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An Act to authorise the sale of a strip of land adjoining the Knightsbridge Barracks to the Metropolitan Board of Works for the improvement of the Knightsbridge Road, to transfer the management of a piece of Crown land at Hampton Court from the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works, and vest the management of land left vacant on the reconstruction and improvement of Gloucester Gate Bridge, Regent's Park, in the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods.

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WHEREAS the portion of the Knightsbridge Road abutting on the cavalry barracks in the royal demesne of Hyde Park is too narrow for the convenient passage of the traffic along it, and the widening of the said road would be a great public improvement, and the Metropolitan Board of Works (herein-after called the Metropolitan Board) have offered to purchase, on the terms herein-after mentioned, a strip of land containing seven thousand six hundred and twenty-three superficial feet or thereabouts, part of the said park, for the purpose of effecting such improvement :

And whereas the site of the said barracks is part of the said park, and has hitherto been occupied by the barracks by the permission of Her Majesty and her royal predecessors, and it is expedient that the same, so long as it shall be required for barrack purposes, should be placed under the charge of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department (herein-after called the Secretary for War) for the time being in manner herein-after enacted :

And whereas it is expedient that all land, parcel of the hereditary possessions of the Crown, which under the provisions of the Act of the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty, chapter forty-two, is now under the management of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues (herein-after

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called the Commissioners of Woods), adjacent to the lands situate in the parish of Hampton Wick in the county of Middlesex, now under the management of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings (herein-after called the Commissioners of Works), and lying between such lands and the River Thames, should be placed under the management of the Commissioners of Works :

And whereas in the reconstruction of the Gloucester Gate Bridge in or adjoining the royal demesne of Regent's Park by the vestry of St. Pancras a deviation has been made for the increased convenience of the public, whereby part of the new bridge, and the approaches thereto on the north-western side thereof, has (with the consent of Her Majesty) been constructed over land belonging to the said park, and two small pieces of land, part of the site of the old bridge and approaches on the south-eastern side have thereby been left vacant, and it is just and expedient that the same should be vested in Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, as part of the land revenues of the Crown under the management of the Commissioners of Woods, and that such provisions as are herein-after contained should be made as to the pier and wall or fence constructed by the said vestry :

And whereas the several objects above mentioned cannot be fully attained without the authority of Parliament :

And whereas plans showing the said strip of land at Knightsbridge, herein-after called "the Knightsbridge land," and the said two pieces of vacant land adjoining Gloucester Gate Bridge, herein-after called "the Gloucester Gate Bridge land" signed by the Honourable Charles Alexander Gore, one of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and by the Right Honourable Gerard James Noel, the First Commissioner of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, have been deposited in the Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments, and such plans are herein-after referred to as the deposited plans :

Be it therefore 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 as the *Knightsbridge and other Crown Lands Act, 1879.*

As to the Knightsbridge Lands.

Commissioners of Woods empowered to

2. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Woods, and if requested by the Secretary for War and the Commissioners of

Works, they are hereby required to sell and convey for and on behalf of Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, to the Metropolitan Board, all the estate, right, and interest of Her Majesty in the "Knightsbridge land" (coloured yellow on the deposited plan) for the sum of five thousand pounds, subject to the reservations and conditions herein-after specified, and the said land shall upon such sale and conveyance vest in the Metropolitan Board for the purposes and subject to the reservations and conditions specified in this Act, free from any right to the occupation thereof by the Secretary for War.

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sell the
"Knights-
bridge land"
to the
Metropolitan
Board.

3. The consideration to be paid by the Metropolitan Board for the purchase of the said land shall be paid to the Commissioners of Woods, to be by them applied to the same purposes as other moneys arising from the sale of estates belonging to the Crown according to the provisions of the Act of the tenth year of King George the Fourth, chapter fifty; and any interest which may accrue on such consideration money shall be paid to the same Commissioners and be by them applied in the same manner as the annual income of the possessions and land revenues of the Crown.

Application
of considera-
tion money.

4. The said consideration money shall be paid on such day not earlier than two calendar months after the passing of this Act as shall be appointed by the Commissioners of Woods and the Secretary for War by writing delivered at the office of the Metropolitan Board fourteen days at least before the day appointed for payment, and if not paid on the day so appointed shall bear interest from that day at the rate of four per cent. per annum, and possession of the said land shall be delivered to the Metropolitan Board on payment of the said consideration money on or after the day so to be appointed with any interest due thereon.

Date of
payment of
considera-
tion money.

5. The conveyance to the Metropolitan Board of the said land shall be subject to the right of Her Majesty and of the Secretary for War to construct, hold, use, and maintain vaults under the footway to be formed by the Metropolitan Board as herein-after mentioned either with or without openings between such vaults and the surface, such vaults to be constructed to the reasonable satisfaction of the Metropolitan Board.

Reservation
of right to
construct
vaults under
pavement.

6. When, under the provisions of this Act, the said land shall have become vested in the Metropolitan Board, the following provisions shall take effect:

Appropriation
of land
by Metro-
politan Board.

1. The Metropolitan Board shall appropriate such part of the said land as may be necessary for such purpose to the formation of a public footpath next the new frontage line of the barracks

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of such width and at such level as may be approved by the Secretary for War, and shall form, make, and sufficiently pave the same, but subject to the rights of construction of vaults reserved to Her Majesty and the Secretary for War as aforesaid ;

2. The Metropolitan Board shall appropriate the remainder of the said land to the widening of the Knightsbridge Road, and they shall level, make, and metal the same in such manner that the same may be laid into and form part of the Knightsbridge Road ;

3. The Metropolitan Board shall relay and repave any part of the said road, street, or footpath which they may disturb or alter in the execution of any of the works aforesaid ;

and when the said land shall have been laid out, levelled, made, paved, and metalled in accordance with the provisions of this Act the same shall form part of the Knightsbridge Road, and shall thereupon be a public highway, of the same nature, subject to the same control, maintenance, and jurisdiction as the Knightsbridge Road, to which it is hereby added, and the same shall be maintained accordingly.

Present site of barracks to remain part of Hyde Park, but to be under charge of Secretary for War so long as used for barrack purposes.

7. The present site of the said barracks, including any vaults and openings to be constructed as aforesaid, shall remain part of Hyde Park, but so long as the same shall be used or occupied for barrack purposes for the troops of Her Majesty, her heirs or successors, shall be under the charge of the Secretary for War for the time being, and, subject to this provision, the same premises shall be deemed to belong to that part of the said park which by the said Act of the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty, chapter forty-two, is placed under the management of the Commissioners of Works.

As to the Hampton Court Park Land.

Management of certain other land transferred to Commissioners of Works.

8. From and after the passing of this Act all land parcel of the hereditary possessions of the Crown now under the management of the Commissioners of Woods adjacent to the lands situate in the parish of Hampton Wick in the county of Middlesex, now under the management of the Commissioners of Works, and lying between such lands and the River Thames, shall be and the same are hereby transferred from the management of the Commissioners of Woods to the management of the Commissioners of Works as if the same had been included in the twenty-second section of the said Act of the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty, chapter forty-two.

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As to the Gloucester Gate Bridge Land.

9. From and after the passing of this Act the Gloucester Gate Bridge land (coloured pink on the deposited plan) shall be and the same is hereby declared to be vested in Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, as part of the land revenues of the Crown under the management of the Commissioners of Woods.

Gloucester Gate Bridge land to be under management of Commissioners of Woods.

10. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, her heirs or successors, or the Commissioners of Woods, at any time to remove the south-east wing wall of the said Gloucester Gate Bridge between the points A. and C., and also the pier at A. on the deposited plan, and also the low wall and railing at the north-east end shown on the deposited plan (all of which have been constructed by the said vestry of St. Pancras on land already vested or hereby vested in Her Majesty), so as to give access to the bridge or the approaches thereto from the Crown lands.

Walls, &c. may be removed by Commissioners of Woods.

11. Until such walls, railing, and pier shall be removed as aforesaid the same shall be maintained in good and proper repair and condition by the said vestry of the parish of St. Pancras.

Walls, &c. to be kept in repair by vestry of St. Pancras.

Miscellaneous.

12. All acts to be done or powers executed under this Act by the Commissioners of Woods may be done and executed by such one of the same Commissioners as may from time to time have the management and direction of the land revenues of the Crown in the county of Middlesex.

Commissioner of Woods managing Crown lands in Middlesex may execute Act.

13. All persons shall be at liberty at all seasonable times to inspect the deposited plans at their will and pleasure, paying the sum of one shilling for every such inspection.

Plans to be open for inspection on payment of fee.

