

CHAP. 57.

An Act to enable the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings to acquire additional Lands for improving the site of the Courts of Justice and the various Offices belonging to the same. [24th July 1871.]

A.D. 1871.

WHEREAS under the provisions of the following Acts (namely), "The Courts of Justice Building Act, 1865," and "The Courts of Justice Concentration (Site) Act, 1865," the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, as incorporated for the purposes of the said Acts, (in this Act referred to as "the commissioners,") have acquired certain lands in the parish of Saint Clement Danes and the liberty of the Rolls in the county of Middlesex, and the parish of Saint Dunstan-in-the-West in the City of London, (herein-after called "the prescribed lands,") as a site for the Courts of Justice to be erected under the authority of the said Acts:

28 & 29 Vict. c. 48.
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And whereas it has been found necessary for the purpose of improving the site of the said courts of justice and the approaches thereto that the said commissioners should also be empowered to acquire the additional lands described and shown on the plans herein-after mentioned (which lands are in this Act referred to as "the additional lands"), but such lands cannot be acquired without the authority of Parliament:

And whereas duplicate plans describing the situation of the said additional lands, with a book of reference thereto containing the names of the owners and lessees or reputed owners and lessees and of the occupiers thereof, have been deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county of Middlesex, at his office at the Sessions House, Clerkenwell, and with the clerk of the Board of Works for the Strand district of parishes; and it is expedient that powers should be given to the said commissioners to acquire such additional lands for the purposes aforesaid:

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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 for all purposes as "The Courts of Justice (Additional Site) Act, 1871."

Power to commissioners to acquire additional lands.

2. The commissioners may purchase, take, and use for the purpose of improving the site of the said Courts of Justice all or any of the additional lands, and may pay for the purchase of the same and the costs incident thereto out of any moneys placed at their disposal for that object.

Provisions of 28 & 29 Vict. c. 49. to apply to lands to be acquired under this Act.

3. The provisions of "The Courts of Justice Concentration (Site) Act, 1865," shall, so far as the same are applicable, be deemed to apply to the acquiring of the additional lands, and to the additional lands when acquired under this Act, in the same manner in all respects as if the additional lands formed part of the said prescribed lands, subject to the condition following, that is to say, the limit for the compulsory purchase of the said additional lands shall be five years from the passing of this Act.

Power to commissioners to exchange additional lands for others.

4. The commissioners may, if they think it desirable, grant and convey any portion of the additional lands to any person in lieu of and in exchange for any other lands which the Commissioners may think to be better suited for the purpose of improving the site of the said Courts of Justice; any portion of the additional lands so granted and conveyed shall no longer form part of the additional lands, and shall be no longer applicable to the purposes of this Act; and any lands so taken in exchange by the commissioners under the authority of this section shall for the purposes of this Act be deemed to be and shall be part of the additional lands, and shall be used for the purpose of improving the site of the said Courts of Justice, and shall be subject to all the provisions of this Act in the same manner in every respect as if the same had originally formed part of the additional lands.

Provisions as to human remains, monuments, and tombstones.

5. If the commissioners, in the execution of any works upon any of the lands acquired under the authority of this Act, discover any human remains, or any monuments or tombstones, they shall decently remove such remains, monuments, and tombstones, and dispose of the same in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Bishop of London and the rector of the parish of Saint Clement Danes for the time being shall jointly approve.

Declaration that the court rooms to be used for the Duchy of Lancaster shall be deemed to be within the Savoy.

6. And whereas for carrying the purposes of this Act into execution it may be necessary to take the buildings now used as vestry rooms of and belonging to the parish of Saint Clement Danes, described in the said book of reference as "the Vestry Hall of Saint Clement Danes," and which vestry rooms are also used as court rooms by the Duchy of Lancaster, and are under and by virtue of the provisions of an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the thirty-fifth year of the reign of King George the Third, chapter one hundred and twenty-six, declared to be within the said Duchy for all and every the purposes in the said Act and in another Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of the reign of His said Majesty, chapter sixty-one, mentioned: And whereas it is expedient that provisions such as are in this section contained should be made in relation to any buildings that may be provided or erected in lieu of the said buildings which shall not be within the said Duchy: Therefore, in case the said buildings now used as the vestry rooms and court rooms shall be taken under the authority and for the purposes of this Act, any buildings that may from time to time be provided, taken, or erected in lieu of such vestry rooms shall, if the Chancellor for the time being of the said Duchy shall so require, be used as court rooms by the Duchy of Lancaster in such and the like sort and manner and to the like extent as the now vestry rooms of the said parish are and have been used, and to be thereafter sustained and kept in repair by the said parish and Duchy in like manner as the said vestry rooms now are; and if such vestry rooms shall stand or be erected on land which before the passing of this Act was not within the manor and liberty of the Savoy, parcel of Her Majesty's said Duchy, such buildings and the rooms therein to be used as court rooms by the said Duchy shall be and the same are hereby declared to be within the said manor and liberty for all and every the uses and purposes that the rooms now used for such purposes are, and all acts done therein shall have and be of the same force and effect as if done and transacted within the said manor and liberty, any law, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

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