CHAPTER xc.

An Act to authorise a Sale of part of the Alexandra Palace Grounds discharged from certain conditions of "The Muswell Hill Estate and Railways Act, 1866;" and to make provision for keeping open the said Palace and Grounds; and for other purposes. [12th July 1877.]

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WHEREAS by "The Muswell Hill Estate and Railways Act, 1866," (in this Act called "the Act of 1866,") after reciting that the Muswell Hill Estate Company (Limited) (in this Act called "the Estate Company") claimed to be owners of certain lands in the parishes of Tottenham, Saint Mary Hornsey, and Saint James Clerkenwell (detached), in the county of Middlesex, whereof part, therein and in this Act called "the Alexandra Palace Grounds," was let for a term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years to the Alexandra Palace Company (Limited) (in this Act called "the Palace Company"), and was being laid out in an ornamental manner and for public resort and recreation, and part was being laid out as building ground, and that the Estate Company, in consideration of their allowing the part laid out for public resort and recreation being so used in perpetuity, should be authorised to make railways for giving access to the said place of public resort, powers were conferred upon the Estate Company to make the railways therein described from near the building called the Alexandra Palace, then in course of construction, to the Alexandra Park Branch of the Edgware, Highgate, and London Railway, and to enter into working agreements with the Great Northern Railway Company and the other Companies therein mentioned; and it was (section twenty-five) enacted as follows: "That part of the estate "of the Company which is herein called the Alexandra Palace "Grounds shall, after and notwithstanding the expiration or other "sooner determination of the said lease, be and continue a place for "public resort and recreation, and the public shall have access thereto

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" at all reasonable times, subject to the observance of such rules and " regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the Company " or other the owners or lessees for the time being of the said grounds, " for the proper order, preservation, and management thereof, and " of the palace buildings, works, and other property therein, and " subject also to the payment of such reasonable sums as may from " time to time in like manner be prescribed for admission to the " said grounds, palace, or other such buildings or works, or to any " exhibitions or sights therein :"

And whereas by "The Muswell Hill Estate and Railways Act, 1871," (in this Act called "the Act of 1871,") one of the railways and a portion of another railway authorised by the Act of 1866 were abandoned, and the time for the construction of the remainder of the railways authorised by the said Act was extended, and the same are now completed and open to the public :

And whereas since the passing of the Act of 1866 the Estate Company sold their estate and interest in the Alexandra Palace grounds, and also in other lands adjacent thereto in the parishes aforesaid, which at the time of the passing of the Act of 1866 belonged to them, to the Palace Company :

And whereas the Alexandra Palace is built, and the Alexandra Palace grounds are laid out, and the said palace and grounds have for several years been open to the public as places for public resort and recreation ; but the receipts have been found inadequate to the maintenance of the palace and grounds on so large a scale, and it would tend to the future success of the undertaking if certain parts of the grounds set apart for public resort and recreation, but which are little frequented by the public, all of which are coloured pink upon a plan signed in duplicate by Henry Cecil Raikes, M.P., Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons to whom the Bill for this Act was referred, were discharged from the conditions contained in the twenty-fifth section of the Act of 1866 :

And whereas, in consequence of the Palace Company being unable to meet the claims upon them, an order was made on the twenty-fourth of October one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, that such Company should be wound up under the provisions of "The Companies Act, 1862," and all their estate and effects in the palace and grounds have been purchased by the London Financial Association (Limited), in this Act called " the London Association :"

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted ; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal,

and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Alexandra Palace Act, 1877."

Certain lands may be sold discharged from conditions of Act of 1866.

2. Section twenty-five of the Act of 1866, so far only as it relates to the several parcels of land coloured pink on the plan signed by the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons as aforesaid, and which contain together seventy-five acres or thereabouts, shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and it shall be lawful for the London Association, or other the owner for the time being of the said grounds, to sell or otherwise deal with the said parcels so coloured pink, or any part thereof, subject nevertheless to the provisions of this Act.

Plans to be deposited.

3. One copy of the plan, signed by the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons as aforesaid, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, and the other copy shall be deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county of Middlesex. And the provisions of the Act, first of Victoria, chapter eighty-three, shall apply to the copy of the plan deposited with the said clerk of the peace in all respects as if the same had been deposited under the standing orders of either House of Parliament, and each of the said copies shall be admitted as evidence in all courts of justice and elsewhere.

Land not to be used for a nuisance.

4. It shall not be lawful for any owner, lessee, or occupier for the time being of the land by this Act authorised to be sold or otherwise dealt with, or any part thereof, to appropriate the same or any part thereof to any purpose, or to construct thereon any building which would be a nuisance or interfere with the fair and reasonable enjoyment of the remaining portion of the Alexandra Palace grounds as a place of public resort and recreation; but the building of houses to be occupied as dwelling-houses, with stables, yards, and outhouses thereto, shall not be deemed to be a nuisance or interference with the enjoyment of the remaining portion of the said grounds within the meaning of this section.

Act of 1866 to continue in force except as to the land coloured pink.

5. Except as regards the land coloured pink on the said plan, nothing in this Act contained shall exempt the Alexandra Palace or the Alexandra Palace grounds from the provisions of the Act of 1866 requiring the same to be continued as a place for public resort and recreation.

Expenses of Act.

6. The costs, charges, and expenses of and incident to the applying for, obtaining, and passing of this Act shall be paid by the London Association.

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