, misstatement or erroneous description is found to have been made of any lands or of any owners, lessees or occupiers of any lands shewn or intended to be shewn on the deposited plans or described in the deposited books of reference, the Postmaster-General may apply to two justices for the correction thereof after giving ten days' notice to the owners, lessees or occupiers of the lands affected by the proposed correction, and if it appears to the justices that such omission, misstatement or erroneous description arose from mistake they shall so certify stating the particulars thereof and their certificate shall be deposited as if the same had originally formed part of the deposited plans or deposited books of reference (as the case may be) and shall be kept therewith and shall be deemed to be part thereof, and thereupon the deposited plans or deposited books of reference (as the case requires) shall be deemed to be corrected according to the certificate, and the Postmaster-General may enter on, purchase, take, hold and use the lands to which the certificate relates accordingly. Correction of errors on deposited plans and books of reference.

5. It shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General and for his surveyors, officers and workmen at all reasonable times in the daytime to enter on any of the lands Power to Postmaster-General to enter lands

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for purpose  
of survey-  
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shewn on the deposited plans and described in the deposited books of reference for the purpose of surveying or valuing such lands on giving for the first time twenty-four hours' and afterwards from time to time twelve hours' previous notice in writing to the owners or occupiers thereof.

Power to  
erect build-  
ings and  
form roads.

6.—(1) It shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General to pull down and remove all or any buildings or other works constructed on, in, under or over any lands within the limits of the property proposed to be acquired shewn on the deposited plans and purchased by him, and on, in, under or over the property so purchased or on any other lands vested in him by virtue of this Act to construct buildings and other works for the purpose of the post office and to make such approaches, widenings and alterations of thoroughfares and do all such other things as in his opinion are necessary or expedient for the execution of any of the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Postmaster-General (with the consent of the Treasury) may enter into contracts and agreements with any local authority within the boroughs and places to which this Act relates with reference to the formation, diversion or alteration of streets and highways and with reference to a sale, lease or exchange of land for the purposes aforesaid and as to money payments in respect thereof.

Stopping up  
street and  
extinction  
of rights of  
laying pipes  
and appa-  
ratus.

7. As soon as the Postmaster-General has acquired or purchased the property shown on the deposited plans relating to the County Borough of Blackpool he may stop up so much of the street or road known as Police Street in the said County Borough as extends between Edward Street and a point in Police Street twenty yards or thereabouts measured in a southerly direction along Police Street from the junction of Police Street with Upper Talbot Street, and the site of the said portion of Police Street shall thereupon be vested in the Postmaster-General and all rights of way over the said portion and all rights of laying down or of continuing any pipes, sewers, drains or electric wires or cables or other apparatus on, through or under the said portion shall by virtue of this Act be extinguished.

Time for  
compulsory  
purchase.

8. The limit of time for the compulsory purchase of lands under this Act shall be three years.

9. The Postmaster-General may in exercise of the powers of this Act take the parts of the several properties shewn on the deposited plans and described in the deposited books of reference under the numbers stated in the Schedule to this Act which lie within the limits of the property proposed to be acquired shewn on such plans or such parts thereof as the Postmaster-General may require without being required or compellable to purchase any greater part or the whole of any such property.

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As to taking  
parts of  
certain  
properties.

The provisions of this section shall be stated in every notice given by the Postmaster-General to sell and convey a part of any of the said properties.

10.—(1) Any land tax assessed on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, on any part of any of the lands shewn on the deposited plans and described in the deposited books of reference shall as from the date of the purchase or acquisition by the Postmaster-General of the lands on which it is assessed be deemed to have been redeemed at the price and in accordance with the conditions provided by the Finance Act, 1896, as amended by the Finance Act, 1921, and the Land Tax Acts therein defined, and from and after such date no sum shall be assessed or charged in respect of land tax on any part of such lands.

Land tax.

(2) The Commissioners of Inland Revenue shall grant a certificate of exoneration from assessment to land tax of any lands purchased or acquired by the Postmaster-General under this Act and that certificate shall be registered by the officer appointed for the registry of contracts for the redemption of land tax.

11.—(1) No purchase shall be made by the Postmaster-General under the authority of this Act without the sanction of the Treasury.

Sanction of  
Treasury  
required to  
purchase  
under this  
Act.

(2) Any such sanction may be given either generally or in respect of any particular purchase contract or agreement and a vendor to or purchaser from or person contracting with the Postmaster-General shall not be bound or entitled to inquire whether such sanction has been given.

12. This Act may be cited as the Post Office (Sites) Act, 1926.

Short title.

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*Post Office (Sites) [16 & 17 GEO. 5.]  
Act, 1926.*

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SCHEDULE.

Section 9. PROPERTIES OF WHICH PORTIONS ONLY MAY BE TAKEN  
BY THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Area.	Number on deposited plan.
County Borough of Swansea - -	3 and 4.
Borough of Doncaster - - -	3.

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