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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XCIX.

An Act to veſt the *Elgin* Collection of ancient Marbles and Sculpture in the Truſtees of the *Britiſh Muſeum* for the Uſe of the Public. [1ſt *July* 1816.]

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and 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 providing one general Repoſitory for the better Reception and more convenient Uſe of the ſaid Collections, and of the* Cottonian *Library, and of the Additions thereto*, the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, the Lord Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, or the Firſt Commiſſioner of the Treaſury, the Lord Preſident of the Council, the Lord Privy Seal, the Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, or the Firſt Commiſſioner of the Admiralty, the Lord Steward of His Majeſty's Houſehold, the Lord Chamberlain of His Majeſty's Houſehold, the Biſhop of *London*, each of the Principal Secretaries of State being a Peer or Lord of Parliament, the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, each of the Principal Secretaries of State not being a Peer or Lord of Parliament, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Lord Chief Juſtice of the Court of King's Bench, the Maſter of the Rolls, the Chief Juſtice of His Majeſty's Court of Common Pleas at *Weſtminſter*, His Majeſty's Attorney and Solicitor General, the Preſident of the Royal Society, and the Preſident of the College of Phyſicians ſeverally for the Time 26 G. 2. c. 22.

Time being, and certain other Perſons named or deſcribed in the ſaid Act, or to be appointed under the Powers therein contained, were appointed Truſtees, and incorporated by the Name of "The Truſtees of the *Britiſh Muſeum*," for putting the ſaid Act into Execution, with ſuch Powers and under ſuch Directions as are therein expreſſed; and particularly it was thereby enacted, that within the Cities of *London* or *Weſtminſter*, or the Suburbs thereof, one general Repoſitory ſhould be erected and provided for the Reception of the Collections and Libraries therein mentioned, and of ſuch other Collections and Libraries as with the like Approbation ſhould be admitted into the ſame; which ſeveral Collections, Additions, and Libraries ſo received into the ſaid general Repoſitory, ſhould remain and be preſerved therein for Public Uſe to all Poſterity: And whereas under the Proviſions of an Act of the Twenty-eighth Year of His late Majeſty King
28 G. 2. *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for veſting* Montagu Houſe *in Truſtees, and their Heirs, freed and diſcharged from all Eſtates, Uſes, and Agreements, to which it at preſent ſtands limited and appointed, upon Truſt to convey the ſame to the Truſtees of the* Britiſh Muſeum, *for a general Repoſitory, and upon ſuch other Truſts as therein are mentioned*, the Capital Meſſuage or Manſion Houſe heretofore called *Montagu Houſe*, ſituate in *Great Ruſſel Street*, in the Pariſh of *Saint George Bloomſbury*, in the County of *Middleſex*, and the Outhouſes, Buildings, and Gardens belonging to the ſame, were duly conveyed and aſſured unto and to the Uſe of the Truſtees of the ſaid Muſeum, by Indentures of Leaſe and Releaſe, bearing Date reſpectively the Fourth and Fifth Days of *April*, in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and fifty-five, and made between the Right Honourable *George Dunk* Earl of *Halifax* and *William Folkes* Eſquire (Truſtees under the ſaid laſt mentioned Act for carrying the Truſts thereof into Execution) of the one Part, and the Truſtees of the ſaid Muſeum of the other Part; and ſince that Time the ſaid Capital Meſſuage or Manſion Houſe, and its Appurtenances, has been generally called or known by the Appellation of *The Britiſh Muſeum:* And whereas the Right Honourable *Thomas* Earl of *Elgin* hath with great Knowledge, Judgment, and Care, and at a great Expence, made a moſt valuable Collection of ancient Marbles and Sculpture, and is willing that the ſame ſhould be poſſeſſed by the Public: And whereas the ſaid Earl hath agreed to ſell the ſame for the Sum of Thirty-five thouſand Pounds, on Condition that the Whole of the ſaid Collection ſhould be kept together in the *Britiſh Muſeum*, and open to Inſpection, and called by the Name of "The *Elgin* Marbles;" and that the ſaid Earl and every Perſon who ſhould attain the Rank of Earl of *Elgin* ſhould be added to the Truſtees of the *Britiſh Muſeum*: 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 the Lord High Treaſurer of *Great Britain*, or the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, ſhall and he or they is and are hereby authorized and empowered, out of any of the Aids or Supplies granted in this Seſſion of Parliament for the Service of *Great Britain* for the Year One thouſand eight hundred and ſixteen, immediately after the paſſing of this Act, to iſſue and advance the Sum of Thirty-five thouſand Pounds to the Truſtees of the *Britiſh Muſeum*, or any Perſon to be appointed by the ſaid Truſtees to receive the ſame, which Money ſhall be paid without any Fee or other Deduction whatever, and ſhall be applied in the Purchaſe of

Treaſury to iſſue 35,000l. to the Truſtees of the Britiſh Muſeum, to be applied in the Purchaſe of the Elgin Collection of Marbles.

the ſaid Collection; and that the Truſtees of the *Britiſh Muſeum* ſhall, on or before the Firſt Day of *September* One thouſand eight hundred and ſixteen, require the Delivery of the ſaid Collection; and if the ſame ſhall be then delivered to them, and they ſhall be ſatisfied that the ſeveral Statues and other Articles forming the ſaid Collection are then conformable to the Catalogue thereof delivered in to a Committee of the Houſe of Commons, they the ſaid Truſtees ſhall, on the Delivery of the ſame into their Cuſtody, pay the ſaid Sum of Thirty-five thouſand Pounds to the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Elgin*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns.

On Payment of the Purchaſe Money the Collection ſhall be veſted in the Truſtees,

II. And be it further enacted, That on Payment of the ſaid Sum of Thirty-five thouſand Pounds, the ſaid Collection ſhall be veſted in the Truſtees for the Time being of the ſaid *Britiſh Muſeum*, and their Succeſſors, in Perpetuity, for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Act of the Twenty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second.

to be kept in the Britiſh Muſeum.

III. And be it hereby further enacted, That the ſaid Collection ſhall be preſerved and kept together in the ſaid *Britiſh Muſeum* whole and entire, and diſtinguiſhed by the Name or Appellation of "The *Elgin* Collection."

The Earl of Elgin to be added to the Truſtees.

IV. And be it enacted, That the ſaid *Thomas* Earl of *Elgin* during his Life, and after his Deceaſe each and every Perſon who ſhall ſucceſſively attain to the Rank and Dignity of Earl of *Elgin*, ſhall and may as and when they ſhall reſpectively be of full Age, be added to and aſſociated with the Truſtees for the Time being of the *Britiſh Muſeum*, and ſhall and may act in the Execution of the Truſt now repoſed or hereafter to be repoſed in the ſaid Truſtees, as fully and effectually as the other Truſtees of the ſaid Muſeum are or ſhall be authorized and empowered to act in the ſame.

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