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Cap. 40.

An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Reading* in the County of *Berks* to sell certain Real Estate discharged from certain Liabilities, and to invest the Purchase Monies arising from such Sales in the Purchase of other Real Estate to be charged with such Liabilities. [19th July 1839.]

WHEREAS Her late Majesty Queen *Elizabeth*, by Her Letters Patent under Her Great Seal of *England*, dated in the Second Year of Her Reign, reciting, among other things, that certain Bridges near the said Borough of *Reading* were in great Decay for default of Repairs, the repairing of which belonged to Her said late Majesty, Her said late Majesty being willing graciously and liberally to show and extend Her Princely and Royal Munificence and Grace to the Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid and their Successors, and in consideration and with the Intent that the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses and their Successors thereafter and for ever from Time to Time might well and sufficiently repair, sustain, and make, and should discharge, exonerate, and acquit Her said late Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, from all Repairs of the Bridges aforesaid and every of them, at the Charges and Expences of the Borough aforesaid, and the Inhabitants within that

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Borough and the Liberties thereof, for which said Repairs and Discharges so by them to be made Her said late Majesty had granted certain Trees, Stone, and Materials of a certain House to the Mayor and Burgesses of the said Borough, and also in consideration that the Mayor and Burgesses and their Successors should amongst other things thereafter and for ever yearly discharge Her said late Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, against the Schoolmaster of the Free School within the Borough aforesaid for the Time being, of Ten Pounds yearly for his Stipend and Salary; and further reciting, that Her late Majesty *Mary* late Queen of *England*, by Her Letters Patent under Her Great Seal of *England*, dated at *Westminster* in the First Year of Her Reign, did give, grant, and to farm let to Sir *Francis Englefield* Knight, among other things, Her Lands called the *Little Orte* and *Orte Lands*, in *Reading*, and a Chapel and Site of the Chapel at *Caversham Bridge* in the County of *Berks*, and a Rood of Meadow of the said Chapel adjoining, then late in the Tenure or Occupation of *William Penyson* Knight, and *William* Marquis of *Northampton*, then late of High Treason attainted, or of either of them, and all the Tolls and Profits of Two Fairs yearly holden in the outer Court called the *Forbury*, in the Monastery of *Reading*, then lately in the Tenure of the said *William Penyson* and the said Marquis of *Northampton*, or either of them, and the Reversion and Reversions of all and singular the Premises aforesaid, and every Parcel thereof, among other things, and the Rents and annual Profits whatsoever reserved upon whatsoever Demises of the Premises aforesaid, or of any Parcel thereof, among other things made, except as therein is excepted, to hold to the aforesaid Sir *Francis Englefield*, his Executors and Assigns, from the Feast of *Saint Michael* the Archangel then last past until the End of the Term of Twenty-one Years then next following, rendering certain Rents in and by the said Letters Patent reserved; Her said late Majesty Queen *Elizabeth*, for the Consideration aforesaid, by Her said Letters Patent now in recital, for Herself, Her Heirs and Successors, did give and grant to the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses of the aforesaid Borough of *Reading* the Reversion of the aforesaid Premises by the aforesaid Letters Patent of Her said late Majesty Queen *Mary*, in Form aforesaid, to the aforesaid Sir *Francis Englefield* Knight, among other things, demised, and also the aforesaid Rents by the same Letters Patent as aforesaid, among other things, reserved; and the Gate House and a Messuage adjoining, near the Manor of *Reading* aforesaid, with their Appurtenances, situate in *Reading* aforesaid; and a Messuage, with the Appurtenances, called the *Schoolhouse*, in *Reading* aforesaid; and a Close of Pasture lying at the End of *Syvyor Street*, called the *Conduit Close*; and a Messuage and Garden to the same adjoining in the *Old Street* otherwise called *Wood Street*, in the Borough aforesaid; and a Messuage, Garden, Pightle, and Orchard to the same adjoining, by the then late Duke of *Somerset* purchased; and the Lane behind all the Garden in the *London Street* on the East Parcel of the same, lying and being in Length by the *Orte* Pale there to the Highway there leading from *Reading* towards *London*; and a vacant Plot of Ground lying by the Vastern under the Wall of the late Monastery of *Reading*; and a Messuage, then newly erected, situated in the *High Street* of the Borough aforesaid, containing Ten Shops and

Ten Sellars or Sellors called the *New Shambles*; and a Plot called the *Hermitage*, and Half an Acre of Meadow to the same adjoining, situate on the West Part of *Caversham Bridge* aforesaid; and the *Little Orte* otherwise called the *Orte Lands*, with the Appurtenances, and the Plot or Site of the late Chapel at *Caversham Bridge* aforesaid, called the *Holy Ghost Chapel*; and One little Eight *alias* Eyt, and Parcels of Lands annexed, in the aforesaid County of *Berks*, and being Parcel of the Possessions and Demesne Lands of the late Monastery of *Reading* aforesaid; and the Profits and Perquisites of a certain Court there, called *Portsmoot Court*, there annually holden on every alternate *Monday*; and all those certain annual Rents and Payments of all the Burgesses there, called *Cheping Gavel*, that is to say, for every Burgess by the Year Four-pence; and a Messuage or Tenement greatly ruined, and the Garden to the same adjoining, situate in the *New Street* otherwise called the *Fryers Street*, Parcel of the Possession of the late Monastery of *Notley*; and a Messuage and Garden, with their Appurtenances, situate in *New Street*, to the late Chantry of *Jesus* in the Parish of *Saint Lawrence* in *Reading* aforesaid formerly belonging and appertaining; and a Messuage or Tenement situate in the Market Place there, in a certain Place called *Corn-cheaping*, to the same late Chantry of *Jesus* aforesaid lately belonging; and Two Cottages and Two Gardens, and a vacant Plot or Garden Plot to the same adjoining, situate in a certain Lane there, called the *Gutter Lane*, to the said late Chantry formerly belonging; and a Messuage or Cottage greatly ruined, and Garden to the same adjoining, situate in a certain Street called *Wood Street*, and to the said late Chantry formerly belonging, and the Lands and Watercourses thereto belonging, lying in *Shiningfield*, to the said late Chantry of *Jesus* formerly belonging; and a Messuage or Cottage greatly ruined, lying in a certain Street called *Minster Street*, formerly belonging to the late Chantry of the Blessed *Mary* called *Colney's Chantry*, of the Foundation of *Thomas Colney*; and a Messuage or Tenement greatly ruined, and One Garden adjoining, situate in a Street called the *Old Street*, to the late Brotherhood of *Jesus* in the Parish of *Saint Giles* belonging; and all the void Ground of Her said late Majesty lying in the Borough aforesaid; and also all Issues, Rents, Commodities, Profits, and Emoluments whatever of the aforesaid Marts or Fairs and Markets in *Reading* aforesaid, and the Liberties of the same, to be holden, and of the Office of Clerk of the Market there; and all Issues and Profits of the View of Frankpledge, Court of Pie-poudrie, and the Court called *Portsmouth*; also, for the Considerations aforesaid, Her said late Majesty Queen *Elizabeth*, by Her said Letters Patent now in recital, did grant to the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough of *Reading* aforesaid all and all manner of Woods, Underwoods, and Trees whatsoever, of, in, and upon the Premises before granted, or any Parcel thereof, growing and being, and all the Land and Soil of the same Woods, Underwoods, and Trees, and the Reversion and Reversions whatever of all and singular the Premises before granted, and of every Parcel thereof, and also the Rents, Revenues, Covenants, Conditions, Commodities, Emoluments, and annual Profits whatsoever reserved upon whatsoever Demises and Grants of the Premises, or of any Parcel thereof, in anywise made or to be made; and also, for the Considerations

siderations aforesaid, by Her said Letters Patent now in recital, Her said late Majesty did grant to the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough of *Reading* aforesaid all and singular the aforesaid several annual Rents, and the aforesaid Messuages, Cottages, Cellars, Sollars, void Grounds, Lands, Tenements, Woods, Underwoods, Rents, Reversions, and Services, and all and singular other the Premises in the said Letters Patent expressed, as fully, freely, and entirely, and in as ample Manner and Form, as any Abbot of the aforesaid Monastery of *Reading*, or any Abbot of the aforesaid late Monastery of *Notley* aforesaid, or any Chanters, Chaplains, Masters, Governors, or Incumbrance of the aforesaid late Chantries and Brotherhoods, or any of them, or any other or any others, the aforesaid Premises, or any Parcel thereof, at any Time had, held, or enjoyed, or ought to have been had, held, or enjoyed, and as fully, freely, and entirely, and in as ample Manner and Form, as all and singular these Premises came to the Hands of Her said late Majesty, or to the Hands of Her Father King *Henry* the Eighth, or to the Hands of Her Brother King *Edward* the Sixth, or to the Hands of Her Sister Queen *Mary*, or to the Hands of any of them, by reason or pretext of the Dissolutions or several Surrenders of the aforesaid late Monasteries of *Reading* and *Notley*, or by reason or pretext of any Acts of Parliament, or by reason of the Attainder of *Edward* late Duke of *Somerset*, or by any other lawful Mean, Right, or Title, come or ought to have come, and in the Hands of Her said late Majesty Queen *Elizabeth* then being or which ought to be, to hold the Reversion and Reversions whatsoever of all and singular the aforesaid Premises in the said Letters Patent now in recital mentioned by the aforesaid Letters Patent of Her said late Majesty Queen *Mary*, in Form aforesaid, to the aforesaid Sir *Francis Englefield* Knight, among other things, demised, and the aforesaid annual Rents by the same Letters Patent, among other things, reserved, and the aforesaid several annual Rents, and the aforesaid Messuages, Cottages, Lands, Tenements, Gardens, Rents, Reversion, and Services, and all and singular other the Premises in the said Letters Patent now in recital expressed and specified by the same, granted to the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses of the aforesaid Borough of *Reading* and their Successors for ever, to the proper Use of the aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses, and their Successors for ever, to hold of Her said late Majesty Queen *Elizabeth*, Her Heirs and Successors, as of the Manor of *East Greenwich* in the County of *Kent*, by Fealty only, in Free Socage and not in Capite, and rendering therefore yearly to Her said late Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, at the Receipt of the Exchequer of Her said late Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, Twenty-two Pounds of lawful Money of *England*, at the Feast of *Saint Michael* the Archangel in every Year to be paid, for all other Rents, Services, and Demands whatsoever therefore, to Her said late Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in anywise to be rendered, paid, or made: And whereas by an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to provide for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations in England and Wales*, it was enacted, that after a Period, which has since elapsed, the Body Corporate named in the Schedule to the said Act in connexion with such Borough should

should take and bear the Name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of such Borough, and by that Name should have perpetual Succession, and should be capable by Law, by the Council of such Borough, (to be appointed as in the said Act is provided), to do and suffer all Acts which at the Time of the passing thereof they and their Successors respectively might do and suffer, by any Name or Title of Incorporation; and that in every Case in which such Council should deem it expedient to sell and alienate, or to demise and lease for a longer Term than Thirty-one Years, or upon different Terms and Conditions than those in the said Act mentioned, any of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of the said Body Corporate, it should be lawful for such Council to represent the Circumstances of the Case to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and that it should be lawful for such Council, with the Approbation of the said Lords Commissioners or any Three of them, to sell, alienate, and demise any of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of the said Body Corporate, in such Manner and on such Terms and Conditions as should have been approved by the said Lords Commissioners: And whereas the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough of *Reading* are now, by virtue of the said recited Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, seised and possessed of the Property heretofore granted by the said Letters Patent respectively, and of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, and Reversions, herein-before mentioned, and they have since the granting of the said Letters Patent, out of the Corporate Revenues of the said Borough, paid the Schoolmaster for the Time being of the said Free School within the said Borough the Sum of Ten Pounds yearly as and for his Stipend or Salary, and have repaired and kept in repair the several Bridges in the said Letters Patent mentioned, and have also from Time to Time kept in repair the Carriageway of certain other Streets, Ways, Roads, and Places within the said Borough and the Liberties thereof: And whereas Doubts exist as to the Liability to the whole of such Repairs as aforesaid, and Doubts are also entertained whether the Liability to such Repairs (if such Liability does in Law exist), and the Liability to the Payment to the Schoolmaster for the Time being of the Free School within the said Borough of the said yearly Stipend or Salary of Ten Pounds, extends to or attaches upon the whole of the Lands, Hereditaments, and Revenues of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, or is confined to or affects only certain Portions of the said Revenues, or certain specific Parts only of the said Property and Revenues: And whereas the Population of the Borough of *Reading* has greatly increased of late Years, and numerous Dwelling Houses and other Buildings have been recently erected within and in the immediate Neighbourhood of the said Borough, and others are now in progress: And whereas certain of the Lands and Hereditaments within or in the Neighbourhood of the said Borough, belonging to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, are very advantageously situate for building upon, and well adapted for the Sites of Dwelling Houses, and upon the Lands and Ground immediately adjacent thereto numerous Dwelling Houses and other Buildings have of late Years been erected and are now in course of Erection, but in consequence of

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the Existence of an Apprehension of the Liability of the said Lands and Hereditaments belonging to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses to such Repairs as aforesaid, and to the Payment of the said yearly Stipend, Persons are found to be unwilling to build upon the said Lands and Hereditaments, and to take Leases or Grants for Building Purposes, or for Purposes of permanent Improvement, and by reason thereof the said Lands and Hereditaments are much less productive than they otherwise would be, and the Improvement of the said Borough is thereby impeded: And whereas the Land in the immediate Neighbourhood of the said Lands and Hereditaments of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, from its Adaptation for Building Purposes, realizes a high Price on the Sales thereof; and inasmuch as Parties proposing to build are enabled to purchase the Fee Simple and Inheritance in the Lands adjoining those belonging to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, great Difficulty would be experienced in alienating or disposing of the said Lands and Hereditaments belonging to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, for the Purposes of building or other permanent Improvements, unless the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses are empowered, in case they find it necessary, to dispose thereof for an Estate in Fee Simple: And whereas it would be greatly to the Advantage of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the said Borough of *Reading*, and tend greatly to the Improvement of the said Borough, and also greatly increase the Funds and Revenues of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough, if the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses were enabled to purchase the said Fee-farm Rent of Twenty-two Pounds reserved and charged upon the said Messuages, Lands, and Hereditaments under and by virtue of the said Letters Patent of Her late Majesty Queen *Elizabeth*, and also to grant Leases upon or absolutely to sell and dispose of the Messuages, Lands, and Hereditaments of or belonging to them, (other than and except the Tolls and Profits of the said Fairs and Markets, and other the Tolls belonging to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses,) exonerated and discharged from all Liability to or in respect of the said yearly Sum of Ten Pounds payable to the Schoolmaster for the Time being of the Free School within the said Borough, and to or in respect of the Repairs of the said Bridges, Roads, Streets, and Ways, or any other Bridges, Roads, Streets, or Ways, so that the Monies to arise from such Sale or Sales should be invested in the Purchase of the said Fee-farm Rent of Twenty-two Pounds charged upon the said Messuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, and also in the Purchase of other Lands, Hereditaments, and Real Estate, to be charged and made liable to the future Payment of the said yearly Sum of Ten Pounds, and such Repairs as aforesaid; but such Purposes cannot be effectuated without the Aid and 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 from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for the Council for the Time being of the Borough of *Reading* aforesaid (with the Approbation of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury or any Three

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of them), at such Time or Times as the said Council shall deem expedient, absolutely to sell, alienate, dispose of, and convey all and every or any of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises comprised in the Schedule to this Act, subject and without prejudice nevertheless to the subsisting Leases thereof for the Time being, whether granted previously to the passing of this Act or subsequently to the passing and under the Authority of the same Act, and (with such Approbation as aforesaid) absolutely to sell, alienate, dispose of, and convey, at such Time or Times as the said Council for the Time being shall think fit, all and every or any of the Chief Rents to be reserved upon any Grant or Grants in Fee Farm to be made under the Power for that Purpose herein-after contained, of all or any of the aforesaid Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, and to make every such Sale, Alienation, Disposition, and Conveyance of the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Chief Rents, and Premises, freed and absolutely and for ever exonerated and discharged of and from the said annual Sum of Ten Pounds payable to the said Schoolmaster of the Free School within the said Borough as his Stipend and Salary, and of and from all Liability thereto or to the Payment thereof, and from all Remedies, Claims, and Demands in respect thereof; and also freed and absolutely and for ever exonerated and discharged of and from all Repairs of the Bridges, Ways, Roads, Streets, and Places aforesaid, or any other Bridges, Ways, Roads, Streets, and Places whatsoever, to the Repairs whereof the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, or the Lessees, Tenants, or Occupiers of any of their Lands or Hereditaments, were (previously to and at the Time of the passing of this Act, or would have been in case this Act had not been passed,) subject or liable, either under or by virtue or means of the herein-before recited Letters Patent, or any Clause, Matter, or Thing therein contained or implied, or by Usage, Custom, Prescription, Tenure, or other legal Ways, Means, or Obligations whatsoever; and from all Costs, Charges, and Expences of repairing, sustaining, rebuilding, and making all and every or any such Bridges, Ways, Roads, Streets, and Places respectively, and all Liability thereto or to Contribution towards the same, and from all Remedy, Claims, and Demands whatsoever by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and all and every other Bodies and Body Politic or Corporate and Person or Persons whomsoever, in respect or by reason of any such Liability as aforesaid; and of and from all other Burdens, Duties, Charges, and Liabilities whatsoever to which such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or the Rents and Profits thereof or any Part thereof, were subject or liable at the Time of the passing of this Act, under or by virtue or means of the said recited Letters Patent, either expressly or in construction of Law, (save and except only the said annual Rent of Twenty-two Pounds reserved to the Crown by the said Letters,) until such Time as the same annual Rent shall have been purchased or acquired by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses under the Power for that Purpose herein-after contained, and as to the Chief Rents which may be so sold as aforesaid, freed, exonerated, and discharged from all Burdens, Charges, Duties, and Liabilities imposed thereon, by or to which the same shall become liable under or by virtue or means of this

sell Premises comprised in the Schedule to this Act, with Consent of the Treasury.

this Act; and the Council for the Time being of the said Borough shall and is hereby authorized to make such Sales, Alienations, and Dispositions as aforesaid, either by public Auction or by private Contract, or partly in each Mode, and in such Manner and on such Terms and Conditions as shall have been approved of by the said Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury or any Three of them.

Purchase Money to be paid into the Bank in the Name of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery;

and his Certificate and the Bank Receipt to be a sufficient Discharge.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Purchaser or Purchasers of all or any of the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Chief Rents, and Hereditaments which shall be sold under the Powers and Authorities in this Act contained shall pay his, her, or their Purchase Money or Monies into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there "*Ex parte* the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Reading*," pursuant to the Method prescribed by the Act of the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the First, Chapter Thirty-two, and the General Orders of the said Court, and without Fee or Reward, according to the Act of the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, Chapter Twenty-four; and the Receipt or Receipts of the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England*, and the Certificate or Certificates of the said Accountant General of the Payment into the Bank of *England* by such Purchaser or Purchasers, of his, her, or their Purchase Money or Monies or any Part thereof as aforesaid, annexed to the same, and filed in the Register Office of the said Court of Chancery, or any Office Copy or Copies of every or any such Certificate and Receipt, shall from Time to Time be and be deemed and taken to be a good and sufficient Discharge and good and sufficient Discharges to such Purchaser or Purchasers, and to his, her, and their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for so much or such Part or Parts of the Purchase Money or Monies for which such Certificate or Certificates and Receipt or Receipts respectively shall be so given as aforesaid; and after filing such Certificate or Certificates and Receipt or Receipts, such Purchaser or Purchasers, and his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be absolutely acquitted and discharged of and from the same Monies, and shall not be answerable or accountable for any Loss, Misapplication, or Nonapplication thereof or of any Part thereof.

Costs of obtaining Act, &c. to be paid there-out.

III. And be it further enacted, That out of the Monies so to be paid into the Bank to the Account "*Ex parte* the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Reading*," as aforesaid, the Costs, Charges, and Expences preparatory to and attending the soliciting, applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act, and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of or incident to any Sale or Sales and Purchase or Purchases to be made under the Authority of this Act, or incident to the applying for and obtaining the Approbation of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to any Sales, Grants, Demises, or Leases to be made under the Authority of this Act or in relation thereto, and the Costs and Expences of every or any Application to the Court of Chancery under the Directions of this Act, and the making of Purchases and Conveyances pursuant to this Act, or in
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any Manner incident or relating thereto, and the investigating and perfecting the Titles of the Lands and Hereditaments so to be sold and purchased as aforesaid, and generally all other the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the Execution of the Powers and Provisions of this Act, shall in the first place be paid and satisfied; and a sufficient Part of the Surplus of the said Monies shall be laid out and invested, under and subject to the Direction of the said Court, in pursuance of an Order or Orders for that Purpose, to be obtained upon Petition in a summary Way, to be preferred by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough of *Reading*, in the Purchase of the said annual Rent of Twenty-two Pounds reserved to the Crown by the herein-before recited Letters Patent, in case the same annual Rent shall be purchased by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses under the Power in that Behalf herein-after contained; and, subject as aforesaid, the said Surplus of the said Monies shall be from Time to Time laid out and invested, under the Direction of the said Court, in pursuance of an Order or Orders to be obtained upon Petition as aforesaid, in the Purchase of Freehold Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of an Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple in Possession, to be situate, lying, being, or arising in that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, free from Incumbrances, except Leases at improved Rents and Fee-farm or Quit Rents, all which Hereditaments shall be conveyed and assured unto and to the Use of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough of *Reading*, their Successors and Assigns for ever, as Part of their Corporate Possessions, but under and subject to such Burdens, Charges, Repairs, Impositions, and Liabilities to which, under or by virtue or means of the herein-before recited Letters Patent, the Lands and Hereditaments which may have been sold under the Authority of this Act would have remained subject or liable in case the same had not been sold, yet so nevertheless as not to revive the said annual Rent of Twenty-two Pounds reserved to the Crown by the said recited Letters Patent, in case the same Rent shall have been purchased by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, and extinguished under the Power in that Behalf herein-after contained; and the Lands and Hereditaments which may be so purchased and conveyed as aforesaid shall be held and taken by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, their Successors and Assigns, without any Licence, or Writ of *Ad quod damnum*, the Statute of Mortmain, or any other Law, Usage, Statute, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Surplus to be laid out in Purchase of the Rent of 22l. reserved to the Crown in the Letters Patent, and then in Purchase of Real Estate.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Sums of Money which shall be paid into the Bank in the Name of the said Accountant General to the Account in manner herein-before directed, and which shall not be required for the Payment of the said Costs and Expences, shall in the meantime, and until the said Monies shall be invested in such Purchase of Messuages, Lands, and other Hereditaments as aforesaid, be from Time to Time laid out in the Purchase of Navy or Victualling or Exchequer Bills, and the Money to be received for the same Bills respectively, when and as they shall respectively be paid off by Government, shall be laid out from Time to Time, in the Name of the said Accountant General, in the Purchase of other Navy

Until the Money is invested in the Purchase of Lands, &c. it shall be laid out in Navy, Victualling, or Exchequer Bills.

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or Victualling or Exchequer Bills; provided always, that it shall be lawful for the said Court of Chancery to make such General Order or Orders, or Special Order or Orders, if necessary, that whenever the Navy or Victualling or Exchequer Bills of the Date of those in the Hands of the said Accountant General shall be in the course of Payment by Government, and new Navy or Victualling or Exchequer Bills shall be issued, such new Navy or Victualling or Exchequer Bills may be received in exchange for those which are so in the course of Payment as shall be effectual for enabling such Receipt in exchange; and that in the event of every such Renewal or Exchange of Bills, the Interest of the old Bills shall be from Time to Time paid to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, and shall be by them applied in such Manner, and be subject to such Charges and Burdens, in and to which the Rents of the Lands and Hereditaments by this Act directed to be purchased, with the Proceeds of the Navy, Victualling, or Exchequer Bills from which such Interest shall arise or accrue, would, under the Provisions of this Act, have been applicable or subject in case such Purchases were actually made and completed; all which said Navy or Victualling or Exchequer Bills respectively, whether purchased or exchanged, shall be deposited in the Bank of *England* in the Name of the said Accountant General, and shall there remain until a proper Purchase or Purchases be found and approved as herein-before directed, and until the same Navy or Victualling or Exchequer Bills shall, upon Motion or Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, be respectively ordered to be sold by the said Accountant General, for the Purpose of making or completing such Purchase or Purchases of Land or other Hereditaments, in such Manner as the said Court shall think fit and direct.

Court of
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V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Court of Chancery, upon Motion or Petition to be preferred in a summary Way, from Time to Time to make such Order or Orders as the said Court shall think fit or reasonable for allowing, taxing, and settling all Costs, Charges, and Expences which have been or which shall be incurred preparatory to or in or about the soliciting, applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act, and incidental thereto, and of or relating to the making the several Applications to the said Court for the Purpose of carrying into execution this Act, or any of the Powers or Provisions thereof, and of or incident to any Sale or Sales, Grant or Grants in Fee Farms, Demises, or Leases, to be made under the Authority of this Act, or incident to the applying to and obtaining the Approbation of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to the Execution of any of the Powers or Provisions of this Act, or incident to the making and completing of Purchases under the Authority of this Act, and Conveyances in relation thereto, and in paying into the Bank of *England* such Monies as are herein-before directed to be so paid, and in investigating and perfecting the Titles of any Lands, Tenements, Rents, or Hereditaments to be sold, purchased, or otherwise dealt with under or by virtue of this Act or any of the Provisions thereof, and generally all other Costs, Charges, and Expences to be paid or incurred in or about the carrying into execution all or any of the Objects, Purposes, and Provisions

of this Act; and also from Time to Time to make such Order or Orders as the said Court shall think expedient for Payment of all such Costs, Charges, and Expences as aforesaid, out of the Monies so to be paid into the Bank, or out of the Monies arising by Sale of the Navy, Victualling, or Exchequer Bills so to be purchased as aforesaid.

VI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for the Council for the Time being of the Borough of *Reading* aforesaid, (with the Approbation of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any Three of them,) from Time to Time, by Indenture under the Common Seal of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, to grant and convey, by way of Fee Farm in Fee Simple, or to demise or lease for any Term or Terms of Years not exceeding Nine hundred and ninety-nine Years, all and every or any Part or Parts of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises comprised in the Schedule to this Act, and to make every such Grant or Conveyance in Fee Farm and Demise or Lease, freed and absolutely discharged (as to the Lands and Hereditaments to be comprised in every or any such Grant and Conveyance in Fee Farm and Demise or Lease respectively, freed, exonerated, and absolutely discharged,) of and from the said annual Stipend or Sum of Ten Pounds, and from all Liabilities thereto or to Payment thereof, and from all Remedies, Claims, and Demands in respect thereof, and also freed and absolutely exonerated and discharged of and from all Repairs of the Bridges, Ways, Roads, Streets, and Places aforesaid, or any other Bridges, Ways, Roads, Streets, and Places whatsoever, to the Repairs whereof the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, or the Lessees, Tenants, or Occupiers, or any of the Lands or Hereditaments, were (previously to and at the Time of the passing of this Act, or would have been in case this Act had not been passed,) subject or liable under or by virtue or means of the herein-before recited Letters Patent, or any Clause, Matter, or Thing therein contained or implied, or by Usage, Custom, Prescription, Tenure, or other legal Ways, Means, or Obligations whatsoever, and from all Costs, Charges, and Expences of repairing, sustaining, rebuilding, and making all and every or any such Bridges, Ways, Roads, Streets, and Places respectively, and all Liability thereto or to Contribution towards the same, and from all Remedies, Claims, and Demands whatsoever, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and all and every other Body or Bodies Corporate, and Person or Persons whomsoever, in respect or by reason of such Liability as aforesaid, and of and from all other Burdens, Duties, Charges, and Liabilities whatsoever, to which such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or the Rents and Profits thereof or of any Part thereof, were subject or liable at the Time of the passing of this Act, under or by virtue or means of the said recited Letters Patent, either expressly or in construction of Law, (save and except only the said annual Rent of Twenty-two Pounds reserved to the Crown, until such Time as the same annual Rent shall have been purchased or acquired by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, under the Power for that Purpose herein-after contained,) with all or any Rights,
Easements,

Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses empowered to grant by way of Fee-farm or to demise for Term not exceeding 999 Years.

Easements, Privileges, Liberties, Powers, and Appurtenances belonging or in relation thereto, to any Person or Persons, for the Purpose of erecting, building, making, or continuing and working, upon the Lands and Hereditaments so to be granted in Fee Farm or to be demised or leased, any House or Houses, Manufactory or Manufactories, Mill or Mills, or any other Erections or Buildings whatsoever of a like Nature, or making some other permanent or material Improvement of or upon the same Hereditaments, or for the Purpose of laying out and appropriating any Part or Parts of the Lands and Hereditaments so to be granted in Fee Farm, or to be demised or leased, as and for any Road or Roads, Way or Ways, Avenue or Avenues, Street or Streets, Square or Squares, Crescent or Crescents, Passage or Passages, or other Purpose or Appropriation, for the Use or Convenience and Accommodation of the Purchaser or Purchasers in Fee Farm, Lessee or Lessees, and Tenant or Tenants, or Occupier or Occupiers, of the said Hereditaments, or as and for Courts, Yards, Paddocks, Plantations, Lawns, or Gardens, whether for Use or Ornament, to be adjoining or belonging to any such House or Houses, Manufactory or Manufactories, Mill or Mills; or other Edifices or Buildings, or as and for Botanical or Zoological Gardens, or public Drives or Walks; or other Places of public Resort or Amusement, or for the Purpose of taking down, rebuilding, or repairing any of the Messuages or Tenements, Erections or Buildings, which now are or which at any Time or Times hereafter shall be standing or being upon or on any Part or Parts of the said Lands and Hereditaments: Provided also, that there be contained in every such Conveyance or Grant in Fee Farm or Demise or Lease made for the Purpose of having Buildings erected or repaired, a Covenant or Covenants from the Grantee or Grantees, Lessee or Lessees, to erect, build, and finish, and from Time to Time during the Term thereby created well and substantially to repair and keep in repair, all and singular the Messuages, Cottages, Erections, and other Buildings to be comprised in or to be covenanted to be erected and built by, or be in progress at the Time of the Execution of every such Conveyance or Grant in Fee Farm or Demise or Lease, or to be thereafter erected and built upon the Premises thereby conveyed or granted or demised and leased, and to keep all the Buildings in every such Conveyance or Grant or Demise or Lease to be comprised insured from Loss or Damage by Fire to the Amount of Three Fourths at least of the Value thereof, in some One or more of the public Offices of Insurance in *England* for insuring against Loss or Damage by Fire, and to lay out the Money to be received by virtue of such Insurance in rebuilding, repairing, and reinstating such Buildings as shall be destroyed or damaged by Fire, and at the End or other sooner Determination of the Term to be created by any Demise or Lease to surrender the Premises thereby demised and leased; and so that there be contained in every such Conveyance or Grant, Demise or Lease, a Power for the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Premises conveyed or granted, or demised or leased, and his, her, or their Surveyors, Agents, and Workmen, to enter upon the Premises at all reasonable Times, and inspect the Condition thereof, and also a Clause in the Nature of a Condition of Re-entry for the Nonpayment of the Rent thereby respectively reserved by any Space not exceeding
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Sixty Days next after the same shall become payable, or for Non-performance of the Covenants, Provisoos, or Agreements thereinbefore contained, on the Part of the Grantee or Grantees, or Lessee or Lessees ; and in such Conveyances or Grants, or Demises or Leases respectively, or Contracts for a Conveyance or Conveyances, or Grant or Grants, or Lease or Leases respectively, there may be inserted all such other Covenants, Conditions, Provisoos, Agreements, and Restrictions (if any) as to the Council for the Time being of the Borough of *Reading* aforesaid shall seem advisable or expedient, and as shall be approved by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury or any Three of them.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Council for the Time being of the Borough of *Reading* aforesaid, either with or without the Permission of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, but in the latter Case subject to and dependent upon such Approbation being subsequently obtained, from Time to Time to enter into any Contract or Contracts in Writing for making or granting any such Grant or Conveyance, or Grants or Conveyances in Fee Farm, or Demise or Demises, Lease or Leases as aforesaid, and thereby to fix and determine the Rent or Rents to be reserved or made payable upon or in respect of every or any such Grant or Conveyance in Fee Farm, Demise, or Lease respectively, and to fix and determine the Periods of Conveyance or Grant, and Payment of such Rent or Rents, and every or any such Grant or Conveyance in Fee Farm may be stipulated to be made and such Rent or Rents to commence immediately, or after any Term not exceeding One Year from the Date of any such Contract or Contracts ; and it shall be lawful for the Council for the Time being of the said Borough of *Reading* to make or grant, without any further Consent or Approbation by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, any Grant or Conveyance in Fee Farm, or any Demise or Demises, Lease or Leases, pursuant to and in performance of any such Contract or Contracts in respect of which the Approbation of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any Three of them, shall have been previously obtained, according to the true Intent and Meaning of such Contract or Contracts respectively, notwithstanding the Rent or Rents to be reserved or made payable, pursuant to any such Contract or Contracts, may not at the Time of the Execution of any such Grant or Conveyance in Fee Farm, or Demise or Lease as aforesaid, be the best Rent or Rents for the Premises so to be granted in Fee Farm, or to be demised or leased as aforesaid.

Power to enter into Contracts for granting Conveyances or Leases.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Rent or Rents to be reserved or limited and made payable in respect of all and every such Grant or Grants, Conveyance or Conveyances in Fee Farm, Demise, or Lease as aforesaid, shall be made payable, clear of all Deductions whatsoever ; and the Grantee or Grantees in Fee Farm, Lessee or Lessees, shall duly seal and deliver a Counterpart or Counterparts, Duplicate or Duplicates, of such Grant or Grants, Conveyance or Conveyances in Fee Farm, Demise or Demises, Lease or Leases respectively.

Rent to be reserved clear of all Deductions.

Counterpart of Grants to be executed.

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IX. And

Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses empowered to purchase the said Rent of 22*l.*

IX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough of *Reading*, by the Council for the Time being (with the Approbation of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any Three of them,) at any Time or Times after the passing of this Act, to contract for and purchase the said annual Rent of Twenty-two Pounds reserved to the Crown by the herein-before recited Letters Patent, and to take a Conveyance or Conveyances of the same annual Rent, or of the Estate or Interest therein which shall be purchased as aforesaid, to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, their Successors and Assigns, without any Licence, or Writ of *Ad quod damnum*, the Statutes of Mortmain, or any other Law, Usage, Statute, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding; and when and so soon as the said annual Rent of Twenty-two Pounds shall have been purchased by and conveyed to or otherwise vested in the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, the same Rent shall sink into and be absolutely extinguished in the Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Tolls, Profits, and other the Premises out of which the same shall be issuing and payable, or which shall be, or which (but for such Extinguishment) would have been, charged with or liable to the Payment thereof; and the same Rent shall not, nor shall any Part thereof, be thereafter payable or recoverable.

Persons interested in the said Rent of 22*l.* empowered to contract to sell, and to convey the same.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for all and every Persons and Person, Bodies and Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees for charitable or other Purposes, and for all Trustees or Committees for Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, and other incapacitated Persons, and for all Femes Covert and Tenants for Life or Tenants in Tail, and for all and every other Persons and Person whomsoever, who are or is or shall or may be seised, possessed of, or interested in the said annual Rent of Twenty-two Pounds reserved to the Crown by the said recited Letters Patent, but being incapable of selling the same and making a good Title thereto in Fee Simple, to contract and agree to sell to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, and their Successors and Assigns, the said annual Rent of Twenty-two Pounds so reserved to the Crown by the herein-before recited Letters Patent, or any Estate or Interest therein, and by Indenture or Indentures duly sealed and delivered, and inrolled in the Court of Chancery, absolutely to convey in Fee Simple the same annual Rent of Twenty-two Pounds, and to assign or surrender any such Estate or Interest therein as aforesaid; and such Deed or Deeds, being duly executed and enrolled as aforesaid, shall absolutely and effectually bar all Estates Tail and other Estates and Interests in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, and shall operate, transfer, and convey all other Estates, Rights, and Interests in the said annual Rent of Twenty-two Pounds; and all and every such Persons and Person, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees for charitable or other Purposes, Trustees or Committees, Femes Covert, Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail, General or Special, and all and every other Person and Persons as aforesaid, shall be and are and is hereby indemnified for what he, she, or they respectively shall do by virtue of this Act.

XI. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed to be paid for the Purchase of the said yearly Rent of Twenty-two Pounds reserved to the Crown by the said recited Letters Patent, which Money shall belong to any Trustee or Trustees for charitable or other public Purposes, or to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or other Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, be with all convenient Speed paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there, *ex parte* the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Reading*, pursuant to the Method prescribed by the said recited Act of the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the First, Chapter Thirty-two, the General Orders of the said Court, and without Fee or Reward, according to the said recited Act of the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Second, Chapter Twenty-four; and such Money 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 Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons, who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Receipt of the said annual Sum of Twenty-two Pounds, in case the same had not been so sold as aforesaid, be laid out, by Order of the said Court, in the Purchase of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed, limited, and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner, as the aforesaid annual Sum of Twenty-two Pounds stood settled or limited, 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 Order can 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 Government or Real Securities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities, or Government or Real Securities, shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends or Interest and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities, or Government or Real Securities, shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be purchased, conveyed, and settled.

Application of Purchase Money where it exceeds 200*l.*

XII. And be it further enacted, That in case such Money shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Receipt of the said annual Rent of Twenty-two Pounds, in case the same had not been sold as aforesaid, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy, Idiocy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of

Where Purchase Money exceeds 20*l.* to be paid into the Bank or to Two Trustees.

of the said Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, 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, to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons who for the Time being would be entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to be purchased therewith, and such Nomination to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating 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 the Money so to be paid into the Bank in the Name of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, but without obtaining or being required to obtain any Order of the said Court touching the Application thereof.

Where less than 20*l.* to be paid to the Person entitled to the said Rent of 22*l.*

XIII. And be it further enacted, That in case such Money shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be paid to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Receipt of the said annual Sum of Twenty-two Pounds, in case the same had not been so sold as aforesaid, for his, her, or their own Use and Benefit, or in case of Infancy, Idiocy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, then such Money shall be paid to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, Trustee or Trustees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons respectively entitled thereto.

The like Notice of Application to the Treasury to be given as is required by the recited Act.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the like Notice of the Intention of the Council of the said Borough of *Reading* to make Application to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for or in relation to any Act, Matter, or Thing whatsoever to the doing, making, executing, effecting, or authorizing of which the Approbation of the said Lords Commissioners, or any Three of them, is by this Act made necessary, and the like Means and Opportunities for the Inspection of a Copy of the Memorial intended to be sent to the said Lords Commissioners, shall be given and afforded as in the said recited Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth is provided or required with respect to the obtaining such Approbation of the said Lords Commissioners to any Sale, Alienation, Demise, or Lease proposed to be made under the Authority of the said last-mentioned Act, and to the making of which such Approbation is by the same Act made necessary.

Purchasers under this Act to hold their Premises discharged of the annual Sum of 10*l.* payable to the Schoolmaster, and from any

XV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Persons and Person who shall become the Purchaser or Purchasers of all or any Part of the Messuages or Tenements, Lands, Hereditaments, and other the Premises by this Act authorized to be sold and disposed of, and the respective Heirs and Assigns of such Purchaser or Purchasers, shall and may, from and after the Payment of his, her, or their Purchase Money into the Bank of *England*, as herein-before provided, and also all and every Person and Persons to whom any Grant or Conveyance in Fee Farm or any Demise or Lease for Years shall be made or executed, under the Provisions of this Act, of all
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or any Part of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises hereby authorized to be granted or conveyed in Fee Farm, and demised or leased as aforesaid, and his, her, and their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and his, her, and their Tenants or Occupiers of the same Hereditaments, shall and may, from and after the Execution to him, her, or them of every or any such Grant or Conveyance in Fee Farm or Demise or Lease as aforesaid, shall from and after the passing of this Act, and thenceforth during the Continuance of their respective Estates and Interests of and in the said Hereditaments and Premises, have, hold, occupy, possess, and enjoy the said Messuages or Tenements, Lands, Hereditaments, and Premises, and the Rents, Issues, and Profits thereof, freed, exonerated, and discharged of and from the said yearly Sum of Ten Pounds payable to the Schoolmaster for the Time being of the said Free School as his Stipend and Salary, and from all Liability thereto, and all Claims and Demands in respect thereof, and from the Repairs and rebuilding of the said Bridges, Ways, Roads, Streets, and Places, and from all Costs and Expences, and all Liability thereto, and all Remedies, Claims, and Demands whatsoever by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and all other Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons whomsoever, in respect thereof, and likewise of and from all and every other the Burdens, Duties, Charges, and Liabilities exonerated and discharged from which the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments herein-before mentioned or referred to are by this Act authorized to be sold, alienated, or demised as aforesaid; and the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses shall, by and out of the annual Rents and Payments to be reserved and made payable upon or in respect of every or any Grant or Conveyance in Fee Farm and Demise or Lease for Years, to be made, granted, or executed under the Powers of this Act, and by and out of the Rents reserved by and payable in respect of such Leases of the said Messuages or Tenements, Lands and Hereditaments, as shall have been granted or executed previously to and shall be subsisting and unexpired at the Time of the passing of this Act, (but without prejudice nevertheless to the Powers of Sale and Alienation by this Act given over the said Fee-farm or Chief Rents, and over the Messuages or Tenements, Lands and Hereditaments, comprised or to be comprised in any such Demise or Lease, Demises or Leases as aforesaid, or the future Exercise of such Powers, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act,) from Time to Time pay the said yearly Stipend or Salary of Ten Pounds, and pay and discharge the Costs, Charges, and Expences of and attending the repairing, maintaining, and rebuilding such Bridges, Ways, Roads, Streets, and Places aforesaid.

Liability to
Repairs of
Bridges, &c.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses shall from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter pay the said yearly Stipend or Salary of Ten Pounds, and also the Costs, Charges, and Expences of and attending the repairing, maintaining, and rebuilding such Bridges, Ways, Roads, Streets, and Places as aforesaid, by and out of the Borough Fund of the said Borough of *Reading*, and also by and out of the annual Rents and Payments to be reserved and made payable upon or in respect of

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every or any Grant or Conveyance in Fee Farm and Demise or Lease for Years to be made, granted, or executed under the Powers of this Act, and by and out of the Rents reserved by and payable in respect of such Leases of the said Messuages or Tenements, Lands and Hereditaments, as shall have been granted or executed previously to and shall be subsisting and unexpired at the Time of the passing of this Act, but without prejudice nevertheless to the Powers of Sale and Alienation by this Act given over the said Fee-farm or Chief Rents, and over the Messuages or Tenements, Lands and Hereditaments, comprised or to be comprised in such Demise or Lease, Demises or Leases as aforesaid, or the future Exercise of such Powers, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and that the said yearly Stipend or Salary of Ten Pounds, and the said Costs, Charges, and Expences of and attending the repairing, maintaining, and rebuilding such Bridges, Ways, Roads, Streets, and Places as aforesaid, shall be and be deemed the first Charge of the said Borough Fund, and the said annual Rents and Payments, and as such shall have Priority in Payment thereout over all other the lawful Debts of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, and over all other the Purposes to which by Law the same Fund and annual Rents and Payments, or either of them, are or is applicable.

General
Saving.

XVII. Saving always to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, and to Her Heirs and Successors, and to all and every other Persons and Person, Bodies Politic and Corporate, their, his, and her Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, (other than and except the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough of *Reading*,) all such Right, Title, and Interest (other than and except such as is or are hereby meant and intended to be barred, extinguished, shifted, over-reached, transferred, altered, varied, transposed, discharged, or otherwise affected,) of, in, to, or out of the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments and Premises, or any Part or Parts thereof, which they the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough of *Reading* are hereby authorized to sell, alienate, grant, convey, or demise, with such Approbation as aforesaid, as they and every or any of them had before the passing of this Act, or could or might have held or enjoyed or been entitled to if this Act had not been passed.

The Act as
printed by
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be Evidence.

XVIII. 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.

The SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

Situation of Property.	Lessee or Assignee.	Present or last known Occupier.	Description of Property.	Yearly Rent.	How holden by the Tenant, Lessee, or Assignee.
Duke Street	Peter Birt -	Messrs. Palmer	Messuage, Wharf, and Warehouses, with the Appurtenances (formerly Two Messuages).	£ 15 0 0	By Lease for 80 Years, from Lady Day 1763.
Yield Hall -	James Wilder	James Wilder and his Under-tenants.	Messuages, Workshops, and Foundry, with the Appurtenances.	70 0 0	By Lease for 21 Years, from Michaelmas 1825.
Ditto -	William Tiley the younger.	William Tiley & Co.	Cart-houses, Stable-yard, and Garden, and Part of a Brew-house.	30 0 0	By Lease for 21 Years and a Half, from Lady Day 1825.
Ditto -	Samuel Williams and Thomas Williams.	Messrs. Williams	Coach-house, Stables, and Yard, with the Appurtenances.	25 0 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	George Steward	Unoccupied -	A triangular Plot of Ground, on which sundry Cottages and Workshops formerly stood.	7 0 0	A Lease for 75 Years, from Michaelmas 1838.
Ditto -	- - -	Late James Hayes and others; now unoccupied.	Messuage and Garden, with the Appurtenances.	- - -	In hand.
Broad Street	John Winter Pidgeon.	John Winter Pidgeon.	Messuage and Warehouses, with the Appurtenances.	42 0 0	By Lease for 21 Years, from Michaelmas 1825.
Ditto -	Ambrose Crowley and others.	Reading Waterworks Company.	A certain Piece or Parcel of Ground upon or near a Place formerly called Brown's Hill, with the Erection thereon.	0 5 0	By Lease for 1,000 Years, from 4th September 1696.
Middle Row (formerly called Butcher Row and Fisher Row.)	James Lawrance Farrow and Thomas Righton.	Messrs. Farrow and Righton, John Lovegrove, John Prince, William Poole, and George Christie.	Certain Messuages and Shops, with the Appurtenances (formerly called the New Shambles).	28 0 0	By Lease for 99 Years, from St. Thomas's Day 1756.
Middle Row	- - -	John Church -	Messuage and Warehouse, with the Appurtenances.	30 0 0	Yearly Tenant.
Broad Street (formerly Fisher Row.)	- - -	Wilshin Jason	A Cellar under the new Market.	1 10 0	Ditto.
Oxford Street and Saint Mary's Butts.	John Yard Wil-latts, William Blandy and Charles Blandy.	John Wells -	Corner Messuage, with the Appurtenances, Part of the White Hart Public House.	8 15 0	By Lease for 21 Years, from St. Thomas's Day 1838.

Situation of Property.	Lessee or Assignee.	Present or last known Occupier.	Description of Property.	Yearly Rent.	How holden by the Tenant, Lessee, or Assignee.
West Street, West.	- - -	George Carter	Message, with the Appurtenances (formerly Two Messuages).	£ s. d. 11 0 0	Yearly Tenant.
Ditto	Ball, Joseph, Executors of.	Charles Brown and Thomas Hunt.	Two Messuages, with the Appurtenances.	14 0 0	By Lease for 21 Years, from Lady Day 1822.
Ditto	John Eyre	William Dormer	Message, with the Appurtenances, formerly Two Messuages.	14 0 0	Yearly Tenant.
Ditto	Vines, Joshua	— Parr, Widow.	Message, with the Appurtenances.	1 0 0 and Two Pullets.	Lease for 40 Years, from Lady Day 1802.
Ditto	- - -	William Milling	Ditto - - -	14 0 0	Yearly Tenant.
Caversham Road.	- - -	Isaac Bren	Ditto - - -	2 10 0	Ditto.
Ditto	Blackall, Simonds, Esq.	Himself and his Undertenants.	Certain Meadow Land called Portman Brook Meads, with Sheds and Outbuildings.	60 0 0	By Lease for 21 Years, from Michaelmas 1832.
Ditto	Freebody, Thos., Representatives of.	— Freebody, Widow, and John Townsend.	Messuages, Wharf, and Plots of Land, with the Appurtenances, adjoining Caversham Bridge.	6 0 0	By Lease for 99 Years, from Lady Day 1755.
Friar Street, South.	Thomas Ring	James Blackman Kemp.	Message, with the Appurtenances.	3 0 0	By Lease for 99 Years, from Michaelmas 1744.
Ditto	- - -	William Walden	Ditto - - -	14 0 0	Yearly Tenant.
Ditto	- - -	Widow Lovejoy	Ditto - - -	10 8 0	Ditto.
Friar's Place, South.	Rev. William Marsh.	Rev. William Marsh or his Undertenants.	Ditto - - -	1 6 8 and Two Pullets.	By Lease for 99 Years, from Michaelmas 1795.
Friar Street, North	Messrs. Rickford and Bickham.	George Williams	Message, with the Appurtenances, called the Three Pigeons.	5 0 0	By Lease for 80 Years, from Michaelmas 1789.
The Forbury	John Jackson Blandy.	John Dale and Edward Tub.	Message, with the Appurtenances, called the Hole in the Wall, and a Granary.	21 0 0	By Lease for 21 Years, from Lady Day 1821.
Minster Street, South.	Ephraim Marshall.	Ephraim Marshall.	Message, with the Appurtenances.	10 0 0	By Lease for 21 Years, from Lady Day 1833.
Castle Street, South.	Thomas Rickford.	— Higham, Spinster.	Ditto - - -	10 0 0	By Lease for 21 Years, from Michaelmas 1832.
Cross Street, East.	William Rogers	William Lane Thomas Fennell Philip Bales Thomas Finch	Four, lately Three, Messuages, with the Appurtenances.	3 0 0 and Two Pullets.	On Lease for 99 Years, from Lady Day 1757.
Cross Street, West.	- - -	George Hatton	Message, with the Appurtenances.	6 0 0	Yearly Tenant.
Ditto	- - -	James Rider	Ditto - - -	14 0 0	Ditto.
St. Mary's Butts,	- - -	William Blandy	Site of a Weighing Engine,	10 0 0	Ditto.

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St. Mary's Butts.	Thomas Harris	Messrs. Goodacre and Batt and Edward Butler.	Two new built Messuages, with the Appurtenances.	£ 5 0 0	By Lease for 99 Years, frdm Michaelmas 1833.
Ditto -	William Heelas	Messrs. Heelas	Message and Warehouse, with the Appurtenances.	5 0 0	Ditto.
St. Mary's Butts.	Joseph Rusher	Robert Bunce	Message, with the Appurtenances.	5 0 0	By Lease for 99 Years, from Michaelmas 1833,
Ditto -	Benjamin Smith	Benjamin Smith	Ditto - -	5 0 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	James Ball -	Widow Plumbe	Four small Messuages, with the Appurtenances.	16 0 0	By Lease for 14 Years, from Lady Day 1833.
		George Bunce			
		Robert Wakefield.			
		Widow Earles			
Ditto -	James Kingston	Messrs. Kingston and Smith.	Message and Workshops, with the Appurtenances.	5 0 0	By Lease for 99 Years, from Michaelmas 1829.
Albion Street	Thomas Garrard	Ambrose Ham	Message, with the Appurtenances, called the Turk's Head.	4 4 0	By Lease for 99 Years, from Lady day 1751.
Ditto -	Robert Harris, Esq.	Robert Cullum	Message, with the Appurtenances.	1 10 0	By Lease for 96 Years, from Michaelmas 1804.
Ditto -	Catherine May	Catherine May	Ditto - -	1 10 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	Robert Harris, Esq.	Robert Harris, Esq.	Ditto - -	8 15 0	By Lease for 99 Years, from Michaelmas 1804.
Ditto -	Sarah Brakespeare, Widow.	Rev. Mr. Gosling.	Ditto - -	4 0 0	By Lease for 89 Years, from Lady Day 1790.
Albion Street and Sidmouth Street.	Hon. John Brodrick.	Hon. John Brodrick.	Ditto - -	8 0 0	By Lease for 99 Years, from Lady Day 1835.
		The Rev. Michael Maurice.	Message, with the Appurtenances, numbered 1.	4 0 0	By Lease for 99 Years, from Michaelmas 1822.
		Thomas Letchworth.	Message, with the Appurtenances, numbered 5.	4 0 0	Ditto.
		Mrs. Cockell's Representatives.	Message, with the Appurtenances, numbered 8.	4 0 0	Ditto.
Albion Place	Richard Billing	John Richards, jun.	Message, with the Appurtenances, numbered 9.	4 0 0	Ditto.
		Jabez Vines -	Message, with the Appurtenances, numbered 10.	4 0 0	Ditto.
		Thomas Grint Curties.	Message, with the Appurtenances, numbered 11.	4 0 0	Ditto.
		Ditto -	Message, with the Appurtenances, numbered 12.	4 0 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	Admiral Sir Thomas Dundas.	Himself -	Message, with the Appurtenances, numbered 3:	4 0 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	Samuel Young	Himself -	Message, with the Appurtenances, numbered 7.	4 0 0	Ditto.

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Albion Place	William Innes Pocock, Esq., Representative of.	- - -	Messuage, with the Appurtenances, numbered 6.	£ s. d. 4 0 0	By Lease for 99 Years, from Michaelmas 1822.
Ditto -	Robert Lloyd, Esq.	Himself -	Messuage, with the Appurtenances, numbered 4.	4 0 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	Sir Thomas Clavering.	F. Venua -	Messuage, with the Appurtenances, numbered 2.	4 0 0	Ditto.
Albion Street	Sowdon, Messrs.	Charles Ford - John Dean - and Efflick -	Two Messuages, with the Appurtenances (One called the Row Barge), and a Plot of Garden Ground.	5 0 0	By Lease for 62 Years, from Lady Day 1794.
Watlington's Lane.	Edward Purvis, Esq.	Himself -	Messuage, with the Appurtenances.	25 0 0	Ditto.
Southampton Place.	Richard Billing, Representative of.	Miss Billing - Charles Bewley.			
		John Richards - Mrs. Higgs - Mrs. Parker - Mrs. McNish - Peter Green - John Willis -	Eight Messuages and Gardens, with the Appurtenances.	6 10 0	On Lease for 99 Years, from 25 Dec. 1799.
Ditto -	Letchworth, Mrs., Representative of.	Miss Neale -	Messuage and Coach-house, with the Appurtenances.	1 0 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	Edward Law, Representative of.	Miss Law -	Messuage, with the Appurtenances.	0 10 0	Ditto.
Southampton Street.	Richard Billing	John Exall -	Ditto - -	0 5 0	On Lease for 99 Years, from Lady Day 1779, determinable on Lives.
Mount Pleasant and Whitley Road.	Blandy, John Jackson.	Himself - Jo ⁿ Goddard - A. Burt - Mrs. Wilkins - Mrs. Havell -	A Close of Land called "the Conduit Close," with the Conduit there, and a Piece of Ground adjoining, and Four Messuages, with the Appurtenances, lately erected thereon, called Conduit Crescent.	21 12 0 and Two Pulletts.	On Lease for 99 Years, from Michaelmas 1825.
East Street -	Robert Harris	Robert Gilbert - Richard Freeman.	Four Messuages, with the Appurtenances.	4 0 0	On Lease for 95 Years, from Michaelmas 1805.
Ditto -	Benjamin Champion.	John Johnson - Henry Bowden - William Casey - Samuel Terrell - George Reynolds - Thomas Lambden.	Ditto - -	3 0 0	On Lease for 99 Years, from Michaelmas 1804.

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East Street -	William Slade, Representatives of.	John Chandler } Robert Bradley }	Two Messuages, with the Appurtenances.	£ s. d. 0 0 1	On Lease for 99 Years, from Michaelmas 1804.
South Street	- - -	Thomas Parker	Cottage and Garden	5 4 0	Weekly Tenant.
South Street and Sidmouth Street.	- - -	Unoccupied -	A Plot of Land adjoining the above.	- - -	In hand.
Queen's Road North.	Frederick Lambert Clarke.	Charles Chapman Clarke.	A Plot of Building Land, on which a Messuage and Workshops have been erected.	2 10 0	On Lease for 99 Years, from Michaelmas 1833.
Queen's Road North, and Sidmouth Street.	William Blandy	William Blandy, and his Under-tenants.	A Piece or Parcel of Building Land now used as a Wharf, with a Wet Dock thereon.	20 0 0	Ditto.
Queen's Road North.	Robert Lovegrove.	Messrs. Sutton	A Plot of Building Land.	5 0 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	George Knight	Himself -	A Plot of Building Land, used as a Timber-yard.	2 10 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	- - -	Unoccupied -	A Plot of Building Land adjoining the above.	- - -	In hand.
Ditto -	John Provis -	Himself -	A Plot of Building Land.	2 10 0	On Lease for 99 Years, from Michaelmas 1833.
East Street West.	- - -	Unoccupied -	A small Plot of Land adjoining a Garden of John Williams.	- - -	In hand.
Queen's Road South, and East Street.	James Dymore Brown.	Unoccupied -	A corner Plot of Building Land.	2 10 0	On Lease for 99 Years, from Lady Day 1834.
Ditto -	John Appleton, Representatives of.	- - -	A Plot of Building Land.	2 10 0	Ditto.
East Street -	John Glanville Lamb.	— Herbert -	Ditto - -	7 10 0	Ditto.
East Street and South Street.	John Yard } Willats - } William Blandy } and } Charles Blandy }	Joseph Pickett	Ditto - -	5 0 0	Ditto.
Queen's Road South.	Thomas Lawrence.	- - -	A Plot of Building Land, extending to South Street.	12 10 0	Ditto.
Queen's Road South.	Thomas Lawrence, Assignee of the Reverend John Frederick Benwell.	Himself -	Ditto - -	2 10 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	Benjamin Champion.	- - -	A Plot of Building Land, bounded by Queen's Road, Sidmouth Street, and South Street.	7 10 0	Ditto.

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Queen's Road South,	Thomas Lovegrove.	- - -	A Plot of Building Land adjoining Queen's Road, Sidmouth Street, and South Street.	£ s. d. 10 0 0	On Lease for 99 Years, from Lady Day 1834.
Ditto -	John Allnut -	- - -	A Plot of Building Land extending to South Street.	5 0 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	Richard William Sherwood.	- - -	Ditto - -	5 0 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	Edward Micklem.	- - -	Ditto - -	5 0 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	Richard William Sherwood.	- - -	A Plot of Building Land extending to South Street and Watlington's Lane.	7 10 0	Ditto.
North Road, Queen's Road, and Sidmouth Street.	John Yard Willats - William Blandy - and Charles Blandy	Compere James Croxon J. Croxon, jun. William Carter George Knight Chandler	A Messuage, with the Appurtenances, called the Six Bells, and Five Cottages or Tenements near or adjoining, and a Plot of Land also adjoining.	2 10 0	Ditto.
South Street	Robert Harris, Esq., Assignee of Thomas Nicholas Truss.	Himself -	A Plot of Building Land.	2 10 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	Robert Harris, Esq., Assignee of William Champion's Representatives.	Himself -	A Plot of Building Land.	5 0 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	Richard William Sherwood.	Himself -	A Plot of Building Land.	5 0 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	Alfred Compigne, Representatives of.	Themselves -	A Plot of Building Land.	2 10 0	Ditto.
Ditto -	Thomas Rickford and Charles Curry Bickham	Themselves -	A Plot of Building Land.	2 10 0	Ditto.
East Street -	Robert Harris, Esq.	Himself Charles Slay and Joel Wicks	Two Cottages, with a Plot of Land adjoining.	5 0 0	Ditto.

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