



Inclosure Act 1773

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- [1.] How arable lands shall be fenced.
- 2 Rules not to be longer binding than 6 years.
- 3 Field master how to be appointed.
- 4 Expences how to be defrayed.
- 5 Occupiers of common field lands in every parish how to assemble and elect field reeves.
- 6 New field reeves to be appointed in place of those who shall die or refuse to attend.
- 7 Occupiers at meetings to settle the time of opening common field lands.
- 8 Cottagers not to be excluded having right of common.
- 9 How common field lands may be enjoyed differently by occupiers.
- 10 Saving of right to persons possessed of separate sheep walks, &c.
- 11 Balks, slades, &c., with consent of the lords of manors, &c. may be ploughed.
- 12 Balks, &c. used as roads not to be ploughed.
- 13 Regulations to be observed by persons having a licence to plough balks, &c.
- 14 Boundary stones to ascertain every person's property may be erected.
- 15 Lords of manors, &c. with consent of three-fourths of persons having right of common, may lease, a twelfth part of wastes, and the net rents to be applied for improving the residue of such wastes.
- 16 Assessments to be levied for the improving of wastes where there are stinted commons.
- 17 Stinted commons to be opened at a certain time as owners, &c. at a meeting shall direct.
- 18 Two thirds of commoners, with consent of the lord of the manor, &c., may direct the opening and shutting of commons, pastures, &c.
- 19 Proviso respecting persons not consenting to the above regulations.

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- 20 Persons having right of common may depasture sheep instead of other cattle.
- 21 Rams not to remain upon wastes between Aug. 25 and Nov. 25.
- 22 Persons formerly under disability under this Act may sign agreements.
- 23 Rector or Tithe owners not to receive gratuity for letting Tithes other than by half-yearly or yearly payments.
- 24 All agreements made to be valid in law.
- 25 Consent of occupier not to be valid without a written authority under the hand of the owner, &c.
- 26 Actions may be brought at Westminster.
- 27 No person is hereby prevented from inclosing his lands for his own use.
- 28 Saving all rights to his Majesty, lords of manors, &c.

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