

## Inclosure Act 1854

## 1854 CHAPTER 97 17 and 18 Vict

## 17 Interests to be ascertained by commissioners.

As soon as the said monies shall have been paid into the Bank as aforesaid, the said Inclosure Commissioners, or any assistant commissioner appointed or to be appointed by them for that purpose, shall proceed to ascertain, determine, and award the names of the parties who are entitled to such estates, rights, and interests in the said common and commonable lands, and the amount of value of their respective shares, rights, and interests therein, and the proportionate amount of the price so to be paid as aforesaid for such estates, rights, and interests to which each party so entitled as aforesaid is entitled in respect of his share, right, or interest as aforesaid; and the award of the commissioners under their common seal, or assistant commissioner in writing under his hand and seal, shall be binding on all parties claiming such estates, rights, and interests as aforesaid; and for the purpose of ascertaining the rights and interests of such parties as aforesaid it shall be lawful for the said Inclosure Commissioners or assistant commissioner to call such meetings as they or he shall think fit of all persons having or claiming any such rights or interests in the said common and commonable lands as aforesaid, at such time and place as the said commissioners or assistant commissioner shall think fit, so as the same shall be appointed by a public notice thereof in writing, to be affixed at least twelve days before such meeting on the principal outer door of the parish church in which such land or any part is situate, and to be inserted in one of the public newspapers published or generally circulated in the county in which such land is situate; and at such meeting the said commissioners or assistant commissioner do and shall proceed to examine into and ascertain all and every the claims which shall be made or put forward in respect of any such rights or interests as aforesaid, and the relative and proportionate value of the estates, rights, and interests of any person or persons claiming to be entitled thereto, and for that purpose do and may employ any valuer or surveyor, and call for and receive such records, deeds, and writings, and such other proof or evidence, as the said commissioners or assistant commissioner may think fit; and they and he are and is hereby authorized and required to take the testimony of any witnesses upon oath (which oath they and he are and is respectively hereby empowered to administer), or to take the affirmation of such witnesses in cases where affirmation is allowed by law instead of oath.

## **Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Inclosure Act 1854, Section 17.