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An Act to enable the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings to complete Improvements in *Pimlico* and in the Neighbourhood of *Buckingham Palace*. [30th June 1852.]

WHEREAS certain Houses and Hereditaments situated in *Pimlico* in the City of *Westminster* and County of *Middlesex* were some Time since purchased with Monies produced by the Sale of Portions of the Hereditary Land Revenues of the Crown, and conveyed to the Crown as Part of the Hereditary Revenues thereof, and such Purchases were made with a view to the Improvement of the great and increasing Thoroughfare near the Entrance into *Saint James's Park* at *Buckingham Gate*, and having reference not only to the Situation of *Buckingham Palace* but to public Convenience in connexion with the Access to the Houses of Parliament and Courts of Law along the *Bird Cage Walk* and *Great George Street*, and for the like Purpose the House No. 16, *James Street*, was also in like Manner purchased, and with a view to effectuate the aforesaid Objects a Portion of the Buildings so purchased, comprising the Houses Nos. 1 to 11 inclusive in *Stafford Row*, with some back Cottages and Stables adjoining, have already been pulled down: And whereas, in connexion with the aforesaid Improvements, and also for the Improvement of the Royal Mews belonging to *Buckingham Palace*, and the widening of the Streets adjoining thereto, there are certain Houses and Buildings in *King's Row* and *Arabella Row*, which are Part of the Hereditary Revenues of the Crown, and which it is desirable should be pulled down, and the

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Sites thereof appropriated for the Purposes aforesaid, and there are certain other Houses and Hereditaments which it is also desirable to purchase and pull down, and to appropriate the Sites thereof or Part thereof for the Purposes aforesaid: And whereas a Plan hath been prepared by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings of the said Houses and Hereditaments, on which Plan the Houses and Hereditaments so purchased as aforesaid are coloured Purple, and the said Buildings and Premises in *King's Row* and *Arabella Row* are coloured Brown, and the Houses and Hereditaments which it is desirable to purchase are coloured Red, and such Plan has been signed in Duplicate by the First Commissioner of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, and One of such Plans has been deposited in the Office of such Commissioners, and the other in the Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments: And whereas, for the Purpose of carrying out the aforesaid Improvements, and for providing the necessary Funds to effectuate the same, it is expedient that the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings should have such Powers as are after set forth: Now therefore may it 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, as follows:

Houses purchased
Purple

Commissioners of Public Works and Buildings empowered to sell or exchange Hereditaments deemed not necessary.

I. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, herein-after styled "the Commissioners," to sell or exchange such Portions of the said Hereditaments so purchased as aforesaid, or which may be purchased or taken under the Provisions of this Act, and coloured Purple and Red on the said Plan as aforesaid, as shall not in the Opinion of the Commissioners be considered necessary for effectuating the aforesaid Improvements or the Purposes of this Act, such Sales and Exchanges being made on such Terms and Conditions in all respects whatsoever as the Commissioners may think fit; and any Hereditaments taken in exchange shall be conveyed as after directed with respect to Hereditaments to be purchased under the Powers of this Act; and the Monies to arise from any such Sale or Exchange as aforesaid, and also the Monies which have arisen from the Sale of the Materials of the Houses Nos. 2 to 11, both inclusive, in *Stafford Row*, shall be applied for the Purposes of this Act.

Power to purchase Property near Stafford Place.

II. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners, out of the Monies at their Disposal under this Act, to purchase the Houses and Buildings on or near the West Side of *Stafford Place*, and certain other small Houses and Buildings at the East End of *William Street* leading into *James Street* aforesaid, coloured Red on the aforesaid Plan, or any of them, which they shall consider necessary for the Purposes of this Act, and to cause the same to be conveyed to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, as Part of the Hereditary Land Revenues of Her Crown, but subject to the Provisions of this Act.

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III. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners to pull down any of the Houses and Buildings shown on the said Plan, and coloured Purple and Brown, and those coloured Red when purchased or acquired, and the Sites whereof may be required for the Purposes of this Act, and to sell the Materials of the Buildings so pulled down, and apply the Monies to arise from such Sale, and also to receive by their Collector or other Officer in that Behalf appointed or to be appointed, and in the Name of Her Majesty, the Rents and Profits of the said Houses and Buildings until sold or pulled down, and to apply the same for the Purposes of this Act.

Power to pull down certain Houses and Buildings.

IV. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners to make and form a new Road or Street in continuation Westwards of *James Street* into the *Victoria Road*, and for that Purpose to appropriate such Parts of the Sites of the aforesaid Buildings so to be pulled down or already pulled down, or any other Lands, subject to the Provisions of this Act, and to lay out and appropriate, for the Purpose of widening and improving the adjoining Thoroughfares, and for the Improvement of *Buckingham Palace*, or the Gardens, Grounds, or Outbuildings belonging thereto, the Sites of certain other Portions of the aforesaid Buildings so pulled down or to be pulled down, and such Lands as aforesaid.

Power to form a new Road to communicate with the *Victoria Road*.

V. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners to appropriate any Part of the Site of the Houses coloured Brown on the said Plan to the widening and improving of the *King's Road* and *Arabella Row*; and to appropriate the Residue thereof to the Enlargement of the Royal Mews and the private Grounds of *Buckingham Palace*, and also to appropriate the Sites of the said Houses and Buildings at the East End of *William Street* coloured Red on the said Plan, or some Portions thereof, to the Purpose of improving and widening the Thoroughfare leading from *James Street* to *William Street*; and the Lands appropriated under this Act either to the Improvement of the said Palace or the Gardens or Grounds thereof, or to the Enlargement or Improvement of the Royal Mews, under the Powers of this Act, shall form Part of the said Palace, and be held therewith as Part thereof, and as Part of the Hereditary Land Revenues of the Crown.

Power to improve the *King's Road*.

VI. The Commissioners may, out of the Monies at their Disposal under this Act, purchase any Leasehold or other Interest now subsisting in any of the said Hereditaments so shown on the said Plan and coloured Purple as aforesaid, and cause the same to be surrendered or assigned to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, or to a Trustee for Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, as Part of the Hereditary Land Revenues of the Crown, but subject to the Purposes of this Act.

Power to purchase Leasehold and other Interests.

VII. The Commissioners shall have Power to lease or agree to lease any Part of the said Hereditaments so respectively coloured Purple and Red, or the Sites thereof or of any Part thereof, not wanted for the aforesaid Purposes, and not sold under the Powers of this Act, either

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either for building or otherwise, in such Manner as the Commissioners may think proper, by which Leases the Rents shall be reserved to and the Covenants entered into with Her Majesty, Her Heirs, Successors, and Assigns; and such Leases shall be inrolled in the Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments, and the Counterparts of such Leases shall be delivered over to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues; and from and after such Inrolment and Delivery the said Hereditaments so leased shall be and remain under the Management and Control of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, as Part and Parcel of the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown.

Monies payable to the Commissioners of Works and Buildings to be paid over to the Paymaster General.

VIII. All Monies payable to the Commissioners on any Sale or otherwise under the Provisions of this Act, including the Monies which have arisen from the Sale of such Materials as aforesaid, shall be paid to Her Majesty's Paymaster General or the Deputy Paymaster General for the Time being, or other Officer acting for the Paymaster General, whose Receipt unstamped shall be a sufficient Discharge for the same to the Persons paying the same; and such Monies so paid as aforesaid shall from Time to Time be by such Paymaster General paid over and applied as the Commissioners shall by any Order direct, and in the meantime shall be applied or invested in the Purchase of Exchequer Bills, if the Commissioners shall so direct.

The Commissioners empowered to pay Expense already incurred.

IX. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners, out of the Monies at their Disposal under this Act, to pay the Expenses already incurred in the aforesaid Improvements by forming and diverting Roads, and laying down or altering Sewers, Pipes, or Fences, or in anywise incidental to any such Works.

The Chief Commissioner or any Two Commissioners may act.

X. All Acts hereby authorized to be done by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings may be done by the First Commissioner of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, or by any Two of such Commissioners.

Deeds not subject to Stamp Duty.

XI. No Deed or other Instrument made or entered into by or with the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings for the Purposes of this Act shall be subject or liable to any Stamp Duty imposed by any Act now in force, or to be imposed by any future Act, unless the same be specially subjected thereto by such future Act.

No Sales, &c. to be made without Consent of Treasury.

XII. No Sale, Purchase, Lease, or Exchange shall be made by the Commissioners under the Authority of this Act without the Consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

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