



CHAPTER xxxi.

An Act to enable the Postmaster-General for the purpose of the Post Office to acquire lands in London Blackpool and Cheltenham and to erect buildings on disused burial grounds in Leicester and for purposes connected therewith.

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[29th July 1927.]

WHEREAS further accommodation for the purpose of the Post Office is required in the City of London the metropolitan borough of Fulham the metropolitan borough of St. Pancras the county borough of Blackpool and the borough of Cheltenham and it is expedient that the Postmaster-General should have power to acquire certain lands and buildings in the said City and boroughs for the said purpose and to erect buildings on any lands so acquired :

And whereas the Postmaster-General is the owner of certain lands in the county borough of Leicester which are disused burial grounds within the meaning of the Disused Burial Grounds Act 1884 as amended by the Open Spaces Act 1887 :

And whereas by an Order in Council dated the nineteenth day of October eighteen hundred and fifty-five the said burial grounds were as from the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty-six closed and under a licence granted by the Secretary of State dated the eighth day of March nineteen hundred and twenty-three all human remains have been removed therefrom and it is expedient that the Postmaster-General should have power to erect buildings thereon :

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

And whereas plans showing the lands to be acquired by the Postmaster-General under this Act (which lands are in this Act referred to as "the said lands") with books of reference containing the names of the owners or reputed owners lessees or reputed lessees and of the occupiers of the said lands have been deposited with the clerks of the peace for the several counties in which the said lands are situated (which plans and books of reference are in this Act respectively referred to as "the deposited plans" and "the deposited books of reference") :

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 :—

Power to
acquire
lands.

1.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act the Postmaster-General may with the consent of the Treasury which may be given either generally or in respect of any particular purchase acquire any of the said lands for the purpose of the Post Office.

(2) A person dealing with the Postmaster-General in respect of any of the said lands or rights in or over them shall not be bound or entitled to inquire whether the consent of the Treasury has been given to that dealing.

(3) The power to purchase lands compulsorily under this Act shall cease on the thirty-first day of October nineteen hundred and thirty.

Incorpora-
tion of
Lands
Clauses
Acts.

2. The Lands Clauses Acts are hereby incorporated with this Act subject to the provisions of this Act and in particular to the following modifications that is to say :—

(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 :

8 & 9 Vict.
c. 18.

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- (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 may be given by the Postmaster-General without sureties:
- (d) At any time after notice to treat has been served the Postmaster-General may notwithstanding anything in sections eighty-four to ninety of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 (which relate to entry on lands) 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 specified in the notice subject however to the payment of the like compensation and interest thereon as would have been payable under those sections.

3. In determining any question of disputed compensation under this Act no allowance shall be made on account of any improvement or alteration effected or any interest created after the twentieth day of November nineteen hundred and twenty-six which in the opinion of the official arbitrator was not reasonably necessary or was effected or created with a view to obtaining or increasing compensation.

Compensation in case of recently altered buildings.

4. The Postmaster-General and any person acting on his behalf may at all reasonable times in the day-time after giving on the first occasion twenty-four hours' and on subsequent occasions twelve hours' notice in writing to the owners or occupiers thereof enter on any of the said lands for the purpose of surveying or valuing the lands.

Power to enter lands for purpose of surveying.

5. It shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General on in under or over any of the said lands acquired by or vested in him to pull down and remove any existing buildings or other works and to construct such other buildings and works make such approaches and alterations of thoroughfares and do all such other things as in his opinion are necessary or expedient for the purpose of the Post Office.

Power to erect buildings and form roads.

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Power to
make agree-
ments with
local autho-
rities.

6. The Postmaster-General (with the consent of the Treasury) and any local authority of the said City or boroughs may enter into agreements as to the formation diversion or alteration of streets and highways as to the sale lease or exchange of land for those purposes and as to payments in respect thereof.

Correction
of errors in
deposited
plans or
books of
reference.

7. If there be any omission mis-statement or wrong description of any lands or of the owners lessees or occupiers of any lands shown on the deposited plans or specified in the deposited books of reference the Postmaster-General after giving ten days' notice to the owners lessees and occupiers of the land in question may apply to a court of summary jurisdiction having jurisdiction in the area in which the said lands are situate for the correction thereof and if it appear to the court that the omission mis-statement or wrong description arose from mistake the court shall certify the same accordingly and they shall in their certificate state the particulars of the omission and in what respect any such matter is mis-stated or wrongly described and such certificate shall be deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county and a duplicate thereof shall also be deposited with the town clerk of the city metropolitan borough or borough in which the said lands are situate and such certificate and duplicate respectively shall be kept by such clerk respectively with the other documents to which the same relate and thereupon the deposited plans and books of reference shall be deemed to be corrected according to such certificate.

Stopping up
passage-
ways and
extinction
of rights of
laying pipes
&c.

8. As soon as the Postmaster-General has acquired the part of the said lands situate in the City of London he may stop up the whole or part of the passageways specified in the First Schedule to this Act and the site thereof shall thereupon be vested in the Postmaster-General and all rights of way thereover and all rights of laying down or of continuing any pipes sewers drains or electric wires or cables or other apparatus thereon or thereunder shall be extinguished.

As to taking
parts of
certain
properties.

9. Notwithstanding section ninety-two of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 the owners of and other persons interested in the properties described in the Second Schedule to this Act and whereof parts only are

required for the purposes of this Act may if such portions can in the opinion of the tribunal to whom the question of disputed compensation is submitted be severed from the remainder of those properties without material detriment thereto be required to sell and convey to the Postmaster-General the portions only of the properties so required without the Postmaster-General being obliged or compellable to purchase the whole or any greater portion thereof the Postmaster-General paying for the portions required by him and making compensation for any damage sustained by the owners thereof and other parties interested therein by severance or otherwise.

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10.—(1) Any land tax assessed on the first day of January one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven on any part of the said lands acquired by the Postmaster-General shall as from the date of acquisition be deemed to have been redeemed in accordance with the provisions of the enactments relating to the redemption of land tax and thereafter no land tax shall be assessed on or charged in respect of those lands.

Land tax.

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

11. Nothing in the Disused Burial Grounds Act 1884 as amended by the Open Spaces Act 1887 or in any other Act shall prevent the erection of buildings on any land in Free Lane in the county borough of Leicester vested in the Postmaster-General.

Power to erect buildings on land at Leicester. 47 & 48 Vict. c. 72. 50 & 51 Vict. c. 32.

12.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Post Office (Sites) Act 1927.

Short title and interpretation.

(2) In this Act the expression "the purpose of the Post Office" has the same meaning as in the Post Office Act 1908.

8 Edw. 7. c. 48.

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SCHEDULES.

Section 8.

FIRST SCHEDULE.**PASSAGEWAYS IN THE CITY OF LONDON WHICH MAY
BE STOPPED UP BY THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.**

The passageway leading from Houndsditch to Phil's Buildings.
The passageway known as "Still Alley."

So much of the passageway known as "Borer's Passage" as
would lie on the south-west side of a straight line drawn from
the north-east corner of No. 1 Borer's Passage to the north-
west corner of No. 2 Borer's Passage.

Section 9.

SECOND SCHEDULE.**PROPERTIES OF WHICH PORTIONS MAY BE TAKEN BY
THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.**

<u>Situation.</u>	<u>Number on deposited plan.</u>
Metropolitan Borough of St. Pancras	- 1 and 2.

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