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An Act to empower Grand Juries in *Ireland*, (or Perſons appointed by them), to ſell or exchange Ground that has been occupied by old Court Houſes, Gaols, or County Infirmaries, and the Materials thereon.

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WHEREAS new Court Houſes, Gaols, and County Infirmaries have been built, or may hereafter be built in many Counties in *Ireland*, and it is neceſſary to enable Grand Juries to diſpoſe of the Ground on which ſuch old Court Houſes, Gaols, and County Infirmaries ſtand, and of any Buildings or Materials thereon, and to grant a ſufficient Title thereto: 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 in all Caſes, where the Grand Jury of any County or County of a City, or County of a Town, ſhall have procured Ground to build or erect a new Court Houſe, Gaol, or County Infirmary, and that the ſame is completed and in uſe, and that ſuch Grand Jury ſhall conceive it expedient to ſell, exchange, or otherwiſe diſpoſe of the Land occupied by or in any way appertaining to ſuch old Court Houſe, Gaol, or County Infirmary, or any Building thereon, in any County or County of a City or County of a Town in *Ireland*, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury, at any Aſſizes for any ſuch County, or any County of a City, or County of a Town in which ſuch old Court Houſe, Gaol, or County Infirmary is ſituated, to appoint and nominate any Number of

Grand Juries in Ireland may appoint Commiſſioners to ſell or exchange Premiſes that have been uſed for Court Houſes, Gaols, &c.

Perſons not leſs than Five, as Commiſſioners to ſell, exchange, or otherwiſe diſpoſe of any ſuch Ground, or of any Building or Materials thereon, and ſuch Commiſſioners, or any Three of them ſo appointed, ſhall have full Power to ſell by Auction, to exchange, or otherwiſe diſpoſe of any ſuch Ground, or any Building thereon, or to diſpoſe of ſeparately or together of any Timber, Slates, Stones, Bricks, or other Materials thereon, and to make Contracts and Agreements for and concerning the ſame, to ſign Leaſes or Deeds conveying the ſame, and to do all Matters and Things requiſite for carrying ſuch Agreements into due Execution for and on Behalf of ſuch County, County of a City, or County of a Town, ſuch Agreement nevertheleſs and the Leaſes and Deeds conveying the ſame, to be laid before the Grand Jury at the following Aſſizes, and if approved of by ſuch Grand Jury, the Foreman is to affix his Name thereto, and the Money ariſing from ſuch Sale of ſuch Ground or Materials ſhall be paid to the Treaſurer of ſuch County, County of a City, or County of a Town, and by him placed to the Credit of the County at large, and may be diſpoſed of by the Grand Jury for or in aid of any new Court Houſe, Gaol, or County Infirmary, or in ſuch other Manner as by Law they ſhall be entitled, for the general Advantage of ſuch County, or County of a City, or County of a Town at large.

Peaceable Poſſeſſion for Sixty Years deemed a good Title.

II. And whereas in many Caſes there is much Difficulty in making out a Title to Grounds that have been ſo occupied by ſuch old Court Houſes, Gaols, and County Infirmaries, although there has not appeared any Claimant thereto for many Years; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all ſuch Ground, or any Buildings thereon, that has been occupied as aforeſaid, for Sixty Years and upwards, in a peaceable and quiet Manner and without any Claimant on Record in any Court of Law, ſuch peaceable and quiet Poſſeſſion for Sixty Years ſhall be conſidered as a good and valid Title; and ſuch Commiſſioners ſo appointed as aforeſaid, or any Three of them, ſhall have full Power and Authority to convey the Intereſt, Fee, and Inheritance thereof in as large and as ample a Manner as the ſame was held and enjoyed by the County; and ſuch Conveyance by Deed, Leaſe, or other Inſtrument ſigned by ſuch Commiſſioners, or any Three of them, and approved of by the Grand Jury as aforeſaid, ſhall be deemed, taken, and conſidered as a good, ſufficient, and valid Title in Law, ſaid Grand Jury nevertheleſs being firſt ſatisfied as to the due Payment of the Purchaſe Money to the Treaſurer as aforeſaid, or as to any other valuable Conſideration that may have been agreed for thereto; and it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Grand Jury to grant a Preſentment for all reaſonable Expences attending the Diſpoſal and Conveyance of ſuch Ground and Materials.

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