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CAP. CII.

An Act to enlarge the Powers of an Act empowering the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods to form a Royal Park in *Battersea Fields*; to facilitate the raising of Monies authorized to be raised by the said Commissioners for Metropolitan Improvements; and to regulate and simplify the Mode of keeping the Accounts of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods.

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WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Ninth and Tenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to empower the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods to form a Royal Park in* Battersea Fields *in the County of* Surrey, the said Commissioners, with the Consent of the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners for the Time being for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer of the United Kingdom, were authorized, out of any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds, to be advanced and lent to them by the Commissioners 9 & 10 Vict. c. 38.

for issuing Exchequer Bills for Public Works, to purchase Lands for a Royal Park in the Parish of *Saint Mary, Battersea*, in the County of *Surrey*: And whereas by an Act passed in the same Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act to empower the Commissioners for the Issue of Loans for Public Works and Fisheries to make Loans in Money to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, in lieu of Loans heretofore authorized to be made in Exchequer Bills*, the Commissioners for Loans for Public Works and Fisheries were empowered to make Loans to the Commissioners of Woods in Money, in lieu of Exchequer Bills, and the Provisions in the said first-recited Act contained with respect to Loans in Exchequer Bills were extended to Loans in Money: And whereas the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods have proceeded to execute the said first-recited Act, and have contracted to purchase Lands required for the Site of the said intended Park, under the Powers and pursuant to the Directions in the said Act contained; but the Commissioners for the Issue of Loans for Public Works and Fisheries have not at present Funds at their Command whereout they can advance sufficient Monies to enable the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods to complete such Purchases, and much Inconvenience to the Public and Injury to Individuals may be occasioned if the Completion of the said Purchases and the Formation of the said Park be suspended: In remedy whereof 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, That in every Case where the Value of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any subsisting Leases, Terms, Shares, Estates, or Interests therein or Charges thereon, which have been or shall be agreed to be purchased by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, (herein-after designated as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods,) under the Powers or for the Purposes of the said first-recited Act, or the Price or Consideration to be paid for the same has been or shall be agreed upon or ascertained, and such Price or Consideration shall remain unpaid, and the Person or Persons entitled thereto shall be willing to receive Security on the Land Revenues of the Crown for such Price or Consideration, in lieu of immediate Payment of the same, it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, by and with the Consent and Approbation of the Lord High Treasurer, or of the Commissioners for the Time being for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer of the United Kingdom, or any Three or more of them, upon such Conveyances of the Premises as the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods for the Time being shall require being executed, and delivered to the said Commissioners, to make out and deliver to the Person or Persons to whom such Price or Consideration shall be due, or to their respective Trustees or Trustee, a Certificate under their Hands and Seals, or under the Hands and Seals of any Two of them, in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

9 & 10 Vict. c. 83.

Commissioners of Woods, &c. empowered to give Securities for Purchase Money.

Form of Certificate to be granted of such Security.

'IN pursuance of a Warrant from the Lord High Treasurer [*or* from the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, *as the Case may be*], we, *A.* and *B.*, Two of the Commissioners for executing an Act passed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of the Reign of Queen

'Victoria, intituled "An Act" [*here insert the Title of the first-recited Act*], in exercise of the Powers vested in us by the said Act, and by another Act passed in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of Queen Victoria [*here insert the Title of this Act*], do certify, That the Sum of Pounds, being the Consideration agreed to be paid to *C.D.* [*insert the Name or Description of the Person or Persons entitled thereto*] for the Purchase of his [her *or* their] Interest [*or* Interests] in certain Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments [*state the Nature and Description of the Premises sold*], which has [*or* have] been purchased by the said Commissioners for the Purposes of the said first-recited Act, remains due and unpaid to the said *C.D.*, and that the said Sum of Pounds, being such Purchase Money as aforesaid, is to, and shall immediately from the Date hereof, by virtue of the said last-recited Act of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of Her Majesty's Reign, become and be a Charge on [*the whole, or any particular Portion, to be therein described,*] of the Land Revenues of the Crown (other than Royal Parks and Palaces, and the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown in the County of Middlesex and City of London respectively), and such Revenues, other than as aforesaid, shall (save and except so far as the same are liable for any existing Loans advanced on the Credit thereof, or Charges thereon,) henceforth be subject and liable to the Payment to the said *C.D.*, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, of the said Principal Sum so due to him [*or* them], on the Day of [*insert the Time or Times of Payment agreed upon*], and to the Payment of Interest for the same, or for so much of the said Principal Sum as shall from Time to Time remain unpaid, after the Rate of Five Pounds per Centum per Annum [*or lower Rate, as the Case may be*], such Interest to be computed from the Date hereof, and to be paid, without any Deduction (save the Income or Property Tax, if any, for the Time being), by half-yearly Payments, until the whole of the said Principal Sum, and Interest thereon, shall be fully paid and discharged. Given under our Hands and Seals, this Day of One thousand eight hundred and .'

Certificates to be enrolled in the Office of Land Revenue Records and Enrolments.

And every such Certificate shall be witnessed by One of the Secretaries (if any) or Clerks of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, and shall be enrolled in the Office of Land Revenue Records and Enrolments, and a Minute or Extract thereof shall be entered and preserved in the Office of the said Commissioners; and every such Certificate, when so given, granted, and enrolled, shall be and is hereby declared to be conclusive Evidence of the Purchase Money remaining due to the Person or Persons receiving such Certificate: Provided always, that the aggregate Amount for or in respect of which such Certificates may be granted by the said Commissioners shall not exceed the Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds.

Land Revenues charged with the Payment of Principal and Interest of Monies expressed in Certificates.

II. And be it enacted, That when any such Certificate shall be so signed, and enrolled, and entered as aforesaid, every Sum or Sums of Money therein expressed or acknowledged to be due as such Purchase Money as aforesaid shall be and the same is and are hereby charged upon the whole, or such particular Portion as shall be therein described, of the Land Revenues of the Crown, other than Royal

Royal Palaces and Parks, and the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown in the County of *Middlesex* and City of *London* respectively, and such Revenues, other than as aforesaid, and the Income thereof, shall from thenceforth be subject and liable to the Payment of the same and the Interest thereof, and such Principal and Interest shall be paid and satisfied out of the said Revenues and the Income thereof at the Time or Times and in the Manner mentioned and appointed for the Payment thereof in and by every such Certificate, and such Principal and Interest, when and as the same shall become due and payable, shall be paid and payable out of the said Land Revenues of the Crown, other than as aforesaid, and the Income thereof, prior to any other Application of such Revenues and Income, except the Payment of Interest due and payable on any existing Loan or Loans antecedently advanced on the Credit thereof, and except so far as such Revenues, or the Income thereof, are or ought to be applied in the Repayment of any such Loan or Loans, or in the Payment of any Charges to which such Revenues are now by Law liable.

Delivery of Certificates to be deemed equivalent to Payment of Money awarded for Purposes of first-recited Act.

III. And whereas by the said first-recited Act of the Ninth and Tenth Years of Her Majesty's Reign certain Powers and Authorities are given to the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, to be exercised after Payment or legal Tender of the Sum or Sums of Money, Recompence, and Satisfaction to be agreed for, awarded, or assessed as therein mentioned: Be it enacted, That the Certificates hereby authorized to be granted by the said Commissioners for any Purchase Monies, Price, or Consideration due to any Person or Persons shall, on Delivery of the same, be deemed and taken to be and be equivalent to and as Payment of Money agreed for, awarded, or assessed for all the Purposes of the said first-recited Act; and all the Powers, Authorities, and Provisions in the said Act contained shall and may, on the Delivery of each such Certificate, be exercised and carried into effect as fully and amply as if the Sum or Sums of Money mentioned in each such Certificate, and the Interest thereof, had been actually paid.

Loans by Public Works Commissioners to be applied in Redemption of Certificates.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Monies to be advanced by the Commissioners for the Issue of Loans for Public Works and Fisheries, *et cætera*, upon the Security mentioned in the said first-recited Act, shall, when received by the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, be appropriated and applied by them in paying off and discharging the Securities which may be granted by them upon the Land Revenues of the Crown under the Authority of this Act.

4 & 5 Vict. c. 40.

V. And whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to empower the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods to raise Money for certain Improvements in the Metropolis on the Security of the Land Revenues of the Crown within the County of* Middlesex *and City of* London, it was enacted, that it should be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings for the Time being, with the Consent of the Lord High Treasurer, or of the Commissioners

sioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer, as therein mentioned, notwithstanding any Provisions, Restrictions, or Clauses contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament relating to Her Majesty's Land Revenue, from Time to Time to borrow and take up, at any Rate of Interest not exceeding Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, and on such Terms and Conditions as they should think proper, such Sum or Sums of Money as the said Commissioners, with such Consent as aforesaid, should judge necessary, for the Purpose of carrying into effect and completing the several Improvements and new Streets authorized and directed to be made by them by the several Acts therein recited or referred to, on Mortgage of all or any Part or Parts of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of or belonging to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, within the County of *Middlesex* and City of *London*, or either of them, (other than Royal Palaces and Parks,) and to secure the Repayment of the Sum or Sums so to be borrowed, or any Part or Parts thereof, with Interest for the same, with such Consent as aforesaid, by Grant, Demise, or Mortgage of all or any Part or Parts of the same Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as therein mentioned: And whereas by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to enlarge the Powers of an Act of the Fourth and Fifth Years of Her present Majesty, empowering the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods to raise Money for certain Improvements in the Metropolis, on the Security of the Land Revenues of the Crown within the County of* Middlesex *and City of* London, after reciting to the Effect herein-before recited, and also reciting that Doubts had been entertained whether the said recited Act extended to empower the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and certain other public Companies and Corporations, to advance and lend Monies to the said Commissioners on the Security of the said Land Revenues of the Crown, it was by the Act now in recital enacted, that it should be lawful for the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and for any Person whomsoever, and any Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Companies whatsoever, to advance and lend from Time to Time to the Commissioners for the Time being of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings any Sum or Sums of Money for the Purposes of the said several Acts in the said first herein-before recited Act recited or referred to, on Mortgage of any of the Hereditaments of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, (other than Royal Palaces and Parks,) within the County of *Middlesex* and City of *London*, or either of them, in manner therein mentioned; but it was by the Act now in recital provided, that the Sum to be advanced by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* under the Provisions thereof should not exceed in the whole the Sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds: And whereas it is expedient that the last-mentioned Restriction should be removed, to the Extent of allowing the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* to advance any Sum or Sums of Money which the said Commissioners are authorized to borrow, in addition to the said Sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, by the said last-recited Act authorized to be advanced, not exceeding the further Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds: Be it therefore enacted, That,

7 & 8 Vict. c. 1.

Power to Bank of England to advance additional Money not exceeding 300,000*l.*

That, notwithstanding the aforesaid Proviso and Restriction in the said recited Act of the Seventh Year of Her present Majesty contained, it shall be lawful for the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, if they shall think fit, from Time to Time to advance and lend to the Commissioners for the Time being of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, under the Provisions of the said last-mentioned Act and this Act, any Sum or Sums of Money which the said Commissioners are authorized to borrow, over and above and in addition to the Sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds by the said last-recited Act limited as the Sum to be advanced by the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, not exceeding the further Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds; and that all and every the Provisions of the said last-recited Act shall be and continue in force and apply as if the Restriction as to the total Amount of Monies to be advanced by the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* had not been therein contained.

Regulations as to Payment of Interest on Loans charged under various Acts on "The London Bridge Approaches Fund."

VI. And whereas the said Commissioners are by divers Acts of Parliament authorized to charge certain Funds, Duties, and Revenues constituting a Fund which is commonly called "The *London Bridge* Approaches Fund" with certain Sums of Money amounting altogether to the Sum of Four hundred and eighty-nine thousand Pounds, with Interest on such Sums respectively, for the Purpose of effecting certain Improvements in the Metropolis, and the said Commissioners are authorized to raise Monies for the aforesaid Improvements on the Credit of the Funds, Duties, and Revenues so charged, but by reason of prior existing Charges, which wholly absorbed and will for some Time continue to absorb the said Funds, Duties, and Revenues, the said Commissioners were, by the said Act of the Fourth and Fifth Years of Her Majesty's Reign, herein-before recited, authorized to borrow Monies as aforesaid, for the Purposes of the said Improvements, on the Security of the Land Revenues of the Crown, as in the said Act is mentioned; and by the said Act it was provided that all such Monies as should come to the Hands of the said Commissioners by means of Leases or Sales of Property purchased for effecting the said Improvements, and the Income thereof, and Monies to be borrowed on the Credit of Charges made by the said Commissioners on the said Duties, Funds, and Revenues called "The *London Bridge* Approaches Fund," and otherwise, as in the said Act is mentioned, should be applied in Repayment of such Sums of Money as might be borrowed on the Credit of the Land Revenues of the Crown, and the Interest thereof: And whereas the said Commissioners have from Time to Time, by and out of the Principal Monies borrowed on the Security of the Land Revenues of the Crown for the Purposes aforesaid, and other the Monies which came to their Hands in the Exercise of the Powers granted to them for the Purpose of effecting the said Improvements, paid Interest, which has from Time to Time accrued on the Sums so borrowed by them, and when such Principal and other Monies have for the Time been exhausted they have paid such Interest out of the annual Income of the Land Revenues of the Crown: And whereas it was intended that the Monies which the said Commissioners were so as aforesaid authorized

rized to charge on the said Fund called "The *London Bridge* Approaches Fund," and the Interest thereon, and other the Monies which should come to the Hands of the said Commissioners in respect of the said Improvement, should be applicable to the Payment, not only of all Principal Monies which might be borrowed on the Security of the Land Revenues of the Crown, but of all Interest thereon, and to the Intent that thereby the Land Revenues of the Crown, although liable to the Mortgagees for the Monies charged and secured thereon, should by the Means aforesaid be wholly indemnified from the Payment of any Part of the Monies applicable to the aforesaid Improvements: Be it therefore enacted, That all Payments heretofore made by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, out of any Principal Monies so borrowed by them as aforesaid, or out of Interest arising from any temporary Investment of any such Principal Monies, in respect or by way of Interest accrued on any such Principal Monies, shall be and the same are hereby declared valid, and are hereby confirmed; and that it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for the Time being, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, to pay and apply any Principal Monies which they have borrowed or may hereafter borrow, or the Interest arising from any Investment of any such Principal Monies, or any other Monies which shall come to their Hands by reason of the Premises, in discharge of the Interest accruing due on any Monies so borrowed or to be borrowed as aforesaid, and thereout also to reimburse and repay to the Credit of the Income arising from the Land Revenues of the Crown all such Sums of Money as the said Commissioners have paid or may hereafter pay out of such Income for Interest upon Monies borrowed by them for the Purposes of the said Improvement.

Rights of Mortgagees not to be affected.

VII. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall in anywise alter or affect any Security by way of Mortgage on the Land Revenues of the Crown already made, or which may hereafter be made thereof, in pursuance of the Powers aforesaid, but that the same shall continue and be in all respects, as regards the Rights of the Mortgagees in any such Mortgage, in all respects as if the Provision lastly herein-before contained had not been made.

10 G. 4. c. 50.

VIII. And whereas by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Management and Improvement of His Majesty's Woods, Parks, and Chases, of the Land Revenue of the Crown within the Survey of the Exchequer in* England, *and of the Land Revenue of the Crown in* Ireland, *and for extending certain Provisions relating to the same to the Isles of* Man *and* Alderney, it was amongst other things enacted, that the Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues should and they were thereby required, within Thirty Days after the Commencement of the Session of Parliament which should be in the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty, and also within Thirty Days after the Commencement of the first Session of

of Parliament in every following Year, (without any special or other Requisition to be made to them for that Purpose,) to certify and report in Writing under their Hands and Seals to the King's most Excellent Majesty and both Houses of Parliament what Leases, Sales, Purchases, and Grants should have been made during the Year preceding the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty, and during each subsequent Year comprised in each Report, and also the other Matters and Things therein mentioned relating to the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown which had been granted or done by them as therein is mentioned, and also a Statement of the Income and Expenditure of the Monies which should have arisen from the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown to which that Act related, and of any other Monies placed under the Management of the said Commissioners during the Period comprised in each Report: And whereas by an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for uniting the Office of Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings with the Office of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and for other Purposes*, His Majesty was authorized to appoint, in the Place of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and of the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Buildings, Three Persons for performing the Duties and exercising the Powers then performed and exercisable by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and the Duties and Powers then performed and exercisable by the Surveyor General of His Majesty's Works and Buildings, to be called "The Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings:" And whereas by reason that the Accounts of other Departments of the Public Service are made up to the Thirty-first Day of *March* in each Year it is expedient that the aforesaid Accounts and Statements of the Commissioners of Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings should also be made up to the Thirty-first Day of *March* in every Year, and that the Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury should be empowered to make from Time to Time such Regulations as they may think convenient with respect to the Manner in which the Accounts and Payments of or to or on account of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings shall be kept and made: Be it therefore enacted, That the annual Report by the said recited Act of the Tenth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth directed to be made within Thirty Days after the Commencement of every Session of Parliament shall hereafter be made, according to the Terms and Provisions of the said Act, within Three Calendar Months after the Thirty-first Day of *March* in every Year, instead of within Thirty Days after the Commencement of every Session of Parliament, and that the next annual Report shall be made of all Matters and Things as from the Fifth Day of *January* last up to the Thirty-first Day of *March* next, and in all respects, except as regards the Time of making such Report, as by the said recited Act is directed and provided; and that in each of such annual Reports as aforesaid a Statement of all Debts or Debts incurred by the

2 & 3 W. 4. c. 1.

Annual Reports of Commissioners of Woods to be made up to 31st March instead of 5th January in every Year.

the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, and the Amount of Interest due on such Debt or Debts, shall be laid before Parliament.

Treasury empowered to make Rules and Regulations for keeping the Accounts of the Commissioners of Woods.

IX. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, at any Time after the passing of this Act, and from Time to Time, by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands, to make such Rules and Regulations as he or they shall think expedient with respect to the Receipt and Payment of Monies by or on behalf of the Commissioners for the Time being of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, the Persons to be employed in conducting such Receipts and Payments, and the Manner, Form, and Place in which the Accounts of such Receipts and Payments shall be kept; and all such Rules and Regulations shall extend, not only to the Monies to be received and paid in respect of the Land Revenues of the Crown, but to all Monies to be received and paid by or to the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods (and whether incorporated for any particular Object or not), or to any Officer duly authorized on their Behalf, under or by virtue of any Act of Parliament or otherwise; and where by any Act of Parliament now in force any Monies are directed to be paid to the said Commissioners in any Capacity, and whether as Part of the Land Revenues of the Crown or otherwise, or to a particular Account, the same may be paid into any Account, and either general or special, at the Bank of *England* or the Bank of *Ireland*, as the said Lord High Treasurer, or the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them, shall, by any General or Special Order, direct, and the Receipt of the Cashier of the Bank of *England* or the Bank of *Ireland*, as the Case may be, shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Persons or Bodies respectively paying the same, and without such Persons or Bodies being bound to inquire as to any such Order or Direction, and in all respects as if such Monies had been paid in pursuance of the Directions contained in any Act of Parliament in that Behalf; and any Monies now or hereafter standing to any particular Account of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings may be transferred to such other general or separate Account or Accounts, or otherwise, as the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them, shall from Time to Time direct.

Power to Treasury to regulate the Mode of drawing Monies.

X. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any Three of them, to make Rules and Orders from Time to Time as to the Form in which Cheques or Orders for the Payment of Monies placed to any Account of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings shall be drawn, any Act of Parliament, Law, or Custom whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding, and also from Time to Time to authorize the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, by Power of Attorney, from Time to Time to nominate

nominate and appoint One or more Person or Persons, in the Names of them the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods for the Time being, to draw Cheques or Orders for Monies standing to the Account of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings at the Banks of *England* or *Ireland*, or otherwise (so that nevertheless such Power of Attorney shall continue in force until absolutely revoked, and notwithstanding any Change in the Commissioners appointing such Attorney); and also it shall be lawful for the said Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to authorize the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, from Time to Time to nominate a Person or Persons whose Duty it shall be to countersign such Cheques, and any Monies so placed to such Account may be drawn for by such Cheques, signed by such Person or Persons so appointed as aforesaid, and countersigned by such Person or Persons so appointed as aforesaid, and shall be paid and payable according to the Direction in such Cheques or Orders contained, any Act of Parliament or other Provision to the contrary notwithstanding; but nothing herein contained shall prevent the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings from drawing for any such Monies as aforesaid as they are now authorized to draw, except so far as the contrary may be directed by any Order of the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury as aforesaid.

Extent of Act.

XI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall extend to *Scotland* and *Ireland*.

Act may be amended, &c.

XII. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in the present Session of Parliament.

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