Anno ſeptimo

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. XVIII.

An Act to enable the Truſtees of the *Britiſh* Muſeum to exchange, ſell, or diſpoſe of, any Duplicates of printed Books, Medals, Coins, or other Curioſities; and for laying out the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale in the Purchaſe of other Things that may be wanting in, or proper for, the ſaid Muſeum.



WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament paſſed in the Twenty ſixth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King George the Second, intituled, An Act for the Purchaſe of the Muſeum, or Collection of Sir *Hans Sloane*, and of the *Harleian* Collection of Manuſcripts; and for better providing One General Repoſitory for the better Reception, and more convenient Uſe, of the ſaid Collection, and of the *Cottonian* Library, and of the Additions thereto; it is, amongſt other Things, enacted, that within the Cities of London or Weſtminſter, or the Suburbs thereof, One General Repoſitory ſhould be erected or provided in ſuch convenient Place, and in ſuch Manner, as the Truſtees thereby appointed, or the major Part of them, at a General Preamble.

neral Meeting assembled, should direct, for the Reception not only of the said Museum, or Collection of Sir Hans Sloane, but also of the Cottonian Library, and of the Additions which had been or should be made thereto, by virtue of the last Will and Testament of Arthur Edwards Esquire in the said Act named, and likewise of the said Harleian Collection of Manuscripts, and of such other Additions to the said Cottonian Library as, with the Approbation of the Trustees by the said Act appointed, or the major Part of them, at a General Meeting assembled, should be made thereunto, in Manner therein after mentioned; and of such other Collections and Libraries as, with the like Approbation, should be admitted into the said General Repository; and that the said several Collections, Additions, and Library, so received into the said General Repository, should remain and be preserved therein, for publick Use, to all Posterity: And whereas the said Collections have been greatly increased by considerable Donations from his Majesty, and the Gifts of several Noblemen and others; and it is probable that great Additions will hereafter be made thereto: And whereas there are now, and there may hereafter be, in the various Departments of the British Museum, many Duplicates of printed Books, Medals, Coins, and other Curiosities, which it would be proper to dispose of, in order to make Room for others: May it therefore please your most Excellent 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 and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, and their Successors, or any Five or more of them, at any Meeting assembled, and they are hereby authorized and impowered, from time to time, and at all Times hereafter, to order any Duplicates of printed Books, Medals, Coins, or other Curiosities, to be exchanged for Manuscripts, Books, Medals, Coins, or other Curiosities; or to direct any such Duplicates of printed Books, Medals, Coins, or other Curiosities, to be sold or disposed of, and the Money to arise by such Sale to be laid out in the Purchase of Manuscripts, Books, Medals, Coins, and other Curiosities, that may be wanting in, or proper for, the said Museum; the said herein before recited Act of Parliament, or any other Act, Matter, or Thing, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Five or more Trustees are impowered to order any Duplicates of printed Books, Medals, Coins, &c. to be exchanged, for Manuscripts, &c.

or to be sold; and the Money laid out in purchasing such as may be wanting, or proper.

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