



# Defence of the Realm (Acquisition of Land) Act 1920

## 1920 CHAPTER 79

### **2 Provisions as to rights of pre-emption.**

- (1) The right of pre-emption conferred by section five of the principal Act on any person other than a person entitled to the lands from which the land proposed to be sold was originally severed shall cease to have effect, and accordingly in subsection (3) of that section the words from " or if such person refuse " to the end of that subsection shall be repealed.
- (2) Where the land from which land acquired under the principal Act was severed is settled land within the meaning of the Settled Land Acts, 1882 to 1890, the tenant for life, or person having the powers of a tenant for life under those Acts with respect to that land, shall, for the purposes of section five of the principal Act and this section, be deemed to be, and always to have been, the person entitled to the settled land.
- (3) The person by whom the right of pre-emption conferred by the said section five as amended by this section is or would for the time being be exercisable in respect of any land if a Government department were offering that land for sale shall have power at any time to release that right so as to discharge in perpetuity the land or any part thereof to which the release relates, from all such right of pre-emption.