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An Act to provide for the disposition of the Workhouse Fund of the parish of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields in the county of Middlesex. A.D. 1869.  
[24th June 1869.]

**W**HEREAS by "The National Gallery Enlargement Act, 1866," and the agreement thereby confirmed, provision was made for payment by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, out of monies to be provided by Parliament for the purpose, of the sum of sixty-seven thousand pounds, in the said agreement and herein-after called "the workhouse fund," to the guardians of the poor of the parish of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields in the county of Middlesex, for the purchase of the workhouse of such parish, with the appurtenances and other the hereditaments in the said agreement mentioned, for the purposes of the said Act; and it was by the said Act provided that all monies payable thereunder to the said guardians should be paid into the Bank of England, to the account of the guardians of the poor of the parish of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields in the county of Middlesex: 29 & 30 Vict.  
c. 83. (public).

And whereas by the "Saint Martin-in-the-Fields Workhouse and Offices Rebuilding Act, 1866," (local,) provision was made for the acquisition by the said guardians, subject to the orders of the Poor Law Board, out of the said workhouse fund, of convenient sites for a new workhouse and an auxiliary workhouse for the said parish, with all suitable dwellings, offices, and appurtenances, and the erection, fitting up, and completion by the said guardians, subject to such orders, of such workhouses, dwellings, offices, and appurtenances; and it was by the last-mentioned Act provided that the surplus (if any) of such fund should, subject to the order of the Poor Law Board, be laid out and invested by the said guardians in any security or securities allowed by law for the investment of trust monies, or in such other manner as the Poor Law Board should by their order direct, with power to vary securities, and that they should stand possessed of such securities upon trust to apply the income in aid of the poor rates of the said parish: 29 & 30 Vict.  
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And whereas the said workhouse fund was duly paid to the guardians of the said parish, and paid into the Bank of England in the manner prescribed by the firstly herein-recited Act, and part thereof, amounting to the sum of four thousand one hundred and ninety-six pounds three shillings and twopence, was, under the authority of the Poor Law Board, applied in payment of the purchase money of certain land situate at Wimbledon in the county of Surrey, purchased by the said guardians, under the order of the Poor Law Board, for a site for a new workhouse, and conveyed to the said guardians and their successors, and in taking steps towards the erection of a workhouse thereon :

And whereas part of the balance of the said workhouse fund was invested in the purchase of exchequer bills, but without the order of the Poor Law Board, as required by the secondly-recited Act :

And whereas before the workhouse could be erected on the said land the said parish was, by an order of the Poor Law Board, dated the thirteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, added to the Strand union in the county of Middlesex, and the separate board of guardians for the said parish has ceased to exist :

And whereas, by reason of the making of such order, it has become necessary to make other provision for the disposition of the said workhouse fund, and the vesting of the legal estate in the said land at Wimbledon, and to indemnify the persons who made such investment in the purchase of exchequer bills as aforesaid; and it is expedient that provision should be made for the purposes aforesaid in manner herein-after contained; but such provision cannot be made without the authority of Parliament :

And whereas the said land at Wimbledon is more particularly described in the first part of the schedule to this Act :

And whereas the said workhouse fund is represented by the securities and monies mentioned in the second part of the said schedule, in addition to the said land at Wimbledon, and the sum of cash mentioned in the said schedule stands in the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, to an account entitled in the name of the said guardians, and the said securities are held by the said governor and company on the like account :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen'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 :

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Saint Martin-in-the-Fields Workhouse Fund Appropriation Act, 1869."

2. The churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields shall, upon the passing of this Act, be incorporated for the purposes thereof by the name and style of "The churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields in the county of Middlesex," and by that name shall be a body corporate, with perpetual succession and a common seal, to be by them from time to time altered as they may think fit.

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 Churchwardens and overseers incorporated.

3. The first meeting of the said churchwardens and overseers for the purposes of this Act shall be convened by the said churchwardens and overseers, or any three or more of them, and their subsequent meetings for such purposes shall be holden from time to time as the said churchwardens and overseers may at any meeting appoint, and any such meeting may be convened by any person authorized by such body corporate from time to time for this purpose, and no act of any such meeting shall be valid unless three members of such body corporate be present and concur therein.

Meetings and quorum.

4. Upon the passing of this Act the said land acquired by the guardians of the said parish under the powers of the "Saint Martin-in-the-Fields Workhouse and Offices Rebuilding Act, 1866," for all the estate and interest therein so acquired, and all securities and monies now representing the workhouse fund, and the income which may have in anywise arisen therefrom, or from any investment thereof in land or otherwise, shall by virtue of this Act become absolutely vested in the said churchwardens and overseers as such body corporate.

Property representing the workhouse fund vested in the churchwardens and overseers.

5. The investment of part of the said balance in the securities herein mentioned is hereby confirmed, and the securities and monies vested in the said churchwardens and overseers by this Act, and all other monies, whether in the nature of principal or income, becoming payable to the said churchwardens and overseers, and all other securities to be acquired by them under this Act, shall be from time to time converted, invested, and disposed of (as the case may require) in such manner for the permanent advantage of the said parish as the Poor Law Board may from time to time by their order direct.

Confirmation of investment and disposition of securities and monies.

6. Until such order shall be made by the said board, the interest from time to time accruing upon the investment of the said fund shall be applied in aid of the current poor rates of the said parish.

Application of interest arising from investment of fund.

7. Subject as herein-before provided, all monies vested in or payable to the said churchwardens and overseers by or under this Act shall be paid into the Bank of England, or, as the case may require, transferred in the said bank, to an account entered in the name of

Monies to be paid into the Bank of England.

A.D. 1869. the said churchwardens and overseers, and drawn upon in manner to be prescribed by order of the Poor Law Board.

29 & 30 Vict. c. cccxxxi. repealed. **8.** The "Saint Martin-in-the-Fields Workhouse and Offices Rebuilding Act, 1866," is hereby repealed, but this repeal shall not affect any act done or title acquired thereunder.

Expenses of Act. **9.** All costs, charges, and expenses of and incident to the preparing for, obtaining, and passing of this Act, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall be paid by the said churchwardens and overseers out of the monies vested in them by this Act.

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The **SCHEDULE** to which the foregoing Act refers.

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**PART I.**

**PARTICULARS OF LAND AT WIMBLEDON.**

All those two pieces of ground situate in the parish of Wimbledon in the county of Surrey on the north side of the London and South-western Railway as the same are, with the boundaries thereof, particularly delineated and described in the plan drawn in the margin of a certain indenture, bearing date the 15th day of March 1867, and made between George Bridge, esquire, of the one part, and the guardians of the poor of the parish of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields of the other part, and therein coloured pink and green, and which said piece of ground coloured pink contains six acres three roods and seven perches, and the said piece of ground coloured green contains eleven perches, and are part of certain closes of land called Hither Cox's Close, and ten acres formerly forming part of a farm called Cowdery's farm.

**PART II.**

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Exchequer bills now lodged in the Bank of England			
to the value of - - - - -	62,000	0	0
Cash in the said Bank of England - - - - -	2,470	1	8
Accruing interest on the said exchequer bills			