



ANNO QUARTO

GULIELMI IV. REGIS.

Cap. 7.

An Act for enabling the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of *Saint Paul* in *London*, and their Successors, to grant Licences for building upon and improving the Copyholds within the Manor of *Sutton Court* in the Parish of *Chiswick* in the County of *Middlesex*, and to grant Licences to demise such Copyholds for those Purposes, and to fix the Fines payable upon Admission to the same during limited Periods. [16th June 1834.]

WHEREAS the Right Reverend *Edward* Lord Bishop of *Llandaff*, Dean of the Cathedral Church of *Saint Paul* in *London*, and the Chapter of the same Church, are Lords of the Manor of *Sutton Court* in the Parish of *Chiswick* in the County of *Middlesex*: And whereas there are within and Parcel of the said Manor divers Tenements holden by Copy of Court Roll at the Will of the Lords according to the Custom of the said Manor by the accustomed Rents and Services, and in respect of which Tenements Fines at the Will of the Lords are payable on Admission of new Tenants on Death or Alienation: And whereas considerable Parts of the said Copyhold Tenements are convenient for the Site of Houses and other Buildings, and are otherwise capable of Improvement to a very considerable Extent: And whereas an Apprehension of increased

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Fines

The Dean and Chapter, or their Steward, empowered to grant Licences for Improvement of Copyholds, and to demise the same for such Purposes ;

and to fix the annual Value for assessing Fines upon Admissions, subject to Restrictions.

Fines prevents the Copyhold Tenements within the said Manor from being built on and improved, and in consequence thereof a public Benefit is prevented, and the said Copyholds are of less Value to the Lords and Tenants than they would be if the Lords were empowered to grant Licences for building and Improvements, and for demising the Copyholds for those Purposes, and to fix the Fines to become payable during a limited Period in respect of the Tenements to be comprised in such Licences : And whereas by reason of the Restraints imposed by Law on Ecclesiastical Bodies the Objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament : May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted ; and be it enacted by the King'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 it shall be lawful for the said Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of *Saint Paul* in *London*, and their Successors from Time to Time, by Writing under their Common Seal, or under the Hand of their Steward of the Manor of *Sutton Court* for the Time being, to grant Licences to any of the present or future Tenants of the said Manor, thereby authorizing such Tenants respectively, their Heirs, Appointees, and Assigns, to build on or otherwise improve all or any Part of their respective Copyhold Tenements, and to make Roads and Streets in, upon, or through the same, or to annex the same or any Part thereof to adjacent Ground for the Purposes of Improvement, and also authorizing such Tenants respectively, their Heirs, Appointees, and Assigns, for the Purpose of building on the Sites thereof, or for such other Improvements as aforesaid, to pull down any Messuages or Erections which now are or at any Time or Times hereafter shall be standing and being on their respective Copyhold Tenements or any Part thereof ; and also authorizing such Tenants, their Heirs, Appointees, and Assigns respectively, to demise, together or in Parcels, all or any Part or Parts of their respective Copyhold Tenements to be specified and comprised in such Licences for the Purpose of building and Improvements for any Term or Number of Years not exceeding Ninety-nine Years, commencing or to be computed from the respective Times of granting such Licences, or for any one or more of the Purposes aforesaid ; and further, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Dean and Chapter, and their Successors, and their Steward, in manner aforesaid, with Consent of the Copyhold Tenant or Tenants whose Estate shall be the Subject of such Licence, to fix the Sum which during the Term to be mentioned in such Licence shall be considered as the annual Value for assessing the Fines payable to the Lords upon Admission of any new Tenant to any Tenements which shall have been built on or improved, or for the building on and Improvement of which such Licence shall be or shall have been granted, but so that the Sum to be fixed shall not in any Case be less than the best annual Rent which might at the Date of such Licence be reasonably obtained on a Demise of the whole of the Premises therein mentioned for a Term of Ninety-nine Years, or for such shorter Term as shall be expressed in any such Licence, without taking any Fine, Premium, or Foregift for the making of such Demise, the same to be ascertained within Thirty Days before the Grant of such Licence, and verified by the

Oath

Oath of one or more competent Witness or Witnesses, and to be entered upon the Court Rolls or in the Court Books of the said Manor, which Oath the Steward of the said Manor for the Time being is hereby authorized to administer, either in Court or out of Court, as the Case may require, on the Grant of any such Licence, and so that the Sum so to be fixed shall not be considered as the annual Value according to which the Fine is to be assessed for any greater Number of Years than the Term of Ninety-nine Years, to commence from the Date of such Licence, and so that no Fine, Premium, or Foregift shall be taken by the said Dean and Chapter, or their Successors, or by their Steward, for the making or granting such Licence, save and except the customary Fine to the Lords on the Grant of a Licence to demise, and such Fees to the Steward as shall be reasonable in that Behalf, and so that upon the Grant of such Licences there be saved and reserved to the Lords of the said Manor for the Time being all Fines, Heriots, Rents, Customs, and Services due and to grow due in respect of the Tenements therein comprised.

II. And be it further enacted, That during the Term specified in every such Licence or Writing as aforesaid the Copyhold Tenements therein comprised, and the Tenants thereof, shall not whensoever a Fine shall become payable be liable to a greater Fine than they would have been liable to, if at the Period at which such Fine shall be assessed the Sum fixed by such Licence or Writing had been the best improved annual Value of the said Tenements, but so nevertheless that during the last Twenty-one Years of such Term the improved annual Value of the Premises in Reversion expectant on the Determination of the said Term may be taken into Calculation according to the Age or Ages of the Life or Lives to be admitted.

The Copyhold Tenants not to be liable to pay Fines upon Admission otherwise than according to the Sum so fixed.

III. And be it further enacted, That if at any Time or Times hereafter any Copyhold Tenement the annual Value of which, with reference to Fines, shall have been fixed under the Authority of this Act (whether originally or by Apportionment by virtue of this present Clause) shall be divided, the Homage Jury of the said Manor shall from Time to Time, as often as it shall be necessary, apportion the said annual Sum which shall have been so fixed as aforesaid among the different Parcels of the said Tenement in such Manner as they shall deem equitable and just, and such Apportionment shall continue in full Force till further Subdivisions (if any) of the same Tenement, or any Part thereof, shall take place.

Where Tenements are divided the Homage Jury empowered to apportion the Sums so fixed.

IV. And be it further enacted, That every such Licence and Writing as aforesaid (whether under the Common Seal of the Lords, or under the Hand of the Steward of the said Manor,) shall be entered on the Court Rolls or Court Books of the said Manor, and such Entry or a Copy thereof, signed by the Steward, shall be Evidence of such Writing for and against the Lords and the Tenants for the Time being of the said Manor.

Licences, &c. to be enrolled, and Copies thereof to be Evidence.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted and declared, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed or extend to lessen

This Act not to affect existing Powers or Interests.

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or abridge any Power or Authority whereby the said Dean and Chapter, and their Successors, as Lords of the said Manor, were enabled at or before the passing of this Act to grant to the Copyhold Tenants of the same Manor Licences for demising their Copyhold Tenements, or to bind or oblige the said Dean and Chapter, or their Successors, to grant any such Licences as last aforesaid, or any Licences or Writings for the Purposes in this Act mentioned, otherwise than as the said Dean and Chapter, and their Successors, shall in their Discretion think fit, or as they would have been bound or obliged to grant the same in case this Act had not been made; and that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed or extend to invalidate or impeach any Licence heretofore granted by the said Dean and Chapter, or their Predecessors, or any Lease which may have been granted pursuant to such Licence, but that all such Licences and Leases shall be of the same Force and Validity as if this Act had not been made, or to subject any Copyhold Tenant of the said Manor, whether applying for Licences for the Purposes of this Act or not, to pay any Fine upon his or her Admission to any Tenement Copyhold of the said Manor, except in such Cases in which such Tenant would have been liable to pay a Fine, according to the Custom of the said Manor, if this Act had not been made, or to pay any greater Fine upon any such Admission (except so far as the Amount of the Fine may be increased in consequence of the yearly Value of the Tenement having been fixed by any Licence to be granted by virtue of this Act) than such Tenant would have been liable to pay if this Act had not been made.

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VI. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to all other Persons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, and their respective Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators (other than the said Dean and Chapter, and their Successors, Lords of the said Manor of *Sutton Court*, and all Persons claiming by, from, through, under, or in Trust for them,) all such Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Claim, or Demand whatsoever of, in, to, or out of the several Tenements, Parcel of the said Manor, as they, every or any of them, had before the passing of this Act, or could or might have had, held, or enjoyed if this Act had not passed.

Act to be
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VII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be printed by the several Printers to the King'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.

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Printers to the King's most Excellent Majesty. 1834.