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Cap. 11.

An Act for inclosing Lands in the Parish of *Ringstead* in the County of *Northampton*.

[4th June 1839.]

WHEREAS there are within the Parish of *Ringstead* in the County of *Northampton* divers Open and Common Fields, Common Meadows, Lands, Commons, and Waste Lands and Grounds, and divers inclosed Lands and Homesteads: And whereas *Thomas Burton* Esquire is or claims to be Lord of the Manor of *Ringstead* aforesaid: And whereas *Henry Shuttleworth* is or claims to be Lord of the Manor of *Cotton* otherwise *Coates* otherwise *Ringstead Cotton* in the said Parish of *Ringstead*: And whereas the Most Noble *Charles Duke of Dorset*, the said *Thomas Burton*, *George Capron*, and *Henry Shuttleworth* are, together with divers other Persons, the Owners or Proprietors of the said Open and Common Fields, Meadows, Lands, Commons, and Waste Lands and Grounds, and of the said inclosed Lands and Homesteads, and of ancient Commonable Messuages or Tofts within the said Parish of *Ringstead*, and in respect thereof or otherwise are or claim to be entitled to certain Rights of Common and other Rights and Interests in, over, and upon the same, or some Part or Parts thereof, or are otherwise interested therein: And whereas an Act passed in the

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Forty-first Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for consolidating in One Act certain Provisions usually inserted in Acts of Inclosure, and for facilitating the Mode of proving the several Facts usually required on the passing of such Acts*: And whereas an Act was passed in the First and Second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws respecting the inclosing of Open Fields, Pastures, Moors, Commons, and Waste Lands in England*: And whereas it would be advantageous to the several Persons entitled to and interested in the said Open and Common Fields, Meadows, Lands, Commons, and Waste Lands and Grounds, if the same were divided and inclosed, and specific Parts thereof allotted to the Proprietors thereof according to their respective Rights and Interests therein, and such Allotments held in Severalty, and all Rights of Common in, over, and upon the same respectively extinguished; but the beneficial Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: 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, That the said Two recited Acts passed respectively in the Forty-first Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third and in the First and Second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, and the several Enactments and Provisions of the said recited Acts, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be deemed and taken to be and be applied and executed as Part of this Act for all Purposes and to all Intents whatsoever, except and in such Cases wherein the same are hereby respectively repealed or varied, or wherein the same shall by this Act or otherwise become or be inapplicable to any of the Purposes of this Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That *John West* of *Little Bowden* in the County of *Northampton*, Gentleman, and his Successor for the Time being, to be elected or appointed in manner herein-after mentioned, shall be and he is hereby appointed sole Commissioner for carrying this Act into execution: Provided always, that no Person shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner (except in signing and giving Notice of the First Meeting of the Commissioner) until he shall have made and subscribed a Declaration in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

‘ I *A. B.* do solemnly declare, That I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my Skill and Ability, execute and perform the several Powers and Duties vested in and imposed upon me as a Commissioner by virtue of an Act passed in the Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], according to Equity and good Conscience, and without Favour or Affection, Prejudice or Malice, to any Person whomsoever.’

Which Declaration it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Northampton* to administer and receive; and the said Declaration, so made and subscribed, shall be annexed to and deposited

deposited with the Award of the said Commissioner; and such Declaration shall be in lieu of and as a Substitution for the Oath or Affirmation required by the said recited Act of the Forty-first Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third to be taken and subscribed by Persons acting as Commissioners in the Execution of any Act for dividing, allotting, or inclosing any Lands or Grounds, and such Declaration, when duly made and subscribed, shall be to all Intents and Purposes as valid and effectual as the Oath or Affirmation in lieu whereof it shall have been so made and subscribed.

III. And be it further enacted, That in case the said *John West*, or any Person to be nominated or appointed a Commissioner in his Room or Stead, by virtue of this Act, shall die, or become incapacitated, or neglect or refuse for the Space of One Calendar Month to act as such Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the major Part in Value (such Value to be ascertained by the Poor's Rate Assessment for the Time being) of the several Proprietors of Lands or Hereditaments within the said Parish of *Ringstead* who shall attend, either personally or by their respective Agents, at any Meeting to be held for the Election of a new Commissioner by reason of such Death, Refusal, Neglect, or Incapacity as aforesaid, (of which Meeting Notice shall be given by some One or more of the Persons interested in the said Inclosure, upon some *Sunday* before Divine Service, by Writing to be affixed on one of the outer Doors of the Parish Church of *Ringstead*, and also by Advertisement to be inserted in the *Northampton Herald*, or in some other Newspaper printed or usually circulated in the County of *Northampton*, at least Fourteen Days before such Meeting,) to nominate and appoint, by Writing under their Hands, some fit and proper Person, not interested in the said Division, Allotment, and Inclosure, to be a Commissioner in the Room of the said *John West* or of the Commissioner who shall be appointed in his Place, and so from Time to Time as often as any such Commissioner so to be appointed by the major Part in Value of the said Proprietors shall die, neglect or refuse or become incapable to act as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act; and every new Commissioner so appointed shall have and be invested with the same Powers and Authorities in all respects for carrying this Act into execution, and shall be subject to the same Regulations, as if he had been originally named a Commissioner in this Act; and every such Appointment shall be annexed to and deposited with the Award of the said Commissioner in manner herein-after directed with respect to the said Award.

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IV. And be it further enacted, That if the said Commissioner shall refuse or neglect to attend the First or Second Meeting appointed to be held for putting this Act in execution, and to qualify himself by making the Declaration in that Behalf prescribed; or if the said Commissioner shall at any Time after having qualified himself as aforesaid wilfully absent himself from any Two successive Meetings appointed to be held as aforesaid, the Times of such Meetings being known to him by his having been present at the Appointment of the first thereof, or by a Notice thereof in Writing under the Hand of the Clerk

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Clerk of the said Commissioner having been given to him, or left at his usual Place of Abode, and such Commissioner not being prevented by Sickness or other reasonable Cause; or if any Commissioner to be hereafter elected and appointed as aforesaid shall not attend and qualify himself at the First or Second Meeting to be held after his Appointment, or shall, after having qualified himself as aforesaid, wilfully absent himself in manner aforesaid, after such Notice, and without such Cause of Excuse as last aforesaid; every such Absence or Non-attendance shall be deemed and taken to be a Refusal to act.

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V. And be it further enacted, That *Charles Day* of *St. Neots* in the County of *Huntingdon*, and *Robert Russel* of *Brackley* in the County of *Northampton*, Land Surveyors, or their Successors, to be appointed in manner herein-after mentioned, shall be the Surveyors for the Purposes of this Act; and in case the said *Charles Day* and *Robert Russel*, or either of them, or any Person or Persons to be appointed in the Place or Stead of them or either of them, shall, before the finishing of the said Division, Allotment, and Inclosure, die, or neglect, refuse, or become incapable to act as such Surveyors as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the major Part in Value (such Value to be ascertained by the Poor's Rate Assessment for the Time being) of the several Proprietors of Lands or Hereditaments within the said Parish of *Ringstead* who shall attend, either personally or by their respective Agents, at any Meeting to be held for the Election of a new Surveyor or Surveyors by reason of such Death, Neglect, Refusal, or Incapacity as aforesaid, (of which Meeting Notice shall be given in manner herein-before directed with regard to Meetings for the Appointment of a new Commissioner or Commissioners,) to appoint some fit and proper Person or Persons, not interested in the said Division, Allotment, and Inclosure, to be the Surveyor or Surveyors for the Purposes of this Act, and on every future Vacancy in like Manner to appoint some other fit and proper Person or Persons not interested in the said Division, Allotment, and Inclosure, as often as there shall be Occasion; and the said Commissioner is hereby authorized and required, out of the Monies to be raised for defraying the Expences of obtaining and passing this Act, and carrying the same and the said recited Acts into execution, to pay or allow to the said *Charles Day* and *Robert Russel*, and their Successors, to be appointed in pursuance of this Act, the Sum of Three Shillings *per* Acre, and no more, in full Satisfaction for the Time, Trouble, and Expences which they shall be put to and incur in surveying, measuring, mapping, and planning the Lands and Grounds hereby directed to be divided and inclosed, or any of the ancient inclosed Lands or Homesteads, or any Part thereof, and also for the Maps or Plans required to be made in pursuance of this Act, and for all Attendances upon the said Commissioner at his Meetings and otherwise, and for assisting him or his Clerk in the Preparation of his Award, and for all travelling and other Expences of every Description to be incurred by such Surveyors in and about the Execution of this Act and the said recited Acts; and in case any other Person or Persons shall be appointed in pursuance of this Act as Successor or Successors to the said *Charles Day* and *Robert Russel*, or either of them,

them, then the said *Charles Day* and *Robert Russel*, and their Successor or Successors, shall be paid or allowed respectively such Proportions of the said Sum of Three Shillings *per Acre* as shall be deemed reasonable and proper by the said Commissioners: Provided always, that no Person shall act as Surveyor in the Execution of this Act until he shall have made and subscribed a Declaration in the Words and to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Surveyor to make a Declaration.

‘ I *A. B.* do solemnly declare, That I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my Skill and Ability, execute and perform the several Powers and Duties vested in and imposed upon me as Surveyor by virtue of an Act passed in the Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], according to Equity and good Conscience, and without Partiality, Favour, or Affection, Prejudice or Malice, to any Person whomsoever.’

Which Declaration it shall be lawful for any Commissioner for the Time being acting in the Execution of this Act, or any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Northampton*, to administer and receive; and the said Declaration so made and subscribed shall be annexed to and deposited with the Award of the said Commissioner.

Commissioner may administer Declaration.

VI. And be it further enacted, That any Person making and subscribing a Declaration under the Authority of this Act, and who shall wilfully and corruptly make and subscribe such Declaration knowing the Allegations thereof or any of them to be untrue, shall be subject to the like Pains and Penalties to which Persons guilty of wilful and corrupt Perjury are or may be subject.

Penalty on making a false Declaration.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner to appoint a Clerk to assist him in carrying this Act into execution, and from Time to Time to remove such Clerk, and appoint another in his Stead.

Appointment of a Clerk.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That out of the Monies which shall be raised for defraying the Expences of obtaining and passing this Act and carrying the same into execution there shall be paid to the said *John West* the Sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds and no more, and to the Clerk of the said Commissioner the Sum of Three Pounds and Three Shillings and no more, for each Day he shall travel or be engaged in any Business relating to the Execution of this Act, or of any of the Powers hereby vested in such Commissioner, during the first Two Years next after the passing of this Act, and after the Expiration of the said Two Years, until the Powers granted by this Act shall be fully executed and performed, the Sum of Two Pounds and Two Shillings and no more for each and every Day that such Clerk shall be employed as aforesaid, which said Sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds so to be paid to the said *John West* as aforesaid, and the said Sums of Three Pounds and Three Shillings, or Two Pounds and Two Shillings, as the Case may be, so to be paid to the said Clerk for each Day he shall be so employed as aforesaid, shall be in full Satisfaction for the Time and Trouble of the said Commis-

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sioner and Clerk respectively, and for their several Expences which they may incur during their several Journies, or otherwise, and Attendances in the Execution of this Act, other than and except the Expences for the Use of the Rooms in which the Meetings shall be held for carrying this Act into execution, and the Costs and Expences of drawing, preparing, copying, engrossing, and proclaiming the Award of the said Commissioner, and of the Insertion of Notices and Advertisements in Newspapers, and Postages of Letters: Provided nevertheless, that in case the said *John West* shall die, or become incapacitated, or neglect or refuse for the Space of One Calendar Month to act in the Execution of this Act, before the same shall be carried into full Effect, a Part and fair Proportion only of the said Sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds shall be paid to him or to his Representatives according to the Time he shall have acted as Commissioner, such Proportion to be ascertained by the Auditor by and before whom the Accounts of the said Commissioner shall be examined and audited; and the new or succeeding Commissioner who may be appointed under the Powers of this Act shall be paid or allowed such a Sum or Sums of Money as shall be agreed upon between them respectively and the major Part in Value (such Value to be ascertained by the Poor's Rate Assessment for the Time being) of the several Proprietors of Lands or Hereditaments within the said Parish.

For regulating the Duration of Meetings of the Commissioner.

IX. And for regulating the Duration of all Meetings to be held for the Purposes of this Act, be it enacted, That a Day shall be deemed to consist of Eight Hours at all Meetings to be held between the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* and the Twenty-ninth Day of *September*, and of Six Hours between the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* and the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*; and that any Meeting to be held for the Purposes of this Act of less Duration than Eight Hours or Six Hours (as the Case may be) shall be charged as only Half a Day, and the said Commissioner and the said Clerk shall be paid accordingly; and a Book shall be kept by the said Commissioner or his Clerk, in which shall be entered the several Days on which the said Commissioner shall hold his Meetings, and in such Book shall also be entered at what Hour the said Commissioner and Clerk were respectively present at such Meeting, and at what Hour they respectively left the same, and such Book shall be signed by the said Commissioner at the Termination of each Meeting, and shall be open to the Inspection of all Persons interested in the said Division, Allotment, and Inclosure, or their Agents or Attornies, during all the Meetings to be held in pursuance of this Act, and all such Persons may take Copies of or Extracts from such Book without paying any thing for the same: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for the said Commissioner to retain or pay himself or the said Clerk, out of any Monies to be received by him or over which he may have any Control, by virtue of this Act, any Money on account of the Allowance herein-before directed to be made to such Commissioner or to the said Clerk respectively beyond One Third of the Allowance to which they shall be respectively entitled as aforesaid, until after the Expiration of Six Calendar Months from the Day of the Date of the Award to be made in pursuance of this Act, or in case the Accounts of the said Commissioner shall

shall be appealed against; then not until such Appeal shall have been heard and decided: Provided nevertheless, that in case of the Decease of the said Commissioner or of the said Clerk previous to the Execution of the said Award, the Commissioner for the Time being shall, after the Expiration of the Period allowed for Appeal against the Accounts herein-after directed to be made and stated, pay to the Executors or Administrators of such deceased Commissioner or Clerk such Sum as shall appear by the said Accounts to be due to such deceased Commissioner or Clerk.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the several Persons interested in the said Division, Allotment, and Inclosure, and their respective Agents, shall pay their own Expences whenever they shall attend any of the Meetings to be held in pursuance of this Act. Proprietors to pay their own Expences at Meetings.

XI. And be it further enacted, That all the Orders, Proceedings, and Determinations of the said Commissioner at any Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act shall be entered in a Book to be provided for that Purpose, and shall be signed by the said Commissioner, and being so signed shall be deemed and taken to be Originals; and all such Books shall be deposited with and kept by the Clerk to the said Commissioner, and shall and may be read in Evidence in all Cases of Appeals, Suits, Actions, and other Proceedings touching any Matter or Thing done in pursuance of or in relation to this Act. Proceedings to be entered in a Book.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioner shall and he is hereby required to cause Notice to be given by Advertisement thereof in the Newspaper called the *Northampton Herald*, or in some other Newspaper printed or usually circulated in the said County of *Northampton*, and also by affixing the same upon some principal outer Door of the Parish Church of *Ringstead* aforesaid on some *Sunday* before Divine Service, of the Time and Place of his First and every subsequent Meeting for the Execution of this Act, Seven Days at least before any such Meeting shall be held (Meetings by Adjournment only excepted); and the said Commissioner shall and may from Time to Time adjourn such Meetings as he may see Occasion for the efficient Execution of this Act; and if at the Time and Place appointed for any such Meeting the Commissioner shall not attend, it shall be lawful for the Clerk to the said Commissioner to adjourn such Meeting to some future Period not exceeding Twenty-one Days from the Day of such Adjournment, then to be held at the Place from which such Adjournment was made, giving timely Notice thereof to the said Commissioner: Provided always, that all Meetings of the said Commissioner for executing this Act shall be held within the said Parish of *Ringstead*, or at *Thrapston*, in the said County of *Northampton*. Meetings and Notices thereof.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all other Notices necessary to be given by the said Commissioner (the Mode of giving which is not hereby particularly directed) shall be given by Advertisement to be inserted in the said Paper called the *Northampton Herald*, or in some other Newspaper printed or usually circulated in the Other Notices how to be given.

the said County of *Northampton*, or by Writing to be affixed on some principal outer Door of the Parish Church of *Ringstead* aforesaid; and all Notices so given shall be deemed sufficient Notices to all Persons concerning all Matters and Things to which such respective Notices shall relate, any thing in the said first-recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Claims to be delivered to the Commissioner.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That all Persons claiming any Estate, Right, or Interest in, over, upon, or to any Lands and Grounds in the said Parish of *Ringstead*, hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, or exonerated from Commonable or other Rights, under or by virtue of this Act, shall and they are hereby required, by themselves or their Agents, to deliver their respective Claims, in Writing under their Hands, or the Hands of their Agents, unto the said Commissioner, at such Meetings as shall be held by the said Commissioner for that Purpose, distinguishing in such Claims the several Particulars in respect whereof the Claims are made, and the Freehold and Leasehold Property from each other; and no such Claim shall be received by the said Commissioner after the last Meeting to be held for that Purpose, after due Notice thereof given, and which shall be so expressed therein (except for some special Cause to be allowed by the said Commissioner); and after the said Claims shall be so received the said Commissioner shall cause a Schedule thereof to be affixed on some principal outer Door of the said Church, and shall appoint a Place and Time (at least Fourteen Days distant) when and where all Parties concerned may appear before him, and show Cause for or against the Allowance or Disallowance of such Claims; and at such Meeting the said Commissioner shall proceed to examine into and settle and determine the same, and shall make such Order therein as to him shall appear just and equitable; and in case any Doubts or Difficulties shall arise respecting such Claims, or any Disputes or Differences shall happen between any of the said Proprietors touching their respective Rights or Claims, or touching the respective Shares which they or any of them ought to have in the Allotment hereby intended to be made, the said Commissioner shall and he is hereby required, by Examination of Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath the said Commissioner is hereby empowered to administer), and by such other Evidence, Inquiry, and Satisfaction as to him shall seem proper, to hear and determine the same, and shall make such Order therein as to the said Commissioner shall appear equitable and just; which said Order shall be final and conclusive, unless any Party shall be dissatisfied with the Determination of the said Commissioner, and shall proceed to try his Rights by an Issue at Law, as hereafter mentioned, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Tofts to be deemed Commonable Messuages.

XV. And be it further enacted, That all Tofts, Foundations, or Sites of ancient Commonable Messuages or Cottages, in the said Parish of *Ringstead*, shall, upon Proof being made to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioner that Commonable Messuages or Cottages formerly stood thereon, be considered and deemed as Commonable Messuages or Cottages, and the respective Owners or Proprietors thereof shall be entitled to the same Compensation for the respective Rights of
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Common originally belonging thereto as if such Messuages or Cottages were still standing.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall authorize the said Commissioner to determine the Title to any Lands, or to determine any Right between any Parties contrary to the actual Possession of any of such Parties, (except in respect of Encroachments as herein-after mentioned,) but in case the said Commissioner shall be of Opinion against the Right of the Party so in Possession, he shall forbear to make any Determination thereon until the Possession shall have been given up by such Party, or have been recovered from such Party by due Course of Law.

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XVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person, having been summoned to testify the Truth upon Oath touching any Matter in difference between any of the Parties interested in the Premises, or otherwise, relating to the Execution of this Act, and having been paid or tendered a sufficient Sum of Money, to be ascertained by the said Commissioner, to defray the Charges of his Attendance, shall not appear before the said Commissioner pursuant to such Summons, without assigning some reasonable Excuse for not appearing, or appearing shall refuse to be sworn, or to be examined and give Evidence touching the Premises, the said Commissioner, upon Proof thereof made before him upon Oath (which Oath the said Commissioner is hereby empowered to administer), shall and he is hereby authorized, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal directed to any Person whomsoever, to cause any Sum of Money not exceeding Ten Pounds to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person so neglecting or refusing to appear, or to be sworn and give Evidence, rendering the Surplus (if any), upon Demand, to the Person whose Goods and Chattels shall have been so distrained and sold, after deducting the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale; and the Money so to be levied as aforesaid shall be considered as Part of the Monies which are hereby directed to be raised for defraying the Costs and Expences of obtaining this Act and carrying the same into execution, and shall be applied accordingly.

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XVIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Commissioner, upon the Hearing and Determination of any Claim or Objection to be delivered to him in pursuance of this Act, shall see Cause to award any Costs, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner and he is hereby empowered, upon Application made to him for that Purpose, to assess and award such Costs and Charges as he shall think reasonable to be paid to the Person in whose Favour any Determination of the said Commissioner shall have been made, by the Person whose Claim or Objection shall have been thereby disallowed; and in case any Person liable to pay such Costs and Charges shall refuse or neglect to pay the same, upon Demand, the said Commissioner shall and he is hereby required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, directed to any Person whomsoever, to cause such Costs and Charges to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person so refusing or neglecting to pay the same, rendering the Overplus (if any), upon Demand, to the Person whose Goods and Chattels shall have been so distrained

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and sold, after deducting all Expences attending such Distress and Sale; or if there be no Goods or Chattels whereon to levy such Costs and Expences as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Person in whose Favour such Costs and Charges shall be awarded to recover the same by Action of Debt or on the Case, in which Action it shall be sufficient for the Plaintiff to declare that the Defendant is indebted to him in the Sum specified in the Order of Adjudication made by the said Commissioner in consequence of such Order, without setting forth any other Proceedings under this Act.

Parties dissatisfied authorized to try their Rights at Law.

XIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person interested or claiming to be interested in the said Division, Allotment, and Inclosure shall be dissatisfied with any Determination of the said Commissioner concerning any Claim of any Right or Interest in, over, upon, or to the Lands or Grounds hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, or exonerated from Commonable or other Rights; or concerning any Objection to such Claim, it shall be lawful for such Person to bring an Action upon a feigned Issue against the Person in whose Favour such Determination shall have been made, within Three Calendar Months next after such Determination shall have been notified in Writing to the Person against whom such Determination shall have been made, or to his known Agent, and thereupon the Person so dissatisfied may proceed to a Trial at Law at the then next Assizes, or at the Assizes immediately following such next Assizes, which may be holden for the said County of *Northampton* after such Action shall have been commenced; and the Defendant in such Action shall and he is hereby required, upon being served with the usual Process therein, to appear and plead thereto, or file Common Bail, and accept One or more Issue or Issues, whereby such Claim, and the Right, Property, and Interest thereby insisted on, may be tried and determined (such Issue or Issues to be settled by the proper Officer of the Court in which such Action shall be commenced, in case the Parties shall differ about the same); and the Verdict which shall be given upon the Trial of such Action shall be binding and conclusive upon all the Parties thereto, unless the Court wherein such Action shall be brought shall set aside such Verdict, and order a new Trial to be had therein, which it shall be lawful for the Court to do, and also upon sufficient Cause shown to put off the Trial of such Issue or Issues; and after such Verdict shall be given, and final Judgment obtained thereon, the said Commissioner shall act in conformity thereto, and allow or disallow the Claim thereby determined according to the Event of such Trial, and the Costs attending such Action shall abide the Event of the respective Trials of such Issue or Issues: Provided always, that if no such Action shall be commenced, or the Plaintiff therein shall not proceed to Trial within the Time herein-before limited for that Purpose, then the Determination of the said Commissioner shall be binding and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

If no Action brought within Time limited, Determination of Commissioner to be final.

Deaths of Parties not to abate Proceedings.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person, Plaintiff or Defendant in any Action to be brought as aforesaid, shall die pending the same, such Action shall not abate by reason thereof, but may be proceeded in as if no such Death had happened; and if any Person in whose Favour any such Determination as aforesaid shall have been made,

made, and against whom any such Action might have been brought if living, shall die before any such Action shall have been brought, and before the Expiration of the Time herein-before limited for bringing the same, it shall be lawful for the Person who might have brought such Action to bring the same, within the Time so limited as aforesaid, against such Person, as if actually living, and to serve the said Commissioner or his Clerk with the usual Process for commencing such Action in the same Manner as the Person so dead might have been served therewith if living; and it shall thereupon be incumbent on such Clerk to serve with such Process the Heir or Devisee or personal Representative of the Person so dead, or other the Person who shall claim the Benefit of such Determination as aforesaid; and on such Process being served such Heir or Devisee or personal Representative, or other Person, shall appear and defend such Action in the Name of the Person so dead, and Proceedings shall be had thereon in the same Manner as if such Person had been living, and the Rights, Interests, and Claims of all Parties shall be equally bound and concluded by the Event of such Action which shall be so brought or continued as aforesaid as if the Death of any of the Persons interested therein had not occurred.

In case Parties die before Action brought, Suits to be carried on and defended in their Names.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person interested in the said Division, Allotment, and Inclosure shall die before the same shall have been completed, the Powers and Authorities hereby vested in the said Commissioner shall not be thereby determined or suspended, but the said Commissioner shall proceed in the Execution of the Powers and Authorities so vested in him in such Manner as he might have done in case such Person had not died, and the Share of the Person so dying shall be allotted to such Person as by Law shall become entitled to the same, and shall be accepted and fenced by such Party according to the Directions of this Act, and he shall be liable to the Charges and Expences and other Conditions of this Act.

If Parties die before Inclosure, &c. is completed, Allotments to be made to their Representatives.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner, at such Time as he shall think proper, and before the Execution of his Award, by Notice in Writing under his Hand, to be affixed on some principal outer Door of the Parish Church of *Ringstead* aforesaid on some *Sunday* previous to Divine Service, to order and direct all or any Part of the Rights of Common or other Rights in, over, or upon the Lands and Grounds hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, or any Part thereof, to be extinguished, or the Exercise thereof to be suspended, for and during such Time as shall be expressed in such Notice; and from and after the Time mentioned in such Notice all such Rights as shall be thereby directed to be extinguished shall be extinguished or the Exercise thereof suspended accordingly, any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding; and if during the Suspension or after the Extinguishment of any such Rights of Common or other Rights as aforesaid any Owner or Occupier of Land, or of any Commonable Messuage or Cottage, or the Site of any Commonable Messuage or Cottage, within the said Parish, or any other Person, shall permit his Cattle or Sheep to go, depasture, or feed upon any

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Penalty on Breach of Commissioner's Order.

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of the Lands or Grounds over which such Rights of Common or other Rights shall be suspended or extinguished, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner, or any other Person by his Order (testified in Writing under his Hand), and also for any other of the said Owners or Occupiers, to distrain such Cattle or Sheep being upon such Lands or Grounds contrary to such Order, and to impound the same until the Person so offending shall pay to the Person so distraining such Sum of Money as the said Commissioner shall by Writing under his Hand, to be delivered to or left at the Place of Abode of the Person whose Cattle or Sheep shall be so distrained, order and direct, not exceeding the Sum of Ten Shillings for each Head of Cattle, and not exceeding the Sum of Five Shillings for each Sheep so distrained; and in case the same shall not be paid within Seven Days after the Delivery of such Writing, the said Commissioner is hereby authorized, upon Proof of such Offence having been committed, and of Nonpayment of the Penalty hereby imposed, to cause the Cattle or Sheep so distrained or impounded, or such of them as he shall think necessary, or any other Goods or Chattels of the Person so offending, to be sold for raising and paying the Penalty aforesaid, together with the Costs and Charges attending such Distress, and also rendering the Surplus (if any) to the Owner of such Cattle or Sheep.

For shorten-
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aries.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That for the Purpose of shortening or rendering straight any Boundary Fences between the Lands and Grounds by this Act authorised to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, and any old inclosed Lands in the said Parish of *Ringstead*, or between such Allotments and inclosed Lands or any of them and any adjoining Lands and Grounds, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner (with the Consent of the Lords of any Manor in which the Lands are respectively situate, and the Owners of any such adjoining Lands, testified by Writing under their respective Hands, or under the Common Seal of any of them being a Corporation Aggregate,) to set out, ascertain, and determine the Boundaries between the Lands by this Act authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, and any adjoining Lands or Grounds lying in the same or in any adjoining Manor, as he shall judge proper for the Purposes aforesaid; and after such Boundaries shall have been so set out, ascertained, and determined as aforesaid, the same shall be made, fenced, ditched, or mounded by such Person, in such Manner, and at such Times as the said Commissioner shall direct, and shall for ever thereafter be deemed the Boundaries between the said allotted and inclosed Lands respectively, or (as the Case may be) between the said Allotments or inclosed Lands and such adjoining Manor, any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Commis-
sioner to set
out Drains,
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Water-
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XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner to set out, appoint, and make such common Ponds, Drains, Ditches, Streams, Watercourses, Tunnels, Banks, and Bridges, of such Size, Extent, and Form; and in such Situations, as the said Commissioner shall deem necessary, in, through, over, and upon the Lands and Grounds hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, and also to enlarge, widen, turn, scour, and cleanse or alter the
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Course of and improve any of the present Drains, Ditches, Streams, or Watercourses, Banks and Bridges, as well in, through, and over the same Lands and Grounds, as also in, through, and over any ancient Inclosures or other Lands and Grounds within the said Parish of *Ringstead*, as the said Commissioner shall deem necessary, (making such Satisfaction to the Proprietors of such ancient Inclosures or Lands and Grounds, for the Damage done thereby, as the said Commissioner shall think fair and equitable,) and the Costs and Expences of making and enlarging, widening, altering, turning, scouring, and cleansing, of such Ponds, Drains, Ditches, Streams, Watercourses, Tunnels, Banks, and Bridges, when the same shall be first made and done in pursuance of this Act, if not otherwise discharged or provided for, shall be raised and levied by the said Commissioner in the same Manner and by the same Means as the other Costs and Expences of carrying this Act into execution; but all such Ponds, Drains, Ditches, Streams, Watercourses, Tunnels, Banks, and Bridges shall at all Times afterwards be repaired, cleansed, scoured, and maintained by such Persons and in such Manner as the said Commissioner shall in and by his said Award order and direct; provided that no Stream or Watercourse be diverted or turned without the Consent in Writing of the Persons from whose Lands the same may be diverted, and of the Persons into whose Lands the same may be turned, or to the Prejudice or Injury of any Person interested in such Stream or Watercourse, except with his Consent in Writing.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioner may and he is hereby authorized to widen any of the public Roads or Highways where he shall think it necessary within the said Parish of *Ringstead*, and for that Purpose to take a sufficient Quantity of the ancient inclosed Lands and Grounds adjoining such Roads (the same not being a Yard, Garden, Orchard, Park, Paddock, Plantation, or Avenue to any House), and to make a full Compensation for the Value of the Land or Ground so to be taken for the widening of such public Roads or Highways, by allotting and awarding unto the Person or Persons from whom any such inclosed Land or Ground shall be so taken an adequate Part or Parts of the said Lands and Grounds hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, and also to make good and substantial Fences on each Side of all such widened public Roads and Highways, for and in lieu of the Fences which shall be injured or destroyed by means of such widening.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That in setting out and appointing the several public Carriage Roads, Highways, Bridle Roads, and Footpaths, in pursuance of this Act or of the first-recited Act, the said Commissioner shall and he is hereby authorized and empowered, if he shall think it necessary or proper, with the Consent and under the Order in Writing of any Two Justices of the Peace for the County of *Northampton*, to discontinue, stop up, divert, turn, or alter any of the Carriage Roads, Highways, Bridle Roads, or Footpaths passing or leading through or over any of the Lands or Grounds intended to be divided and allotted by virtue of this Act, or passing or leading through or over any of the old Inclosures within the said Parish of *Ringstead*; and the Soil of such of the Roads and Ways so to be discontinued

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continued and stopped up as pass or lead through allottable Lands shall be deemed and taken to be Part of the Lands and Grounds to be divided and allotted by virtue of this Act: Provided that nothing herein contained shall authorize the altering or diverting of any Highway through or over any of the said old Inclosures, without the Order of Two Justices of the Peace acting for the County of *Northampton*, or of any Turnpike Road leading through the said Parish of *Ringstead*, unless the Consent of the Majority of the Trustees of such Turnpike Road, assembled at a public Meeting called for that Purpose on Ten Days Notice, be first had and obtained.

Proceedings
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to stopping
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Roads, &c.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That before any public Carriage Roads, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath shall be discontinued, diverted, stopped up, or altered by the said Commissioner, or any such Order of Two Justices of the Peace as hereinbefore mentioned shall be made, the said Commissioner shall cause to be affixed at each End of the said public Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath so proposed to be discontinued, diverted, stopped up, or altered, a Notice to the Effect that such public Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath is intended to be discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, as the Case may be, by the said Commissioner acting under or by virtue of this Act, and the said Commissioner shall also cause the same Notice to be inserted in One Newspaper published or generally circulated in the said County of *Northampton*, for Four successive Weeks, and shall also cause a like Notice to be affixed on some principal outer Door of the Church of the said Parish of *Ringstead* on the Four *Sundays* of the said Four successive Weeks; and after the said several Notices shall have been so affixed and published as aforesaid, and after such Order as hereinbefore mentioned shall have been made, such public Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath shall be and be deemed to be discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, as the Case may be; subject however to such Appeal to the Court of General Quarter Sessions for the County of *Northampton* as is herein-after mentioned.

Persons who
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aggrieved if
such Roads,
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XXVIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Person who may think that he would be injured or aggrieved if any such Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath should be discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, as the Case may be, within Four Months after the making of the said Order, to make his Complaint thereof by Appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the said Quarter Sessions, upon giving to the said Commissioner or his Clerk Ten Days Notice in Writing of such Appeal, together with a Statement in Writing of the Grounds thereof: Provided also, that it shall not be lawful for the Appellant to be heard in support of such Appeal unless such Notice and Statement shall have been so given as aforesaid, nor on any Hearing of Appeal to go into or give Evidence of any other Grounds of Appeal than those set forth in such Statement as aforesaid.

In case of
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XXIX. And be it further enacted, That in case of such Appeal the Justices at such Quarter Sessions shall for the Purpose of determining whether

whether the said public Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath so intended to be discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered shall be discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, or whether the Party appealing would be injured or aggrieved, impanel a Jury of Twelve disinterested Men out of the Persons returned to serve as Jurymen at such Quarter Sessions; and if, after hearing the Evidence produced before them, the said Jury shall return a Verdict that the public Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath so intended to be discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered is unnecessary, or may beneficially to the Public be discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, and that the Party appealing would not be injured or aggrieved, then the said Court of Quarter Sessions shall dismiss such Appeal, and in that Case the said Court of Quarter Sessions shall award the Costs and Expences of resisting the said Appeal to be paid by the Party appealing to the said Commissioner, and the same shall be recoverable from the Party in such and the same Manner as any Penalties and Forfeitures are recoverable under the said recited Act of the Forty-first Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third; but if the said Jury shall return a Verdict that the public Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath so to be discontinued, stopped up, altered, or diverted is not unnecessary, or that the same could not beneficially to the Public be so discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, or that the Party appealing would be injured or aggrieved by such public Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath being so discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, as the Case may be, the said Court of Quarter Sessions shall allow such Appeal, and such public Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath shall not be discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, or, in case the same shall have been discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, the said Court shall make an Order for restoring such public Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath to its original State; and in that Case the said Court of Quarter Sessions is hereby authorized and required to award to the Party giving Notice of Appeal such Costs and Expences as shall be incurred in prosecuting such Appeal, and such Costs and Expences shall be paid by the said Commissioner, and shall be raised by the said Commissioner in such and the same Manner as he is hereby directed or empowered to raise the Money for discharging the Costs, Charges, and Expences of this Act.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That the Charges and Expences attending the stopping up, discontinuing, diverting, and altering of such Roads, and the Money Compensation in respect thereof, shall be raised in such and the like Manner as the Expences of obtaining and executing this Act are hereby directed to be raised.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That when and so soon as Two or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Northampton* shall, under their Hands and Seals, certify any of the public Carriage Roads to be set out in pursuance of this Act to be fully and sufficiently formed and completed, such Roads shall thenceforth be supported and kept in repair by such Persons and in such Manner as the public Roads within the said Parish of *Ringstead* are

sions to determine whether old Roads, &c. shall be discontinued.

Expences of discontinuing or widening Roads provided for.

Justices may declare any of the Carriage Roads completed.

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or ought by Law to be amended and kept in repair ; and every such Certificate shall, at the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of *Northampton* next after the Date thereof, be filed of Record by the Clerk of the Peace for the said County, and be valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes.

Commis-
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Roads.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioner shall and he is hereby empowered and required to set out and appoint such private Roads, Bridleways, and Footways, through and over the Lands and Grounds hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, as he shall think requisite, giving such Notice and subject to such Examination as is required by the said herein-before recited Act of the Forty-first Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third in the Case of public Roads ; and any Charges and Expences which the said Commissioner may think fit to incur or direct to be incurred prior to the Time of making his Award, relative to the setting out or the Formation or Completion of such private Roads, Bridleways, and Footways, or any of them, shall be raised in like Manner as the Charges and Expences of obtaining and passing this Act and carrying the same into execution ; and the said private Roads, Bridleways, and Footways shall thereafter be made, supported, and kept in repair by and at the Expence of the Owners and Proprietors for the Time being of any of the Lands and Grounds within the said Parish of *Ringstead*, in such Shares and Proportions and in such Manner as the said Commissioner shall in and by his Award order and direct, or by the Inhabitants of the said Parish, in such Manner as the public Roads within the same are by Law liable to be supported and kept in repair, if the said Commissioner shall by his Award so direct.

To allot the
Herbage of
private
Roads.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioner shall in and by his Award order and appoint the Grass and Herbage growing and renewing upon all and every the private Roads to be set out by him by virtue of this Act to be and for ever thereafter remain to and for the Use and Benefit of such Persons as he the said Commissioner shall in his Judgment think best entitled to the same.

Encroach-
ments.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That all Encroachments and Inclosures which shall have been made or taken by any Person from or upon any Part of the said Lands hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, within Twenty Years next before the passing of this Act, whether any Amerciament, annual Rent, or any Money Payment or Acknowledgment hath or hath not been paid for or in respect of the same, to or for the Use of the Lord of the Soil or any other Person whomsoever, shall be deemed Part and Parcel of the Lands by this Act authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, and shall be divided, allotted, and inclosed accordingly by virtue of this Act : Provided always, that in case any Question or Dispute shall arise touching any such Encroachment or Inclosure, or the Extent or Duration thereof, such Question or Dispute shall be referred to and be determined by the said Commissioner : Provided also, that it shall be lawful for the several Persons who shall be in Possession of such Encroachment or Inclosure, or in the Receipt of the Rent thereof, at the Time of the
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passing of this Act, to take down, remove, and carry away all such Buildings, Fences, and other Erections as shall then be on such Encroachment and Inclosure respectively, and to convert the same and the Materials thereof to their own Use, without any Interruption from the said Commissioner.

XXXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Encroachments shall have been made from the Waste or Common Lands hereby directed to be inclosed within Twenty Years next before the passing of this Act, upon which any Buildings or Improvements shall have been made, then and in such Case the said Commissioner shall and he is hereby required to allot and award such Encroachments or Inclosures, or such Part thereof as aforesaid, to the Person who shall at the Time of making the Award be in Possession thereof, or in the Receipt of the Rents thereof, provided such Person shall be willing to purchase the same; and in every such Case the said Commissioner shall ascertain and fix the Price thereof, and such Price shall be ascertained without regard to the Value of any Improvement which may have been made thereon, and be regulated by the Value of the Land only, and that at so much *per Acre* as the same shall in the Estimation of the said Commissioner be worth, having Reference to the State of the Waste or Common Lands next adjoining; and upon such Person paying such Price to the said Commissioner at such Time as he shall appoint for that Purpose, and taking a Receipt for the same (which Receipt the said Commissioner is hereby required to sign and give), every such Encroachment or Inclosure, or such Part thereof as shall be so purchased, shall be awarded to such Person, and shall be holden and enjoyed by him and his Heirs accordingly; and the said Commissioner shall and he is hereby required to apply such Purchase Money in or towards the Expences of obtaining and passing this Act and carrying the same into full Execution; and in case any Surplus shall remain after Payment of such Expences, such surplus Monies shall be divided, apportioned, and paid by the said Commissioner amongst and unto the several and respective Parties entitled to or interested in the said Lands and Grounds, according to their several and respective Rights and Interests therein; and the Shares of such of them as shall be seised in Fee Simple of their Estates in right whereof they shall be so entitled shall be paid to them respectively, and the Shares of any other of such Proprietors and Persons shall be paid into the Bank of *England*, and applied in manner herein-after directed; and in case any Dispute or Difference whatsoever shall arise touching any such Encroachments, or the Extent thereof, such Dispute or Difference shall be investigated and determined by the said Commissioner.

Other Encroachments may be allotted.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner, so soon after the passing of this Act as conveniently may be, and from Time to Time as he shall think fit, by Notice in Writing under his Hand, to be affixed on some principal outer Door of the Parish Church of *Ringstead* aforesaid on some *Sunday* previous to Divine Service, to order and direct the Course of Husbandry and the Stint or Rule of Stocking that shall be respectively observed and used in, over, and upon the said Lands hereby authorized to be divided,

Commissioner to direct the Course of Husbandry.

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allotted, and inclosed, until the Time when he shall have completed the same Division, Allotment, and Inclosure thereof, as well with respect to the laying down, ploughing, sowing, fallowing, and tilling thereof, as to the stocking and feeding of the Commonable Lands and Fallows or Stubbles upon the same, and to make such Recompence for the same as he shall think right, and shall and may make such further Orders and Regulations as to him shall seem expedient touching the Mode and Course of Husbandry and Management to be adopted and observed by the Farmers and Occupiers within the said Parish of *Ringstead*, for preventing them from ploughing up, committing Waste or Destruction upon, or improperly managing or stocking any of the said Lands or Grounds hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, in the meantime and until the said Division, Allotment, and Inclosure shall be completed, all which Orders and Regulations shall be binding and conclusive upon all Parties interested, their Farmers and Tenants; and the said Commissioner shall and may set and impose such pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures on every Person not conforming to such Orders and Regulations as he shall think necessary, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds *per Acre* in case of Cross-cropping, or Ten Pounds in any other Case, for any One Offence; and such Penalties, Forfeitures, and other Sum or Sums of Money so to be settled, ordered, adjudged, and determined to be paid for or on account of the several Matters and Things aforesaid, shall be recovered and recoverable in the Manner directed in and by the said first-recited Act with respect to the levying and recovering of Penalties.

Applications
for Situa-
tions of Al-
lotments.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioner shall and he is hereby required to appoint a Meeting for receiving Applications from the several Proprietors of the Lands and Grounds hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, touching the Situations in which they would respectively choose to have their Allotments set out and allotted, and shall give Fourteen Days Notice of the Time and Place of such Meeting, by Writing under his Hand, to be affixed upon some principal Door of the Parish Church of *Ringstead* aforesaid upon some *Sunday* previous to Divine Service, and also by Advertisement thereof in the Newspaper called the *Northampton Herald*, or in some other Newspaper printed or usually circulated in the said County of *Northampton*.

For deter-
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Allotments.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That when and so soon as the said Commissioner shall have ascertained the respective Rights and Interests of the several Proprietors of the Lands and Grounds hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, and of the Persons entitled to Commonable and other Rights thereon, and also the respective Shares and Proportions by him proposed to be allotted to such Proprietors and Persons respectively in lieu thereof, the said Commissioner shall hold a Meeting at some convenient Time and Place, of which Meeting Fourteen Days Notice shall be given by affixing the same upon some principal Door of the Parish Church of *Ringstead* aforesaid upon some *Sunday* previous to Divine Service, and also by Advertisement thereof in the Newspaper called the *Northampton Herald*, or in some other Newspaper printed or usually circulated

circulated in the said County of *Northampton*, when and where the said Proprietors and Persons aforesaid may be informed of the Situation of such intended Allotments, and see the same set out and delineated upon a Map or Plan to be produced for their Inspection; and if any of the said Proprietors or other Persons aforesaid, upon such Inspection, shall be dissatisfied with the proposed Allotments, the said Commissioner shall, at such Time and Place aforesaid, or at some other Time and Place to be appointed by him for that Purpose, receive Statements in Writing of such Complaints and Objections of any Proprietors or other Persons aforesaid against any such Allotments, and shall forthwith, or as soon after as conveniently may be, determine the same; and such Determination shall be final, binding, and conclusive on all Parties interested in such Allotments.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioner shall set out, allot, and award unto and for the Lords for the Time being of the said Manors of *Ringstead* and *Cotton* otherwise *Coates* otherwise *Ringstead Cotton* aforesaid, or to such of them as shall in the Judgment of the said Commissioner be entitled to the Soil of the Commons and Waste Lands within the said Parish of *Ringstead* or any Part thereof, so much and such Part of the Lands hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed as shall in the Judgment of the said Commissioner be equal in Value to One Twentieth Part of such Commons and Waste Lands, Quality and Value considered, in lieu of and in full Compensation and Satisfaction of and for their respective Rights and Interests to and in the said Soil of the said Commons and Waste Lands, over and above and exclusive of any other Allotments which may be made to such Lords in lieu of or in satisfaction for any other Rights or Interests in such Commons and waste Grounds; and such Allotments shall be divided between the said Lords in such Proportions as the said Commissioner shall direct and award.

Allotments to be set out for the Lords of the several Manors for Right of Soil.

XL. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner and he is hereby required to set out, allot, and award unto the Churchwardens and Overseers for the Time being of the said Parish of *Ringstead* aforesaid, out of the Lands and Grounds to be allotted by virtue of this Act, a Piece of Land or Ground not exceeding Two Acres as a Place of Exercise and Recreation for the Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Ringstead*, and such Allotment shall be held by such Churchwardens and Overseers for the Purposes aforesaid, and shall be in the first instance fenced at the general Expence, and the Fences of such Allotment shall for ever afterwards be repaired and maintained by the said Churchwardens and Overseers, either by and out of the Rents to be received for the Herbage of the said Allotment, or by and out of the Poor's Rates; and the Grass and Herbage growing and renewing upon such Piece of Land or Ground so to be set out and allotted as a Place of Exercise and Recreation as aforesaid shall and may be from Time to Time let by such Churchwardens and Overseers, and the Rent which shall be received by them for the same shall be by them from Time to Time applied in the first place in repairing and maintaining the Fences of the said Allotment,

Allotment to be set out for the Recreation of Inhabitants.

Herbage of such Allotment to be let.

ment, and subject thereto in aid of the Rates for the Repair of the public Highways in the Parish of *Ringstead* aforesaid.

Allotment
of Residue.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That after the several Allotments herein-before directed to be set out and made shall have been so set out and made, the said Commissioner shall and he is hereby required to divide, set out, allot, and award all the Residue and Remainder of the Open and Common Fields, and other Lands and Grounds by this Act authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, unto and amongst the several Owners and Proprietors thereof and Persons who shall be entitled to any Estate, Right, or Interest therein, in such Shares and Proportions as the said Commissioner shall, Quality and Situation considered, adjudge and determine to be proportionate to the Value of and a full Compensation and Satisfaction to them for their respective Rights and Interests in, to, over, and upon the said Open and Common Fields and other Grounds by this Act authorized to be divided and allotted.

Allotment of
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prieters.

XLII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner, by and with the Consent in Writing and at the Request of any Proprietor of any Houses, Homesteads, Gardens, Orchards, and old inclosed Lands or Grounds within the said Parish of *Ringstead*, whether such Owner or Proprietor shall be a Corporation, Tenant in Fee Simple or for Life, or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or by the Courtesy of *England*, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, by and with the Consent of the Lessor of any such Houses, Homesteads, Gardens, Orchards, and old inclosed Lands or Grounds holden for Years determinable as aforesaid, and not otherwise, or with the Consent of the Guardian, Trustee, Feoffee for charitable or other Uses, Husband, Committee, or Attorney of or acting for any such Proprietor as aforesaid who shall be an Infant, Feme Covert, Lunatic, or under any other legal Disability, or who shall be beyond the Seas, or otherwise disabled to act for himself, (such Consent to be respectively testified, in case of a Corporation, by Writing under their Common Seal, and in case of an Individual under his Hand,) to order and direct such Houses, Homesteads, Gardens, Orchards, and old inclosed Lands to be considered as allottable, and Part and Parcel of the Lands, Grounds, and Hereditaments hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, and such Allowance shall be made to the Proprietors of such Houses, Homesteads, Gardens, Orchards, and old inclosed Lands and Grounds, on account of the Situation or other beneficial Circumstances thereof, as the said Commissioner shall adjudge to be just and reasonable; and the said Commissioner shall and he is hereby required to set out, allot, and award, unto and for the Proprietor of such Houses, Homesteads, Gardens, Orchards, and old inclosed Lands and Grounds, so much and such Part of the Lands and Grounds hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed as he shall think reasonable and just, subject to the Rules, Orders, and Directions in this Act and the said recited Acts mentioned.

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XLIII. And be it further enacted, That the several Allotments to be made in pursuance of this Act shall be inclosed, ditched, and fenced at the Expence of the respective Persons to whom the same shall be allotted, in such Manner and within such Times as the said Commissioner shall by his Award, or any Writing under his Hand, order or direct; and the Fences so to be made shall for ever afterwards be repaired and maintained by such Persons as the said Commissioner shall by his Award order or direct.

Allotments to be fenced.

XLIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if, from Situation, or from any other Circumstance, it shall happen that any of the Proprietors of Lands hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, or any Person to whom any Allotments shall be made, shall not have a proportionable Share of the Boundary Hedges, Ditches, Mounds, or Fences assigned to him to make by virtue of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner to ascertain and appoint what Sum of Money shall be paid and contributed by such Proprietor or Person towards making the Boundary Hedges, Ditches, Mounds, and Fences of the Allotments of such other of the said Proprietors and Persons as shall have too great a Proportion thereof to make; and such Money shall be paid to such Persons and in such Manner as the said Commissioner shall by any Writing under his Hand direct or appoint, and the same shall and may be received and recovered by all or any of the Ways and Means which by the said first-recited Act are given or provided for raising and recovering the Expences of obtaining and executing Acts of Inclosure, in Cases where such Expences are directed to be paid in proportion by the Proprietors of Lands to whom any Allotments shall be made; and every such Order of the said Commissioner shall be final, binding, and conclusive on all Parties interested and concerned therein.

Equalizing the Share of Fencing.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That no Person whosoever shall graze or keep any sort of Beast or Cattle in or upon any of the Roads or Ways which the said Commissioner shall order and direct to be set out, and which shall be fenced on both Sides; and every Owner of Lands or Grounds within the said Parish of *Ringstead*, his Servants and Labourers, and also every Peace Officer and Parish Officer of the said Parish of *Ringstead* for the Time being, is hereby empowered to take and impound any such Beast or Cattle which shall be found so grazing as aforesaid as Cattle Damage feasant: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Proprietors of the Lands and Grounds which shall next adjoin the said Roads and Ways from depasturing their Cattle thereon to the Centre of such Roads or Ways so far as the Frontage of their respective Lands and Grounds extends.

Cattle not to be depastured in the Highways.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner to set out, allot, and award any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments whatsoever within the said Parish of *Ringstead*, in lieu of and in exchange for any other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said Parish, or within any adjoining Parish, Township, or Place, provided that all such Exchanges be ascertained, specified, and declared in the Award of the said Commissioner,

Power of Exchange.

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and be made with the Consent in Writing of the Owner of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which shall be so exchanged, whether such Owner shall be a Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, or a Tenant or Tenants in Fee Simple, or for Life or Lives, or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or by the Courtesy of *England*, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, (by and with the Consent of the Lessor thereof, but not otherwise,) or with the Consent of the Guardians, Feoffees or Trustees for charitable or other Uses, Husbands, Committees, or Attornies of or acting for any such Owners as aforesaid who at the Time of making such Exchange shall be an Infant, Feme Covert, Lunatic, or under any other legal Disability, or who shall be beyond the Seas, or otherwise disabled to act for himself, such Consent to be testified in Writing under the Common Seal of the Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and under the Hands of the other consenting Parties respectively; and every such Exchange so to be made shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever: Provided nevertheless, that no Exchange shall be made of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments held in right of any Church or Chapel or other Ecclesiastical Benefice, without the Consent, testified as aforesaid, of the Patron thereof, and of the Bishop of the Diocese in which such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be exchanged shall lie or be situate: Provided also, that all Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the making and completing of any Exchanges shall be paid and borne by the several Parties making such Exchanges in such Manner and in such Proportions as the said Commissionour shall by his Award order and direct, and in case of Nonpayment thereof shall be recovered in the Manner by the said first-recited Act directed with respect to the Recovery of Penalties and Forfeitures.

Allotments to be of the same Tenure as the Lands in respect of which they are made.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That all such Lands as shall be allotted by virtue of this Act shall be held by the Person to whom the same shall be allotted under the same Tenures, Rents, Customs, and Services as the Lands in respect of which such Lands are allotted would have been held in case this Act had not been passed, and the Lands allotted in respect of Freeholds shall be deemed Freeholds, and the Lands allotted in respect of Leasehold Lands shall in like Manner be deemed Leasehold, and shall be held under the same Rents and Covenants as the Lands in respect of which they may be allotted were held, and the Remainder or Reversion thereof shall be and remain vested in the same Lessors respectively as the Remainder or Reversion of such other Lands was vested before the passing of this Act, except where otherwise particularly directed by this Act, any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons entitled to have Allotments may mortgage, &c. before Execution of the Award.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person has sold, or shall at any Time before the Execution of the Award of the said Commissionour sell, his Right, Interest, and Property in the said Lands and Grounds hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, or any Part thereof, to any Person, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Commissionour and he is hereby required, upon such Sale being made, to make an Allotment of Land unto the Purchaser

chaser in every such Sale, or to his Heirs or Assigns, for and in respect of such Right, Interest, and Property so sold as aforesaid; and every such Purchaser, or his Heirs or Assigns, shall and may, from and after the Execution of the said Award, hold and enjoy the Land so to be allotted to him as aforesaid in the same Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as the Vendor in every such Sale might, could, or ought to have held and enjoyed the same in case such Sale had not been made, or such Right, Interest, or Property had been vested in such Vendor at the Time of making such Allotments as aforesaid; and it shall be lawful for any Person who shall be entitled to any Allotment under or by virtue of this Act to give, grant, bargain, sell, surrender, demise, mortgage, limit, appoint, convey, and assure the same Allotment, or all or any Part of his Estate or Interest therein or Right thereto, at any Time before the Execution of the said Award; and every such Gift, Grant, Bargain, Sale, Surrender, Demise, Mortgage, Limitation, Appointment, Conveyance, and Assurance shall be of the same Force and Validity as if the same had been made after the Execution of the said Award; and it shall be lawful for any Person entitled to any Allotment as aforesaid to sell, dispose of, and convey the Estate in right of which he may be entitled to any such Allotment separate and apart from and retaining to himself such Allotment, Common Rights, and Interest, and the said Commissioner is hereby required to award such Allotment accordingly.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the respective Proprietors of Allotments to be made by virtue of this Act, being Tenants for Life or in Tail, or for any other Estate of Freehold or Inheritance, and also for the Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Committees, or Attornies of any of the Proprietors, being under Coverture, Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, or beyond the Seas, or otherwise incapacitated, and for the Trustees or Feoffees for charitable, parochial, or other Uses, or a competent Number of them, in respect of any Lands held by them in Trust for any charitable, parochial, or other Uses (by and with the Consent of the said Commissioner, testified in Writing under his Hand and Seal,) from Time to Time to charge their Allotments with any Money, not exceeding Five Pounds for every Acre of such Lands, for and towards their respective Proportions of the Costs and Expences of obtaining and carrying this Act into execution, and for securing the Repayment of such Money, with Interest, to grant, mortgage, lease, or demise or otherwise subject the said Allotments unto or in Trust for any Person who shall advance such Money, for any Term or Number of Years; but so that every such Grant, Mortgage, or Lease or Demise be made with a Proviso or Condition to cease and be void, or with an express Trust to be surrendered or re-assigned, when the Money thereby to be secured, with all Interest thereon, shall have been fully paid and satisfied; and so that in every such Grant, Mortgage, Lease, or Demise which shall be made by or on behalf of any Person interested or entitled to any such mortgaged Premises for the Term of his natural Life, there be contained a Covenant to pay and keep down the Interest of the said Money to be secured during his Life in such Manner that no Person afterwards becoming possessed of such Lands and Grounds shall be subject or liable to pay any further or larger Arrear of Interest

Persons having limited Interests may raise Money by Mortgage for Expences.

Interest than for Six Calendar Months previous to the Time when the Title of such Person shall accrue or commence; and every such Grant, Mortgage, Lease, or Demise shall be valid in the Law for the Purposes thereby intended.

Mortgages
may be as-
signed.

L. And be it further enacted, That every Person to whom any Grant, Mortgage, Lease, or Demise shall be made by virtue of this Act, as a Security for any Sum of Money by him lent and advanced on the Credit of and for the Purposes mentioned in this Act, or who shall be entitled to the Money thereby secured, shall and may from Time to Time, by any Deed, Surrender, or Writing under his Hand and Seal, to be executed in the Presence of and to be attested by some credible Witness, assign and transfer the same Security, or the Principal Money and Interest thereby secured, and all Benefit and Advantage thereof, and all his Estate, Right, Title, and Interest, and Term of Years then to come and unexpired, of, in, and to the same, unto any Person whomsoever, who may again in like Manner assign the same, and so *toties quoties*; and such Mortgagee or Assignee, and his Executors or Administrators, and all Persons claiming under him or them, shall and may use, take, and pursue all such lawful Methods, Causes, and Expedients, at Law or in Equity, for recovering or obtaining Possession of the Premises so to be mortgaged, demised, or assigned as aforesaid, in case of Nonpayment of the Principal Money and Interest to be thereby secured, or any Part thereof respectively, as is or are used, taken, and pursued in Cases of the like Nature.

Leases at
Rack Rent
to be void.

LI. And be it further enacted, That from and immediately after the Allotments herein directed to be made shall have been marked and staked out, and the said Commissioner shall have directed the same to be entered upon by the Persons respectively to or for whom the same shall be intended, every Lease and other Agreement at Rack Rent subsisting of all or any Part of the said Lands hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, or to be discharged of any Right of Common thereon, and of the Messuages or Tenements and Homesteads respectively belonging thereto, for any Term of Years not exceeding Twenty-one Years, (save and except such Leases and Agreements as by the express Terms thereof are not to be void in case of an Allotment in Severalty or Inclosure,) shall cease, determine, and be void as to all such Lands and Rights of Common respectively, but not as to any other Hereditaments comprised therein, such Compensation being paid to or allowed by the respective Landlords whose Leases or Agreements shall be so vacated as the said Commissioner shall by Writing under his Hand order and direct in that Behalf; and if any such Compensation shall not be paid to the Party entitled to receive the same within One Calendar Month after Demand made in Writing under the Hand or Common Seal (as the Case may require) of the Party to whom the same shall be payable, the said Commissioner is hereby required to raise and levy the same, for the Use and Benefit of the Party entitled thereto, by such Ways and Means as the Rates to be levied for defraying the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and executing this Act are directed to be raised and recovered; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner, by Writing under his
Hand,

Hand, to ascertain, direct, and appoint what Rent, or Share or Proportion of Rent, shall be paid by the several Tenants of the Lands to be divided, allotted, and inclosed by virtue of this Act, or the Rights of Common thereof in their respective Holdings, to their respective Landlords, from the Time of the passing of this Act until such Lands shall be marked and staked out, and be directed to be entered upon as aforesaid, and also to order and direct what Proportion and Amount of the whole Rent reserved upon such Leases or Agreements respectively shall be paid by such Tenants, from the Time of the passing of this Act, to the respective Landlords, for the Messuages, Homesteads, or ancient Inclosures comprised in such Leases or Agreements respectively, until the Expiration thereof, and which are not meant or intended to be made void as to such Messuages, Homesteads, or ancient Inclosures; provided that no Lease or Agreement comprising Messuages, Homesteads, or ancient Inclosures only shall be made void by this Act.

LII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to set aside or make void any beneficial Lease from any Corporation or Person of any Lands within the Parish of *Ringstead* aforesaid, but the Person entitled to such beneficial Lease shall and may hold and enjoy his Term under the same Rents and Covenants as are specified in his Lease from the same Corporation or Person.

Beneficial
Leases not
to be va-
cated.

LIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to annul, revoke, make void, or alter any Will or Settlement, or to prejudice any Person having any Right or Claim of Dower, Jointure, Annuity, Portion, Debt, Charge, Rent, or Incumbrance, out of, upon, or affecting any of the Lands hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed as aforesaid, or any of the Messuage, Lands, or Hereditaments which may be exchanged or parted with in pursuance of this Act, but that the Land allotted and exchanged in compensation for any other Estate or Right by virtue or in pursuance of this Act shall, immediately after such Allotment, Exchange, or Assignment, be, remain, and enure, and the several Persons to whom the same shall be so allotted, assigned, or given in Exchange as aforesaid shall be seised and possessed thereof respectively, to, for, and upon such and the same Estates, Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and subject to such and the same Wills, Settlements, Limitations, Remainders, Conditions, Charges, and Incumbrances, as the several Lands in respect whereof such Allotments, Exchanges, and Assignments shall have been made should or would have stood severally limited, settled, vested, or been subject or liable to or been held by, in case the same respectively had not been allotted, exchanged, or assigned as aforesaid, or as if this Act had not been passed, subject nevertheless to all such Mortgages and Sales as shall be made by virtue of this Act.

Wills and
Settlements
not to be
affected.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Money is, under the Provisions of the said first-recited Act or of this Act, directed to be paid for the Purchase or Exchange of any Lands, or of any Timber or Wood growing thereon, which shall belong to any Corporation,

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Tenant for Life or in Tail, or to any Feoffee in Trust, Executor or Administrator, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee for or on behalf of any Infant, Idiot, Lunatic, Feme Covert, or other Cestuique Trust, or to any Person whose Lands are limited in strict or other Settlement, or to any Person under any other Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, and which Money ought to be laid out in the Purchase of other Lands, to be settled to the same Uses, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner out of such Money to defray Proportion (if any) of the Expence of obtaining this Act, and of carrying the same and the said recited Acts into execution, which shall be charged upon any of the Lands of the respective Parties in Possession of the Lands, or of the Timber or Wood growing thereon, which shall be so purchased or exchanged, or on which such Timber or Wood actually grew, and also the Expence of any permanent Improvement, such as building, subdividing, dividing, draining, or planting, and the like, which shall in the Judgment of the said Commissioner be proper to be made, under his Direction, upon any Lands to be by virtue of this Act allotted to such Parties; and in case the Surplus of such Money shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, the same shall with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the Commissioner for executing this Act, pursuant to the Method prescribed by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the better securing Monies and Effects paid into the Court of Exchequer at Westminster on account of the Suitors of the said Court, and for the Appointment of an Accountant General and Two Masters of the said Court, and for other Purposes*, and the General Orders of the said Court, without Fee or Reward; and shall when so paid in there remain until the same shall, by Order of the said Court, made upon a Petition to be preferred to the said Court in a summary Way by the Parties who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, be applied either in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land Tax, or in or towards the Discharge of any Debt or other Incumbrance affecting the same Lands, or affecting other Lands standing settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, or Purposes, as the said Court shall authorize to be purchased, redeemed, or discharged, or such Parts as shall be necessary; or until the same shall, upon the like Application in a summary Way, be laid out, by Order of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Lands, which shall be conveyed, limited, or settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner, as the aforesaid Lands stood limited or settled, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined or capable of taking effect; and in the meantime and until such Purchase shall be made the said Money may, by Order of the said Court upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, or of Government or Real Securities; and in the meantime, and until the said Annuities or Securities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends or Interest and annual Produce of such Annuities
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or Securities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Parties who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of such Lands so to be purchased, conveyed, and settled.

LV. And be it further enacted, That in case the Surplus of such Monies shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed or amount to the Sum of Twenty Pounds, the same shall, at the Option of the Parties for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands so purchased or exchanged, or their Guardians or Committees, in case of Infancy, Idiocy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, with the Approbation of the said Commissioner, to be signified in Writing under his Hand, be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same may be paid, at the like Option and with the like Approbation, to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Parties who for the Time being would be entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, such Nomination to be approved of by the said Commissioner, and such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands or Common Seal (as the Case may be) of the nominating and approving Parties; and the Money so paid to such Trustees, and the Dividends and Produce arising thereon and therefrom, shall be by them applied in like Manner as is herein-before directed with respect to Money so to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, but without obtaining or being required to obtain any Order of the said Court touching the Application thereof.

When less than 200*l.* and amounting to 20*l.*

LVI. And be it further enacted, That in case the Surplus of such Monies shall be less than Twenty Pounds the same shall be paid to the Parties who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands so purchased or exchanged, for their own Use and Benefit, or in case of Infancy, Idiocy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, then such Money shall be paid to their Guardians, Committees, or Trustees, to and for the Use and Benefit of the Parties respectively entitled thereto.

Where under 20*l.*

LVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner, at any Time before the Execution of his Award, to make any Alterations in the Allotments or in the Fences which he may have set out and ordered, or in the private Roads laid or to be laid over such Allotments, or in any of the Orders or Directions relating thereto which he may have made in pursuance of this Act, or as he may think right and expedient; and in case any Person shall be injured by any such Alteration, on account of any Expences he may have incurred or otherwise, the said Commissioner shall ascertain and determine what Recompence shall be made to him for such Injury, and shall either pay the Amount thereof out of the Monies to come to the Hands of the said Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, or shall order and direct by whom and in what Manner such Recompence shall be made; and in case of Nonpayment thereof the same shall

Power for Commissioner to make Alteration in Allotments.

shall be recovered in manner by the said first-recited Act directed with respect to the Recovery of Penalties or Forfeitures.

Separate Al-
lotments for
Land held by
different
Titles.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That when any Proprietor of Lands which shall be divided, allotted, inclosed, or exchanged, or any Person to whom any Allotment is made, by virtue of this Act, shall hold such Lands, or the Lands in respect of which such Allotment is made, under different Titles and for different Estates, the said Commissioner shall, on the Request of any such Proprietor or Person as aforesaid, ascertain and distinguish the Lands held for each of such Estates and under each of such Titles respectively, and shall accordingly in his Award set out and distinguish distinct and several Allotments for such respective Lands.

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LIX. And be it further enacted, That where, from the Want or necessary Information, or from any other Cause, the said Commissioner shall have omitted to distinguish in his Award the several Tenures under which any of the said Lands are or shall be holden, or the different Estates or Titles for or under which the same are or shall be held, or to set out and award several and distinct Allotments, as by this Act directed, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner, at any Time within Twelve Calendar Months after the Date and Execution of his Award, upon Request in Writing to him made by any Proprietor of any such Allotment or Lands, or other Person interested therein, or his Agent, to do all such Acts as may be necessary for supplying such Omission, and for that Purpose to examine Witnesses, and proceed as if his Award had not been made, and by any Deed or Instrument under his Hand and Seal to distinguish and set out the Allotments and Lands held by different Tenures, and also the Allotments and Lands held by, for, or under different Estates or Titles respectively, in the same Manner as he is by this Act authorized and required to do in Cases where such Allotments and Lands are directed to be ascertained, distinguished, and set out by his Award; and every such separate Instrument shall have the same Force and Effect as if it were contained in the said Award; and such Instrument shall be enrolled, and deposited with the Award of the said Commissioner, and shall thenceforth be deemed and taken to be Part thereof to all Intents and Purposes; and all the Expences which shall be reasonably incurred in or about any such subsequent Inquiry or separate Instrument as aforesaid, and the Enrolment thereof, shall be paid by the Party who shall have requested the said Commissioner to make and execute the same, or by his Heirs, Executors, or Administrators.

Provision for
Payment of
Expenses of
Inclosure.

LX. And be it further enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expences incident to and attending the passing of this Act, and the several Sums of Money and Allowances hereby directed or authorized to be paid and allowed to the said Commissioner, Clerk, and Surveyor, for Expences, Time, and Trouble, and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of preparing the Award of the said Commissioner, and all Costs and Charges that the said Commissioner shall be put unto in respect of any Appeal against his Decision, or of any Suit at Law or in Equity that may be instituted by or against him as Commissioner

missioner in the Execution of this Act, either before or after the Execution of the said Award, and all other Charges and Expences whatsoever of carrying this Act into execution (so far as the same relates to the Division, Allotment, and Inclosure hereby authorized to be made), shall be borne and defrayed by the several Owners and Proprietors of and Persons interested in the said Lands and Grounds hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, in such Shares and Proportions, and shall be paid at such Time and Place, and to such Persons, as the said Commissioner shall, by Writing under his Hand, to be affixed upon some principal Door of the said Parish Church of *Ringstead* on some *Sunday* immediately before Divine Service, or delivered to the respective Persons liable to the Payment of such Costs, Charges, and Expences at least Fourteen Days before the Time appointed for such Payment, order and direct; and the said Commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to make and form Estimates of all such Costs, Charges, and Expences, and to raise the Amount of such Estimates at such Time or Times as he shall deem necessary or proper, either before or after the Execution of his Award; and in case any Person shall refuse or neglect to pay his Proportion of such Charges and Expences as aforesaid within the Time and to such Person as the said Commissioner shall appoint, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner to recover the same, together with lawful Interest, to be computed from the Day on which the same ought to have been paid as aforesaid, by Action at Law, in his own Name, in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; or it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, directed to any Person whomsoever, to cause the same, with such Interest thereon as aforesaid, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person so neglecting or refusing to pay the same, rendering the Overplus (if any), on Demand, to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels, after deducting the Costs and Charges of taking and making such Distress and Sale; or it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner, or any Person authorized by him, immediately after such Neglect or Refusal, to enter into and upon the Premises so to be allotted to such Person, and demise the same, and receive and take the Rents, Issues, and Profits thereof, until thereby or therewith, or otherwise, such Share or Proportion, with lawful Interest for the same, to be computed from the Time such Money shall be ordered to be paid, and also all the Costs, Charges, and Expences as aforesaid by or attending such Entry upon and Receipt of the Rents and Profits of the said Premises, shall be fully paid and satisfied.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That if, before the said Monies herein-before authorized to be raised by the said Commissioner can be raised and received by him, he shall find it necessary or expedient to obtain by Loan any Sum or Sums of Money for or towards defraying the Costs, Charges, and Expences aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner to borrow and take up at Interest, from any Persons willing to advance the same, such Sum and Sums of Money as he the said Commissioner shall from Time to Time think necessary for the Purposes aforesaid; which Money so to be borrowed shall be repaid by the said Commissioner, with Interest for the same, out of the

Power for
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Monies to be raised and received by him by any of the Ways or Means aforesaid.

Power to make additional Rate in case of Deficiency.

LXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if, at any Time after the Allotments shall have been staked out, it shall appear to the said Commissioner, either before or after the Execution of his Award, that the Money to arise by any previous Rates shall not be sufficient to defray the Costs, Charges, and Expences aforesaid, then the Deficiency shall be made up and raised from Time to Time by a Rate to be made and levied upon the several Persons interested in the said Lands and Grounds hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed; (other than and except as aforesaid,) in such Shares and Proportions, within such Time, and to be paid to such Persons as the said Commissioner shall from Time to Time direct, nominate, and appoint; and in case any Person herein-before made subject to the Payment of any Money towards such Costs, Charges, and Expences as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to pay his Share or Proportion of any such Rate within the Time to be respectively appointed as aforesaid, or at any Time after, upon Demand, the same shall and may be levied and recovered in the Manner directed by this Act with respect to the previous Rate.

Empowering Commissioner, upon Application, to sell Part of Allotments to defray Expences.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner, on Application made to him in Writing by any of the Proprietors of Allotments to be made by virtue of this Act, or by any of the Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Committees, or Attornies of or for any of such Proprietors, being under Coverture, Minors, Idiots, Lunatics, or beyond the Seas, or under any other Disability or Incapacity, or by the Persons acting as such Guardians, Trustees, Committees, or Attornies respectively, or by any of the said Proprietors being Tenants in Tail, or for Life or Lives, or on any other Contingency, or by any Trustees or Feoffees for charitable, parochial, or other Uses, to sell any Part of any Allotment to be made by virtue of this Act to the Person by whom or on whose Behalf any such Application shall be made, for the Purpose of raising a Sum of Money sufficient to defray the proportionable Part of the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and carrying into execution this Act and the said recited Acts, and of fencing and inclosing and subdividing his Allotment, which shall in and by such Rates or Assessments as aforesaid be charged upon such Parties, and of the Costs, Charges, and Expences of making and completing such Sale; and such Sale shall be made by the said Commissioner in such and the same Manner, and subject to such and the same Rules and Regulations, as are mentioned and prescribed in and by the said first-recited Act in respect of the Sale of Lands towards defraying the Expences of obtaining and carrying into execution any Act for dividing, allotting, and inclosing any Lands and Grounds; and every such Allotment for which the full Purchase Money shall be paid shall be vested in the said Commissioner, and be conveyed, by Lease and Release, executed by such Commissioner, to the Purchaser thereof, at the Expence of such Purchaser, unto and to the Use of or in Trust for such Purchaser and his Heirs, or as he shall appoint, and shall be inclosed, and held by such Purchaser in Severalty; and the Receipt of the said Commissioner shall

shall be a good and sufficient Dischargé to the Purchaser for the said Purchase Money; and such Purchase Money shall be applied by the said Commissioner in or towards defraying such Costs, Charges, and Expences; and if any Surplus shall remain in the Hands of the said Commissioner, such surplus Money shall be paid to the Parties from whose Allotments such Sale shall be so made respectively, and the Shares of such of them as shall be Tenants in Fee Simple shall be paid to them respectively, and the Shares of the other Proprietors of such surplus Money shall be applied and disposed of in manner by this Act directed with respect to Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* for the Purchase or Exchange of any Lands, or of any Timber or Wood growing thereon: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for any Proprietor of an Allotment to raise by any Sale and Mortgage or Charge, as herein-before mentioned, or either of those Means, any greater Sum of Money for the Purposes aforesaid than such Proprietor might have borrowed or charged upon his Allotment for such Purposes, reckoning Five Pounds for each and every Acre thereof, under or by virtue of the said first-recited Act: Provided further, that in all Cases in which the Money so raised by such Sale shall not be equal to the Money which might be borrowed or charged on such Allotment as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Proprietor, Part of whose Allotment shall be sold as aforesaid, to charge his Allotment with any Sum not exceeding the Difference.

LXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted and declared, That if at the Time of the Execution of the said Award there shall remain due from any Person any Sum of Money which shall have been adjudged, ordered, or directed to be paid by virtue of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner and he is hereby required to levy and raise the same in like Manner as he might or could have done before the Execution of his Award.

Monies may be recovered after Execution of the Award.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That, as soon as conveniently may be after the said Division, Allotment, and Inclosure shall be completed, the said Commissioner shall and he is hereby required to form, draw up, and execute an Award, and the Execution of the said Award shall be proclaimed upon the next or some subsequent *Sunday*, at the outer Door of the Church of the said Parish of *Ringstead*, immediately after Divine Service, from the Time of which Proclamation only, and not before, such Award shall be considered as complete; and within Three Calendar Months after the said Commissioner shall have so made and executed the said Award he shall cause the same, together with a Map or Plan, as herein-after directed to be made, to be delivered to the Clerk of the Peace for the said County of *Northampton*, who is hereby required to deposit and keep the same among the Records of the said County, so that recourse may be had thereto by any Person interested in the Premises, for the Reception whereof the Fee of Two Pounds and Two Shillings, and no more, shall be paid; and the said Award shall, from and after the Delivery thereof to the said Clerk of the Peace, be deemed and taken to be enrolled according to the Directions and within the Meaning of the said first-recited Act; and a Copy of the said Award, fairly transcribed in a Book on plain or unstamped Paper or Parchment, with a proper Map or Plan, attested

Execution of the Award to be proclaimed.

Award and Plan to be deposited in the Hands of the Clerk of the Peace, and a Copy preserved in the Parish Church.

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and signed by the said Commissioner, shall within the Time aforesaid be deposited in the Parish Church of *Ringstead* aforesaid, and there kept in a Box to be provided for that Purpose; and the said Award, and the said Copy thereof, and any other Copy of the said Award or of any Part thereof, attested by the Clerk of the Peace for the Time being of the said County, or his Deputy, (for every Sheet of which containing One hundred Words Sixpence and no more shall be paid,) shall from Time to Time and at all Times thereafter be admitted and allowed as legal Evidence of the Matters and Things therein contained in all Courts whatsoever.

Reduced
Plan to be
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LXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioner shall and he is hereby required to cause Two reduced Plans of the said Parish of *Ringstead* to be drawn upon Parchment or Vellum, on which the public and private Roads, Paths, and Drains, with the Boundary Fences of the several Allotments, mentioned and described in the said Award of the said Commissioner, and such other Matters and Things as the said Commissioner shall think proper to be described thereon, shall be fairly and distinctly delineated, marked, and expressed; and the said Commissioner shall sign the said Plans, one of which shall be annexed to the said Award herein-before directed to be made, and the other shall be annexed to or shall go and be kept with the Copy of the said Award to be deposited in the Parish Church of *Ringstead* aforesaid; and the said Commissioner shall and he is hereby required to make and annex to the said Award a Schedule, describing and setting forth the Quantities of all and every the Homesteads, Gardens, Orchards, and ancient Inclosures in the Parish of *Ringstead* aforesaid; which said Plans or either of them shall from Time to Time and at all Times be admitted and allowed as legal Evidence of the Matters and Things therein contained in all Courts whatsoever.

Accounts to
be audited.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That once at least in every Twelve Calendar Months during the Execution of this Act, the first of such Periods to be computed from the Day of the passing thereof, the said Commissioner shall and he is hereby required to make a true and accurate Account of all Sums of Money by him received and expended in the Execution of this Act, and in such Account shall be particularly specified the several Items and Articles for which each particular Sum shall have been paid and disbursed; and such Account, when so made, together with the Vouchers relating thereto, shall be by the said Commissioner laid before One or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the said County of *Northampton* not interested in the Premises, to be by him or them examined and balanced, and such Balance shall be by such Justice or Justices stated in a Book of Account to be kept in the Office of the Person acting as Clerk to the said Commissioner, for the Inspection of all Persons interested in the said Division, Allotment, or Inclosure; and an Abstract of such Account, so examined and balanced, shall, within Fourteen Days after the same shall have been so examined and balanced, be inserted in the *Northampton Herald*, or in some other Newspaper printed or usually circulated within the said County of *Northampton*; and no Charge or Item in any such Account shall be binding on the Parties

Parties concerned, or be valid in Law, unless the same shall have been duly allowed by such Justice or Justices, nor until such Abstract thereof shall have been published in such Newspaper as aforesaid; subject nevertheless to the Power of Appeal herein-after contained.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall think himself aggrieved by any thing done in pursuance of this Act (other than and except as to the Allotments, and except as to such other Determinations as are by this Act directed to be binding and conclusive, and except in such Cases wherein an Issue at Law shall be tried, as herein-before is mentioned) he may appeal to the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace which shall be held for the said County of *Northampton* within Four Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, on giving to the said Commissioner and to the Party concerned Ten Days previous Notice in Writing of such Appeal and of the Matter thereof, (except with respect to the Accounts of the said Commissioner, which, notwithstanding the same shall have been examined and published as aforesaid, may be appealed against at any Time within Six Calendar Months after the Enrolment of the said Award in manner by this Act directed by the said Commissioner, on giving to the said Commissioner such Notice as last aforesaid); and the Justices (not interested in the Premises) in such Sessions assembled are hereby required to hear and determine the Matter of every such Appeal, and to make such Order therein, and to award such Costs and Damages, as to them shall seem reasonable, and by their Order and Warrant to levy the Costs and Damages which shall be so awarded by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party liable to pay the same, rendering the Overplus (if any), on Demand, to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels, after deducting the reasonable Charges of such Warrant, Distress, and Sale; and every Order and Determination of the said Justices upon every such Appeal shall be final and conclusive on all Parties concerned, and shall not be removed or removable by Certiorari or any other Writ or Process whatsoever into any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or elsewhere; but in case such Appeal shall appear to the said Justices to be frivolous, vexatious, or without Foundation, then the said Justices shall and they are hereby required to award such Costs to be paid by the Appellant as to them shall seem reasonable, and such Costs shall be levied in manner aforesaid.

LXIX. And whereas an Agreement for the Commutation of the Tithes of the said Parish of *Ringstead* hath been entered into between the Land Owners and the Tithe Owners of the said Parish, which said Agreement hath been confirmed by the Tithe Commissioner for *England* and *Wales*; and by the said Agreement the said Parties have agreed that the annual Sum of Five hundred and fifty Pounds, by Way of Rent-charge, shall be paid to the Owners of the Tithes of the said Parish, instead of all the Tithes, as well great as small, of the Lands of the said Parish subject to Tithes: And whereas the before-mentioned *John West* hath been appointed Valuer to apportion the said Rent-charge amongst the several Land Owners liable to pay the same, but he hath not made his Apportionment; be it therefore enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall tend to

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revoke, annul, alter or in anywise affect any Apportionment which shall have been made at the Time of the passing of this Act of the said annual Sum or Rent-charge of Five hundred and fifty Pounds payable in lieu of the said Tithes of the said Parish, but all and every the Lands or Grounds, Messuages, Rights of Common, or Hereditaments which shall be allotted or exchanged for any other Estate or Right by virtue of this Act, shall, immediately after such Allotment or Exchange, remain and be subject and liable to such a Proportion of the said annual Sum or Rent-charge of Five hundred and fifty Pounds in all respects as the said several Lands or Grounds, Messuages, Rights of Common, and Hereditaments in respect whereof such Allotments or Exchanges shall have been made should or would have been subject or liable to in case the same had not been allotted, exchanged, or parted with as aforesaid, and this Act had not been passed.

Meaning of
certain
Words in this
Act.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That in the Construction of this Act every Word importing the Singular Number only shall extend and be applied to several Persons or Things as well as one Person or Thing; and every Word importing the Plural Number shall comprise and be applied to one Person or Thing as well as several Persons or Things; and every Word importing the Masculine Gender only shall extend and be applied to a Female as well as a Male; and the Word "Land" shall extend to every Species of Land, whether Arable, Meadow, or Pasture, and whether Freehold or of any other Tenure, and to any Messuage, Cottage, or Building; and the Word "Corporation" shall be understood to mean any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Civil or Ecclesiastical, Aggregate or Sole; unless in any of the Cases aforesaid it be otherwise specially provided, or there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction.

General
Saving.

LXXI. Saving always to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and to all other Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and their Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, all such Estate, Right, Title, and Interest, Claim and Demand, (other than and except such as are expressly barred and compensated for, or intended to be barred and compensated for and extinguished by this Act,) which they, every or any of them, could or might have had, held, or enjoyed of, in, to, or in respect of the Lands and Grounds hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed in case this Act had not been passed.

Act as
printed by
the Queen's
Printers to
be Evidence.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be printed by the several Printers to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, duly authorized to print the Statutes of the United Kingdom; and a Copy thereof so printed by any of them shall be admitted as Evidence thereof by all Judges, Justices, and others.