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Cap. 13.

An Act for inclosing Lands in the Parish of *Leighton Bussard* in the County of *Bedford*.

[4th *July* 1843.]

WHEREAS there are within the Township of *Leighton Bussard* in the County of *Bedford* certain Open and Common Fields, Common Meadows, Common Pastures, and other Commonable Lands; and there is also a certain Tract of Waste Land known by the Name of "The Heath," Part of which lies in the Township of *Leighton Bussard* aforesaid, and the Remainder within the Hamlet of *Heath* and *Reach* in the Parish of *Leighton Bussard* aforesaid; and there is also a Cow Common known by the Name of "*Somerleys*" or "*Summerleys,*" which lies in the Hamlet of *Billington* in the Parish of *Leighton Bussard* aforesaid; and there are other Waste Lands and divers inclosed Lands and Homesteads in the said Township and Hamlets respectively: And whereas the Dean and Canons of *Windsor* are or claim to be Lords of the Manor of *Leighton Bussard* otherwise *Grovebury,* in which are comprised the said Township of *Leighton Bussard* and Hamlets of *Heath* and *Reach* and *Billington,* and as such are entitled to the Soil of the said Common called the *Heath,* and all other the Commons and Waste Lands within the said Township and Hamlets, but not including the Cow Common called *Somerleys* or *Summerleys;* and the said Manor, with

with divers Lands, Woods, and Wood Grounds, is held by the Reverend *Theophilus Leigh Cooke* Clerk and the Right Honourable Sir *Edward Hyde East* Baronet, Trustees for the Right Honourable *Chandos* Lord *Leigh*, under a beneficial Lease for Years from the said Dean and Canons: And whereas the said Dean and Canons, *Chandos* Lord *Leigh*, *Edward Ashwell*, *Samuel Reeve*, *Edward Lawford*, *David Lee Willis*, and divers other Persons, are the Owners and Proprietors of the said Commonable and Waste Lands and Grounds, Woods, and Wood Grounds, and of the said inclosed Lands and Homesteads, and of ancient Commonable Messuages or Tofts within the said Township and Hamlets, and in respect thereof or otherwise are or claim to be entitled to certain Rights of Sheep Walk, Common of Pasture for their Cattle, and other Rights and Interests in and over the same or some Parts thereof, or are otherwise interested therein: And whereas the Open Field Lands of the said several Owners and Proprietors are in their present State incapable of any considerable Improvement, and it would be of great Advantage to the Proprietors thereof, and Persons interested therein, to have the same divided and inclosed, and specific Parts thereof allotted to the Proprietors thereof, to be held in Severalty, and all Rights of Common therein extinguished; but the Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: And whereas an Act was passed in the Forty-first Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for consolidating in One Act certain Provisions usually inserted in Acts of Inclosure, and for facilitating the Mode of proving the several Acts usually required on the passing of such Acts:* And whereas another Act was passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws respecting the inclosing of Open Fields, Pastures, Moors, Commons, and Waste Lands in* England: May it therefore 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 the said Two recited Acts passed respectively in the Forty-first Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third and in the Second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, and the several Enactments and Provisions thereof, shall, from the passing of this Act, be deemed to be and shall be executed as Part of this Act, except in such Cases wherein the same are hereby respectively repealed or varied, or wherein the same shall be inapplicable to the Purposes of this Act.

41 G. 3. c. 109.

1 & 2 G. 4. c. 23.

Recited Inclosure Acts to form Part of this Act.

Appointment of Commissioners.

II. And be it enacted, That *Joseph Tween* of *Knebworth* near *Stevenage* in the County of *Herts*, Gentleman, *John King* of *Winslow* in the County of *Bucks*, Land Surveyor, and *Thomas Hart* of *Ascot* in the Parish of *Wing* in the said County of *Bucks*, Farmer, and their Successors for the Time being to be elected or appointed in manner herein-after mentioned, shall be Commissioners for carrying this Act and the said recited Acts into execution; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners and they are hereby required to divide, allot, and inclose the said Waste and Commonable Lands and Grounds in the said Township and Hamlets, including the said Cow

Common called *Somerleys* or *Summerleys*, according to the Regulations and Provisions contained in the said recited Acts and this Act: Provided always, that no Person shall be capable of acting as such Commissioner (except in signing and giving Notice of the First Meeting of the Commissioners, and in receiving the Declaration herein-after directed,) until he shall have made and subscribed a Declaration in the Words or to the Effect set forth in Schedule (A.) to this Act; and such Declaration shall be in lieu of the Oath or Affirmation required by the said Act of the Forty-first Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third to be taken and subscribed by Persons acting as Commissioners in the Execution of any Act for dividing, allotting, or inclosing any Lands or Grounds.

Qualification of Commissioners.

III. And be it enacted, That if any Person, not having so qualified himself, shall act as a Commissioner, he shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds, with full Costs of Suit, to any Person who shall sue for the same by Action of Debt or on the Case in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*.

Penalty on Persons acting not qualified.

IV. And be it enacted, That in case the said *Joseph Tween*, or any Person to be appointed a Commissioner in his Room by virtue of this Act, shall die, or become incapacitated, or neglect or refuse for the Space of Two Months to act as such Commissioner, it shall be lawful for the Lord or Lords for the Time being of the said Manor of *Leighton Bussard* otherwise *Grovebury* to appoint by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands some fit Person to be a Commissioner in the Room of the said *Joseph Tween*, or of any Commissioner appointed in his Place, and so from Time to Time as often as any such Commissioner shall die, neglect or refuse or become incapable to act; and in case the said *John King* and *Thomas Hart*, or either of them, or any Persons or Person to be appointed Commissioners or a Commissioner in the Room of them or either of them by virtue of this Act, shall die, or become incapacitated, or neglect or refuse for the Space of Two Months to act as such Commissioners or Commissioner, it shall be lawful for the major Part in Value (such Value to be ascertained by the last effective Rates made for the Relief of the Poor in the said Township and Hamlets respectively) of the several Proprietors of Lands within the said Township and Hamlets (exclusively of the Lord of the said Manor), who shall attend, either personally or by their respective Agents, at any Meeting to be held for that Purpose, (of which Meeting Notice shall be given by some One or more of the Persons interested in the said Inclosure by Advertisement, and also on the Door of the Church of the said Township, and also on the Doors of the Chapels of the said Hamlets, as herein-after directed, at least Fourteen Days before such Meeting,) to appoint by Writing under their Hands some fit Persons or Person to be Commissioners or a Commissioner in the Room of the said *John King* and *Thomas Hart* or either of them, or of the Commissioners or Commissioner appointed in the Places or Place of them or either of them, and so from Time to Time as often as any such Commissioners or Commissioner shall die, neglect or refuse or become incapable to act.

Appointment of Commissioners on Vacancies.

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In case Parties neglect to appoint new Commissioners, remaining Commissioners may appoint.

V. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in case any of the Parties herein-before authorized to appoint a new Commissioner shall not appoint a new Commissioner within the Space of Six Weeks next after Notice of such Death, Neglect, Refusal, or Incapacity shall have been given as aforesaid, the other Commissioners shall, within Three Weeks next after the Expiration of the Time so allowed for appointing such new Commissioners, by Writing under their respective Hands, appoint some other fit Person to be a Commissioner in the Room of the Commissioner causing such Vacancy as aforesaid; and every new Commissioner appointed under either of the Powers herein-before given shall be invested with the same Powers and Authorities for carrying this Act into execution, and shall be subject to the same Regulations, as if he had been originally named a Commissioner in this Act; and every such Appointment shall be annexed to and deposited with the Award of the Commissioners.

Appointment of Surveyor.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners from Time to Time, by Writing under their Hands, to appoint a fit Person to be a Surveyor for the Purposes of this Act during the Pleasure of the Commissioners, and on every Vacancy in like Manner to appoint some other Surveyor as often as there shall be Occasion: Provided always, that no Person shall act as such Surveyor until he shall have made and subscribed a Declaration in the Words or to the Effect set forth in Schedule (A.) to this Act, which Declaration it shall be lawful for any Commissioner for the Time being, or any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Bedford*, to administer and receive; and the said Declaration, so made and subscribed, shall be annexed to and deposited with the Award of the Commissioners.

Surveyor to make a Declaration.

Penalty on making false Declaration.

VII. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall falsely or corruptly make and subscribe a Declaration under the Authority of this Act, knowing the same to be untrue in any material Particular, he shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor.

Appointment of Clerk.

VII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners to appoint a Clerk to assist them in carrying this Act into execution, and from Time to Time to remove such Clerk, and to appoint another in his Stead.

No Party interested to be appointed a Commissioner, &c.

IX. And be it enacted, That no Person shall be appointed or shall act as a Commissioner or Surveyor in execution of this Act who shall be interested in the Lands to be inclosed, or who shall be the Agent ordinarily intrusted with the Care, Superintendence, or Management of the Estate of any Person so interested.

Allowance to Commissioners and Clerk.

X. And be it enacted, That out of the Inclosure Expences Fund there shall be paid to each of the Commissioners who shall act in the Execution of this Act the Sum of Three hundred and ninety Pounds and no more, and to the Clerk to the Commissioners the

the Sum of Three Pounds Three Shillings and no more for each Day such Clerk shall travel or be engaged in any Business relating to the Execution of this Act, or any of the Powers hereby vested in the Commissioners, for the first Two Years after the passing of this Act, and Two Pounds Two Shillings *per* Day afterwards, which said Sum of Three hundred and ninety Pounds so to be paid to each of the said Commissioners as aforesaid, and the said Sums of Three Pounds Three Shillings, or Two Pounds Two Shillings, as the Case may be, so to be paid to the said Clerk for each Day he shall be so employed as aforesaid, shall be in full Satisfaction for the Time and Trouble of the said Commissioners and Clerk respectively, and for the several Expences incurred by them during their several Journies and Attendances in the Execution of this Act, except the Expences of the Rooms in which the Meetings of the Commissioners shall be held, and the Costs and Expences of Appeals and other legal Proceedings against the Commissioners, and of preparing, proclaiming, and enrolling their Award, and of Notices and Advertisements, and other like necessary Expences: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for the Commissioners to retain or pay themselves or the said Clerk any Money on account of the before-mentioned Allowances respectively, beyond One Third of the Allowance to which they shall be respectively entitled, until after the Expiration of Six Calendar Months from the Day of the Date of the Award to be made in pursuance of this Act; or in case the Accounts of the Commissioners shall be appealed against, then not until such Appeal shall have been heard and decided: Provided nevertheless, that in case of the Decease, ceasing to act, or Resignation of either of the Commissioners, or the Surveyor or Clerk, previous to the Execution of the said Award, the Commissioners for the Time being shall apportion the Compensation herein provided to be paid to such Party so dying or resigning between such Party, his Executors or Administrators, and the Person who shall be appointed in his Place; and the like Apportionment shall be made as often as such Case shall happen, so that the Sums hereby directed to be paid to such Commissioners, Surveyor, and Clerk shall not be increased by any such Decease, ceasing to act, or Resignation; and the Commissioners shall, after the Expiration of the Period allowed for Appeal against the Accounts herein-after directed to be made and stated, pay to the Executors or Administrators of such deceased Commissioner, Surveyor, or Clerk, and his Successors, such Sum as shall appear by the said Accounts to be due to such deceased Commissioner, Surveyor, or Clerk, and Successors.

Length of Day for estimating Allowances.

XI. And be it enacted, That in computing the aforesaid Allowance to the Clerk a Day shall be deemed to consist of Eight Hours during the Period between the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* and the Twenty-ninth Day of *September*, and Six Hours during the Period between the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* and the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*; and when the Time occupied in going to, and attending at, and returning from, any Meeting to be holden, or on other Business to be transacted under the Provisions of this Act, shall be of less Duration than Eight Hours in the first of the Periods aforesaid, or of Six Hours in the second Period, the same shall

shall be charged as only Half a Day, and the Clerk shall be paid accordingly.

Allowance to Surveyor.

XII. And be it enacted, That the Surveyor so to be appointed as aforesaid shall be entitled to receive, and the Commissioners are hereby authorized, out of the Inclosure Expences Fund, to allow to such Surveyor, for his Time and Trouble for surveying, measuring, mapping, and planning the said Lands, and all the ancient inclosed Lands in the said Township and Hamlets respectively, and for attending the Commissioners Meetings, and for all other Work, Labour, and Employment which shall be required of him by the Commissioners in respect to the Execution of this Act, and for all Expences he may incur or be put unto in respect thereof, the Sum of Six hundred and fifty Pounds, which shall be in full Satisfaction for his Time and Trouble, and for all travelling and other Expences of every Description to be incurred by such Surveyor in and about the Execution of this Act, and the Matters aforesaid.

Old Surveys of inclosed Lands may be used.

XIII. And be it enacted, That nothing in the said first-recited Act or in this Act contained shall require the Commissioners to make or cause to be made any Survey or Admeasurement of any of the Messuages, Cottages, Gardens, and Inclosures within the said Township and Hamlets, or either of them, but the Commissioners shall, for the Purposes of the said Inclosure, be at liberty to use and adopt the Plans and Surveys already or which may hereafter be made and used in effecting the Commutation of Tithes in the said Township and Hamlets, or any of them, or any other Plans or Surveys they may deem sufficient.

Old Survey of Lands may be used.

XIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners to adopt and make use of any Survey, Admeasurement, or Plan already made of the Lands to be inclosed, or of any Part thereof respectively, without causing a new Survey, Admeasurement, or Plan to be made thereof.

Meetings, and Notices thereof.

XV. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall cause Notice to be given by Advertisement or on the Doors of the said Church and Chapels, of the Time and Place when and where their First and every subsequent Meeting shall be held (Meetings by Adjournment only excepted), and they may from Time to Time adjourn any such Meetings; and if at the Time and Place appointed for any such Meeting the Commissioners shall not attend, it shall be lawful for their Clerk to adjourn such Meeting for not more than Twenty-one Days, to be held at the same Place, giving timely Notice thereof to the Commissioners: Provided always, that all Meetings of the Commissioners for executing this Act shall be held within the said Township, or within Eight Miles thereof.

Notices, how to be given.

XVI. And be it enacted, That all Notices by this Act directed to be given by Advertisement shall be given by Advertisement to be inserted in some Newspaper or Newspapers printed or usually circulated in the said County; and all Notices directed to be given on the Doors of the Church and Chapels shall be by Writing under

the Hands of the Party giving such Notice, to be affixed on the principal outer Door of the Parish Church of *Leighton Bussard* aforesaid, and the principal outer Doors of the Chapels of the said Hamlets respectively, on *Sunday* before Divine Service; and all Notices necessary to be given by the Commissioners (the Mode of giving which is not hereby particularly directed) shall be by One of the Methods aforesaid; and all Notices so given shall be deemed sufficient Notices to all Persons concerning all Matters and Things to which such respective Notices shall relate, any thing in the said first-recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

What shall be a Refusal to act.

XVII. And be it enacted, That if either of the Commissioners shall not attend the First or Second Meeting appointed to be held for putting this Act into execution, and qualify himself by making the Declaration in that Behalf prescribed, or if either of them shall, at any Time after having qualified himself as aforesaid, wilfully absent himself from any Two successive Meetings of such Commissioners, the Times of such Meetings being known to him by his having been present at the Appointment of the First thereof, or by a Notice thereof in Writing under the Hand of the Clerk of the Commissioners having been given to him, or left at his usual Place of Abode, (such Commissioner not being prevented by Sickness, or by other reasonable Cause to be allowed by the other Commissioners attending such Meetings,) or if any Commissioner to be hereafter elected or appointed as aforesaid shall not attend and qualify himself at the First or Second Meeting to be held after his Appointment, or shall, after having qualified himself as aforesaid, wilfully absent himself in manner aforesaid after such Notice, and without Cause of Excuse as aforesaid, every such Absence or Non-attendance shall be deemed to be a Refusal to act.

Persons summoned by the Commissioners and refusing to give Evidence to be punished.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That if any Person having been summoned to testify the Truth upon Oath or Affirmation (which Oath or Affirmation either of the said Commissioners is hereby empowered to administer) touching any Matter relating to the Execution of this Act, and having been paid or tendered a sufficient Sum of Money, to be ascertained by the Commissioners, to defray the Charges of his Attendance, shall not appear before the Commissioners pursuant to such Summons, without assigning some reasonable Excuse for not appearing, or appearing shall refuse to be sworn or affirm, or to give Evidence touching the Premises, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, upon Proof of such Summons and Tender made before them upon Oath (which Oath either of the Commissioners is hereby empowered to administer), by Warrant directed to any Person whomsoever, to cause any Sum of Money not exceeding Ten Pounds to be levied by Distress upon the Person so neglecting or refusing to appear or give Evidence; and the Money so to be levied as aforesaid shall be considered as Part of the Inclosure Expences Fund, and shall be applied accordingly.

For regulating Distresses.

XIX. And be it enacted, That when in this Act any Sum of Money, whether in the Nature of Penalty or otherwise, shall be directed to be levied by Distress, such Sum of Money shall be levied

levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party liable to pay the same; and the surplus Monies arising from such Sale, after satisfying such Sum of Money, and the Costs and Expences attending the Distress and Sale, shall, on Demand, be rendered to the Party whose Goods and Chattels shall have been distrained.

Proceedings to be entered in a Book.

XX. And be it enacted, That all the Orders, Proceedings, and Determinations of the Commissioners at any Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act shall be entered in a Book to be provided for that Purpose, and shall be signed by the Commissioners, and being so signed shall be deemed to be Originals; and all such Books shall be deposited with and kept by the Clerk to the Commissioners, and may be read as Evidence in all Cases of Appeals, Suits, Actions, and other Proceedings touching any thing done in relation to this Act.

Proprietors to pay their own Expences at Commissioners Meetings.

XXI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the several Persons interested in the said Inclosure, and their respective Agents, shall pay their own Expences whenever they shall attend any of the Meetings to be held in pursuance of this Act.

Debts to be paid and Accounts to be audited.

XXII. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall not at any Time permit any just Claim or Demand upon them as such Commissioners to remain unpaid for a longer Period than Three Months; and once at least in every Twelve Months during the Execution of this Act, and until the Account of the Commissioners shall be finally allowed, (the first of such Periods to be computed from the Day of the passing hereof,) they shall make out a true and accurate Account of all Sums of Money by them received and expended in the Execution of this Act, and of all Sums due to them respectively for their own Trouble or Expences; and in such Account shall be particularly specified the several Items and Articles for which each particular Sum shall have been paid; and such Account, when so made out, together with the Vouchers relating thereto, shall be by the Commissioners laid before One or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the said County of *Bedford* not interested in the Premises, to be by him or them examined and balanced.

Accounts to be published.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the Balance of such Account shall be by such Justice or Justices stated in the Book of Account to be kept in the Office of the Person acting as Clerk to the Commissioners; and an Abstract of such Account so examined and balanced shall, within Fourteen Days after the same shall have been so examined and balanced, be inserted in some Newspaper printed or usually circulated within the said County; and no Charge or Item in any such Account shall be binding on the Parties concerned, or be valid in Law, unless the same shall have been duly allowed by such Justice or Justices, nor until such Abstract thereof shall have been published in some such Newspaper as aforesaid, subject nevertheless to the Power of Appeal herein-after contained.

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For shortening Boundaries.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That for the Purpose of shortening or rendering straight any Boundary Fences between the Lands to be inclosed and the old inclosed Lands in the said Township and Hamlets, or either of them, or between such Allotments and inclosed Lands, or any of them, and any adjoining Lands, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners (with the Consent of the Lord of any Manor in which the Lands are situate, and of the Owners of any such adjoining Lands, testified by Writing under their respective Hands, or under the Common Seal of any of them, being a Corporation Aggregate,) to set out and determine the Boundaries between the Lands to be inclosed and any adjoining Lands lying in the same or in any adjoining Manor as they shall judge proper for the Purposes aforesaid; and after such Boundaries shall have been so set out and determined as aforesaid, the same shall be made, fenced, ditched, or mounded by such Person, in such Manner, and at such Times as the Commissioners shall direct, and shall for ever thereafter be deemed the Boundaries between the allotted and the old inclosed Lands respectively, or (as the Case may be) between the allotted or old inclosed Land and such adjoining Lands.

Commissioners to set out Drains and enlarge and turn Watercourses.

XXV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners to set out and make such Common Ponds, Ditches, Watercourses, Tunnels, Banks, and Bridges, of such Extent and Form and in such Situations as they shall deem necessary, in the Lands to be inclosed, and also to enlarge, cleanse, or alter the Course of and improve any of the present Ditches or Watercourses, Banks or Bridges, as well in and over the same Lands, as also in any ancient Inclosures or other Lands within the said Township and Hamlets, or either of them, as the Commissioners shall deem necessary (making such Satisfaction to the Proprietors of such ancient Inclosures or Lands for the Damage done thereby as the Commissioners shall think just); and the Expences of making and enlarging, altering, and cleansing such Ponds, Ditches, Watercourses, Tunnels, Banks, and Bridges, when the same shall be first done in pursuance of this Act, if not otherwise provided for, shall be raised by the Commissioners in the same Manner as the other Expences of carrying this Act into execution; but all such Ponds, Ditches, Watercourses, Tunnels, Banks, and Bridges shall at all Times afterwards be repaired, cleansed, and maintained by such Persons and in such Manner as the Commissioners shall by their Award direct; provided that no Watercourse be diverted or turned without the Consent in Writing of the Persons from whose Lands the same may be diverted, and of the Persons into whose Lands the same may be turned, or to the Prejudice of any Person interested in such Watercourse, except with his Consent in Writing.

Power to widen Roads.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners to widen any of the public Roads or Highways which may pass through or over the Lands to be inclosed to any Extent they shall think fit, not exceeding Forty Feet in the whole, and for that Purpose to take a sufficient Quantity of the Common or Waste Lands adjoining such Roads.

Power to stop up or divert Roads.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That in setting out the several public Carriage Roads, Highways, Bridle Roads, and Footpaths, in pursuance

suance of this Act or of the first-recited Act, the Commissioners may, if they think it necessary or proper, with the Consent and under the Order in Writing of any Two Justices of the Peace for the County of *Bedford*, discontinue, stop up, divert, or alter any of the Carriage Roads, Highways, Bridle Roads, or Footpaths passing through any of the Lands to be inclosed, or any of the old Inclosures within the said Township and Hamlets, or either of them, and the Soil of such of the Roads and Ways so to be discontinued and stopped up as pass through allottable Lands shall be deemed Part of the Lands to be inclosed: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the altering or diverting of any Turnpike Road, unless the Consent of the Majority of the Trustees of such Turnpike Road assembled at a public Meeting called for that Purpose on Ten Days Notice be first obtained.

Proceedings previously to stopping up and diverting Roads.

XXVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That before any public Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath shall be discontinued, diverted, stopped up, or altered by the Commissioners, or any such Order of Two Justices shall be made, the Commissioners shall cause to be affixed at each End of such public Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath a Notice to the Effect that the same is intended to be discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, as the Case may be, by the Commissioners; and the Commissioners shall also cause the same Notice to be given by Advertisement for Four successive Weeks, and also on the Doors of the Church and Chapels on the Four *Sundays* of the said Four successive Weeks; and after the said several Notices shall have been so given, and after such Order as herein-before mentioned shall have been made, such public Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath shall be and be deemed to be discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, as the Case may be, subject, however, to such Appeal as is herein-after mentioned.

Appeal to the Quarter Sessions.

XXIX. Provided also, and be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Person who may think that he would be injured or aggrieved if any such Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath should be discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, as the Case may be, within Four Months after the making of the said Order, to make his Complaint thereof by Appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the Quarter Sessions for the said County, upon giving to the Commissioners or their Clerk Ten Days Notice in Writing of such Appeal, together with a Statement in Writing of the Grounds thereof; but it shall not be lawful for the Appellant to be heard in support of such Appeal, unless such Notice and Statement shall have been given as aforesaid, nor on any hearing of Appeal to go into Evidence of any other Grounds of Appeal than those set forth in such Statement as aforesaid.

In case of Appeal, Jury at Sessions to determine whether any Roads shall be discontinued.

XXX. And be it enacted, That in case of such Appeal the Justices at such Quarter Sessions shall, for the Purpose of determining whether such public Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath shall be discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, or whether the Party appealing would be thereby injured or aggrieved, impannel a Jury of Twelve disinterested Men out of the Persons

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returned to serve as Jurymen at such Quarter Sessions; and if, after hearing the Evidence produced before them, the said Jury shall return a Verdict that such public Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath is unnecessary, or may beneficially to the Public be discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, and that the Party appealing would not be injured or aggrieved thereby, then the said Court shall dismiss such Appeal, and shall award the Costs of resisting the said Appeal to be paid by the Appellant to the Commissioners, and the same shall be recoverable in the same Manner as any Penalties and Forfeitures are recoverable under the said first-recited Act; but if the said Jury shall return a Verdict that such public Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath is not unnecessary, or that the same could not beneficially to the Public be so discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, or that the Party appealing would be injured or aggrieved thereby, the said Court shall allow such Appeal, and such public Carriage Road, Highway, Bridle Road, or Footpath shall not be discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, or in case the same shall have been discontinued, stopped up, diverted, or altered, the said Court shall make an Order for restoring the same to its original State, and shall award to the Appellant the Costs of prosecuting such Appeal, and such Costs shall be paid by the Commissioners out of the Inclosure Expences Fund.

Expences of discontinuing or widening Roads.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That the Expences attending the purchasing of the Soil of such Roads, or the stopping up, discontinuing, diverting, and altering of such Roads, and the Money Compensation in respect thereof, shall be paid out of the Inclosure Expences Fund.

Justices may declare any of the Carriage Roads completed.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That when and so soon as Two or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County shall certify any of the public Carriage Roads to be set out in pursuance of this Act to be sufficiently formed and completed, such Roads shall thenceforth be kept in repair by such Persons and in such Manner as the public Roads within the said Township and Hamlets, or either of them, as the Case may be, according to the Situation of such public Carriage Roads to which such Certificate may apply, are or ought by Law to be kept in repair; and every such Certificate shall, at the Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County next after the Date thereof, be filed of Record by the Clerk of the Peace for the said County.

Commissioners to appoint private Roads, &c.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall set out such private Roads, Bridleways, and Footpaths through the Lands to be inclosed as they shall think requisite, giving such Notice and subject to such Examination as is required by the said first-recited Act in the Case of public Roads; and any Expences which the Commissioners may think fit to incur prior to the Time of making their Award relative to the setting out or the Formation or Completion of such private Roads, Bridleways, and Footpaths, or any of them, shall be paid out of the Inclosure Expences Fund, and the said private Roads, Bridleways, and Footpaths shall thereafter be maintained and kept in repair by and at the Expence of the Owners and Proprietors for the Time being of any of the Lands within the said Township and Hamlets, or either of them, in such Shares and

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Proportions and in such Manner as the Commissioners shall by their Award direct.

Herbage of private Roads.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall by their Award order the Grass and Herbage growing upon the private Roads, to be set out by them by virtue of this Act, to be for ever thereafter for the Use of such Persons as they shall in their Judgment think best entitled to the same.

Commissioners empowered to suspend or extinguish Right of Common.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, at such Time as they shall think proper, and before the Execution of their Award, by Notice on the Doors of the Church and Chapels, to order all or any Parts of the Rights of Sheepwalk, Common or other Rights, in or over the Lands to be inclosed, or any Part thereof, to be extinguished, or the Exercise thereof to be suspended during such Time as shall be expressed in such Notice, and from the Time mentioned in such Notice such Rights shall be extinguished or suspended accordingly.

Cattle depasturing in breach of the Commissioners Order to be distrained.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That if, during the Suspension or after the Extinguishment of any such Rights of Sheepwalk, Common or other Rights as aforesaid, any Owner or Occupier of Land, or of any Commonable Messuage or Cottage, or the Site of any Commonable Messuage or Cottage, within the said Township and Hamlets, or either of them, or any other Person, shall permit his Cattle or Sheep to go or depasture upon any of the Lands over which such Rights shall be suspended or extinguished, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, or any other Person by their Order (testified in Writing under their Hands), and also for any other of the said Owners or Occupiers, to distrain such Cattle or Sheep being upon such Lands or Grounds contrary to such Order, and to impound the same until the Person so offending shall pay to the Person so distraining such Sum of Money as the Commissioners shall, by Writing under their Hands, to be delivered to or left at the Place of Abode of the Person whose Cattle or Sheep shall be so distrained, have previously ordered, not exceeding Ten Shillings for each Head of Cattle and Five Shillings for each Sheep so distrained; and in case the same shall not be paid within Seven Days after the Delivery of such Writing the Commissioners are hereby authorized, upon Proof of such Offence having been committed, and of Nonpayment of the Penalty hereby imposed, to cause the Cattle or Sheep so distrained or impounded, or such of them as they shall think necessary, or any other Goods or Chattels of the Person so offending, to be sold for raising and paying the Penalty aforesaid, together with the Costs and Charges attending such Distress, rendering the Surplus (if any) to the Owner of such Cattle or Sheep.

Commissioners to direct the Course of Husbandry.

XXXVII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners as soon after the passing of this Act as conveniently may be, and from Time to Time as they shall think fit, by Notice on the Doors of the Church and Chapels, to direct the Course of Husbandry and the Stint or Rule of Stocking that shall be observed upon the Lands to be inclosed, until the Time when they shall have completed the Division, Allotment, and Inclosure thereof, as well with respect to

to the laying down, ploughing, sowing, fallowing, manuring, and tilling thereof, as to the stocking and feeding of the Commonable Lands and Fallows or Stubbles upon the same, and to make such Recompence as they shall think right to any Person injured by such Directions, all which Directions shall be binding upon all Parties interested, their Farmers and Tenants; and the Commissioners shall impose such pecuniary Penalties on every Person not conforming to such Directions as they shall think necessary, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds *per* Acre in case of cross-cropping or withholding from the Land its due Proportion of Manure, or Ten Pounds in any other Case, for any One Offence, and shall also determine, in all Cases where the Tenant is entitled by Agreement to the Manure arising from the Lands in his Occupation, by whom and in what Sum of Money such Tenant shall be compensated for any such Manure left or given up by him; and such Penalties and other Sums of Money shall be recovered in the Manner directed by the said first-recited Act with respect to the levying and recovering of Penalties.

Satisfaction to be made for growing Crops.

XXXVIII. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall by Writing under their Hands order what Recompence in Money shall be made to the Owner of any Crops growing, according to the customary Mode of Cultivation within the said Township and Hamlets, or either of them, upon the Lands to be inclosed, at the Time such Division, Allotment, and Inclosure shall be made for the said Crops, by the Person to whom the Lands upon which such Crops are growing shall be allotted, and also what Recompence in Money shall be paid, and by whom, to any Tenant or Occupier of any Land, as well for ploughing, tilling, cultivating, manuring, or folding any of the Lands to be inclosed, for the Benefit accruing thereby to the Person to whom such Lands shall be allotted, as for any Loss or Disadvantage which any such Tenant or Occupier may sustain by the Loss of his following or way-going Crops upon the Lands to be inclosed; and if in any of the said Cases the Money to be paid for such Recompence be not paid at the Time and in the Manner ordered by the Commissioners, they shall raise and levy the same on the Party liable thereto, for the Use of the Person entitled thereto, in the same Manner as the Inclosure Expences are herein directed to be raised and levied.

Claims to be delivered to the Commissioners.

XXXIX. And be it enacted, That all Persons claiming any Interest in any of the Lands to be inclosed shall deliver their respective Claims, in Writing under their Hands or the Hands of their Agents, unto the Commissioners at the Meetings to be held for that Purpose, stating the several Particulars in respect whereof such Claims are made, and distinguishing Freehold, Copyhold, and Leasehold Property from each other, and the Manors in which they are situate; and no such Claim shall be received by the Commissioners after the last Meeting to be held for that Purpose, of which due Notice shall have been given, and so expressed therein (except for some special Cause to be allowed by the Commissioners); and after the said Claims shall be so received the Commissioners shall cause Notice on the Doors of the Church and Chapels, to be given of a Time (at least

Fourteen Days distant from the Expiration of the Twenty-one Days herein-after allowed for the Inspection of such Claims) and a Place for all Parties concerned to appear before them, and show Cause for or against the Allowance or Disallowance of any of the said Claims which shall be objected to in manner herein-after mentioned: Provided always, that as soon as conveniently may be after the last Meeting to be held for receiving such Claims the Commissioners shall cause all such Claims to be entered in a Book to be provided for that Purpose, which Book shall be deposited at some convenient Place within the said Township for the Space of Twenty-one Days for the Inspection of all Persons concerned, who shall be at liberty to take Copies or Extracts thereof or therefrom, Seven Days previous Notice of their Intention to deposit the said Book being given by the Commissioners in manner last aforesaid.

Objections to Claims.

XL. And be it enacted, That if any Party interested in the Lands to be inclosed shall have any Objection to any of the Claims which shall be delivered to the Commissioners by virtue of this Act, such Objection shall be reduced into Writing, and Two Parts thereof shall be signed by the Party making the same, or by some Person on his Behalf, and One Part thereof shall be served upon or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of the Party whose Claim shall be objected to, or upon his Agent making such Claim, within Seven Days after the Expiration of the Twenty-one Days allowed for inspecting such Claims, and the other Part delivered to the Commissioners or One of them, or to their Clerk, at such Time or respective Times as the Commissioners shall appoint by such Notice to be given by them as last aforesaid.

Adjudication upon Claims.

XLI. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall at some Meeting or Meetings to be appointed for that Purpose, of which Notice shall be given as last aforesaid, and also by Advertisement, proceed to examine into and determine such of the said Claims which shall be objected to, and shall make such Order therein as to them shall appear just; and in case any Doubts or Difficulties shall arise respecting such Claims, or any Differences shall happen between any of the said Proprietors touching their respective Rights or Claims, or touching the respective Shares which they ought to have in the Allotments, the Commissioners shall, by Examination of Witnesses upon Oath or Affirmation (which Oath or Affirmation any One of the said Commissioners is hereby empowered to administer), and by such other Evidence as to them shall seem proper, hear and determine the same, and shall make such Order therein as to the Commissioners shall appear just; which Order shall be final, unless any Party shall be dissatisfied with the Determination of the Commissioners, and shall proceed to try his Rights by an Issue at Law as herein-after mentioned.

Commissioners not to determine Titles contrary to Possession.

XLII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall not authorize the Commissioners to determine the Title to any Lands, or to determine any Right between any Parties contrary to the actual Possession of such Parties (except in respect of Encroachments as herein-after mentioned); but in case the Commissioners shall be of opinion

against the Rights of the Party in Possession they shall forbear to make any Determination thereon until the Possession shall have been given up by such Party, or recovered from him by due Course of Law.

Parties dissatisfied authorized to try their Rights at Law.

XLIII. And be it enacted, That if any Person claiming to be interested in the said Inclosure shall be dissatisfied with any Determination of the Commissioners concerning any Claim or any Right or Interest in or to the Lands to be inclosed, or concerning any Objection to such Claim, it shall be lawful for such Person to bring an Action upon a feigned Issue against the Person in whose Favour such Determination shall have been made, within Three Calendar Months next after such Determination shall have been notified in Writing to the Person against whom such Determination shall have been made, or to his known Agent, and thereupon the Person so dissatisfied may proceed to a Trial at Law at the then next Assizes, or at the Assizes immediately following such next Assizes, which may be holden for the said County of *Bedford* after such Action shall have been commenced; and the Defendant in such Action shall, upon being served with the usual Process therein, appear and plead thereto, or file Common Bail, and accept One or more Issue or Issues, whereby such Claim, and the Right and Interest thereby insisted on, may be tried and determined (such Issues to be settled by the proper Officer of the Court in which such Action shall be commenced, in case the Parties differ); and the Verdict given upon the Trial of such Action shall be binding and conclusive upon all the Parties thereto, unless the Court shall set aside such Verdict, and order a new Trial to be had; and after such Verdict shall be given, and final Judgment obtained thereon, the Commissioners shall act in conformity thereto, and allow or disallow the Claim thereby determined according to the Event of such Trial, and the Costs attending any such Action shall abide the Event of the Trial.

If no Action brought Determination of Commissioners final.

XLIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if no such Action shall be commenced, or if the Plaintiff therein shall not proceed to Trial, within the Time herein-before limited for that Purpose, (unless the Court for sufficient Cause put off such Trial,) the Determination of the Commissioners shall be final.

Deaths of Parties pending Actions not to abate Proceedings.

If Parties die before Action brought, Suits to be carried on and defended in their Names.

XLV. And be it enacted, That if any Person, Plaintiff or Defendant in any Action to be brought as aforesaid, shall die pending the same, such Action shall not abate by reason thereof, but may be proceeded in as if no such Death had happened, (the Heir or Devisee or other Person entitled to the Interest of the deceased Party in the Matter in question being served with Process in the Action); and if any Person in whose Favour any such Determination as aforesaid shall have been made, and against whom any such Action might have been brought if living, shall die before Action brought, it shall be lawful for the Person who might have brought such Action to bring the same, within the Time so limited as aforesaid, against such Person as if actually living, and to serve the Commissioners, or their Clerk, with the usual Process for commencing such Action, in the same Manner as the deceased Person might have been served therewith if living.

living, and it shall thereupon be incumbent on such Clerk to serve with such Process the Heir or Devisee or personal Representative of the deceased Person, or other the Person who shall claim the Benefit of such Determination as aforesaid, and on such Process being served such Heir or Devisee or personal Representative, or other Person, shall appear and defend such Action in the Name of the Person so dead, and Proceedings shall be had thereon in the same Manner as if such Person had been living, and the Rights, Interests, and Claims of all Parties shall be equally bound by the Event of any Action so brought or continued as aforesaid as if the Death of any of the Persons interested therein had not occurred.

If Parties die before Inclosure, &c. is completed, Allotments to be made to their Representatives.

XLVI. And be it enacted, That if any Person interested in the said Inclosure shall die before the same shall have been completed the Powers and Authorities hereby vested in the Commissioners shall not be thereby determined or suspended, but they shall proceed in the Execution of such Powers and Authorities in such Manner as they might have done in case such Person had not died, and the Share of the Person so dying shall be allotted to such Person as by Law shall become entitled to the same, and shall be accepted and fenced by such Party according to the Directions of this Act, and he shall be liable to the Charges and Expences and other Conditions of this Act.

Commissioners to award Costs.

XLVII. And be it enacted, That in case the Commissioners, upon the Determination of any Claim or Objection to be delivered to them in pursuance of this Act, shall see Cause to award any Costs, it shall be lawful for them, upon Application, to assess and award such Costs as they shall think reasonable to be paid by the Person whose Claim or Objection shall have been disallowed to the Person in whose Favour any Determination shall have been made; and in case any Person liable to pay such Costs shall refuse or neglect to pay the same, upon Demand, the Commissioners shall, by Warrant directed to any Person whomsoever, cause the same to be levied by Distress; and if there be no Goods or Chattels whereon to levy such Costs it shall be lawful for the Person in whose Favour such Costs shall be awarded to recover the same by Action of Debt or on the Case, in which Action it shall be sufficient for the Plaintiff to declare that the Defendant is indebted to him in the Sum specified in the Order of Adjudication made by the Commissioners, and in consequence of such Order, without setting forth any other Proceedings under this Act.

Tofts to be deemed Commonable Messuages.

XLVIII. And be it enacted, That all Tofts, Foundations, or Sites of ancient Commonable Messuages or Cottages in the said Township and Hamlets, or either of them, shall, upon Proof being made to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners that Commonable Messuages or Cottages formerly stood thereon, be deemed Commonable Messuages or Cottages, and the respective Proprietors thereof shall be entitled to the same Compensation for the Rights of Common originally belonging thereto as if such Messuages or Cottages were still standing.

XLIX. And

Leases at Rack Rents to be void.

XLIX. And be it enacted, That immediately after the Allotments herein directed to be made shall have been marked and staked out, and the Commissioners shall have directed the same to be entered upon by the Persons respectively for whom the same shall be intended, every Lease and other Agreement at Rack Rent subsisting of all or any Part of the Lands to be inclosed, or of any Common Rights thereon, for any Term of Years not exceeding Twenty-one Years, (except such Leases and Agreements as by the express Terms thereof are not to be void in case of an Allotment in Severalty or Inclosure,) shall determine and be void as to all such Lands or Common Rights, but not as to any other Lands comprised therein, such Compensation as between Lessor and Lessee being paid to or allowed by the respective Landlords whose Leases or Agreements shall be so vacated as the Commissioners shall by Writing under their Hands order in that Behalf; and if any such Compensation shall not be paid to the Party entitled to receive the same within One Month after Demand made in Writing (under the Hand or Common Seal, as the Case may require,) of the Party to whom the same shall be payable, the Commissioners shall raise and levy the same, for the Use of the Party entitled thereto, by such Ways and Means as the Rates to be levied for defraying the Inclosure Expences are directed to be raised and recovered; and it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, by Writing under their Hands, to ascertain and direct what Rent or Proportion of Rent shall be paid by the several Tenants of the Lands to be inclosed, or Common Rights in their respective Holdings, to their respective Landlords from the Time of the passing of this Act until such Lands shall be marked and staked out and be directed to be entered upon as aforesaid.

Beneficial Leases not to be vacated.

L. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to set aside or make void any beneficial Lease of any Lands within the said Township and Hamlets, or either of them, but the Party entitled to such beneficial Lease shall be entitled to hold and enjoy his Term under the Rents and Covenants specified in his Lease.

Wills and Settlements not to be affected.

LI. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to revoke, make void, or alter any Will or Settlement, or to prejudice any Person having any Right or Claim of Dower, Jointure, Annuity, Portion, Debt, Charge, Rent, or Incumbrance out of or affecting any of the Lands to be inclosed, or any of the Lands which may be exchanged or parted with in pursuance of this Act, but that as well the Lands allotted and exchanged as the Lands which shall be assigned in Partition, or in Compensation for any other Estate or Right by virtue of this Act, shall, immediately after such Allotment, Exchange, or Partition, be and enure, and the several Persons to whom the same shall be so allotted or given in Exchange or Partition as aforesaid shall be seized and possessed thereof respectively, to, for, and upon the same Estates, Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and subject to the same Conditions, Charges, and Incumbrances, as the several Lands in respect whereof such Allotments, Exchanges, and Partitions shall have been made would have stood limited for, or been subject to, in case the same respec-

respectively had not been allotted, exchanged, or parted with as aforesaid, or as if this Act had not been passed; subject, nevertheless, to all such Mortgages and Sales as shall be made by virtue of this Act.

Persons may sell their Rights, and Persons entitled to have Allotments may mortgage, &c. before Execution of the Award.

LII. And be it enacted, That if at any Time before the Execution of the Award of the Commissioners any Person shall sell his Right or Interest in the Lands to be inclosed, or any Part thereof, to any Person, the Commissioners shall, upon any such Sale being made, make an Allotment of Land to the Purchaser, or to his Heirs or Assigns, in respect of the Right or Interest so sold, and every such Purchaser, or his Heirs or Assigns, shall from the Execution of the said Award hold and enjoy the Land so to be allotted to him in the same Manner as the Vendor might or ought to have done in case such Sale had not been made; and it shall be lawful for any Person who shall be entitled to any Allotment under this Act to devise, grant, surrender, mortgage, or otherwise convey and assure the same Allotment, or all or any Part of his Interest therein, at any Time before the Execution of the said Award; and every such Devise, Grant, Surrender, and other Assurance shall be of the same Validity as if the same had been made after the Execution of the said Award; and it shall be lawful for any Person entitled to any Allotment to sell, dispose of, and convey the Estate in right of which he may be entitled to such Allotment separate from and retaining to himself such Allotment, Common Right and Interest, and the Commissioners are hereby required to award such Allotment accordingly.

Encroachments.

LIII. And be it enacted, That all Encroachments and Inclosures, except as herein-after mentioned, which shall have been made by any Person from or upon any Part of the Lands to be inclosed within Twenty Years next before the passing of this Act, whether any Amerciament, annual Rent, or any Money Payment or Acknowledgment hath or hath not been paid in respect of the same to or for the Use of the Lord of the Manor, or any other Person, unless the same shall have been authorized by Grant from the Lord of the Manor, according to the Custom of the said Manor, shall be deemed Parcel of the Lands to be inclosed, and shall be divided, allotted, and inclosed accordingly: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the several Persons who shall be in Possession of any such Encroachment or Inclosure, or in the Receipt of the Rent thereof at the Time of the passing of this Act, to take down and remove all such Buildings, Fences, and other Erections as shall then be thereon, and to convert the Materials thereof to their own Use.

Exemptions as to certain Encroachments.

LIV. Whereas the Workhouse and other Erections belonging to the Board of Guardians for the Time being of the *Leighton Bussard* Union in the several Counties of *Bedford* and *Buckingham*, and also divers Cottages and other Buildings, have, within the Period of Twenty Years preceding the passing of this Act, been erected on Parts of the Commonable Lands to be inclosed (not being Waste Lands) by Persons entitled to Allotments under this Act, and it is expedient that Provision should be made for permitting the same to remain, on Compensation being made for such Permission as herein-

afte r mentioned; be it therefore enacted, That the said Commissoiners shall ascertain separately and distinctly the Value of the Site on which the Union Workhouse and other Erections belonging to the said Board of Guardians, and also the Value of the respective Sites on which the said Cottages and other Buildings, have been erected; and shall set out and allot unto the said Board of Guardians the Site whereon the said Buildings and other Erections belonging to them have been built, and shall also set out and allot unto the respective Owners of the said Cottages and other Buildings the respective Sites whereon such Cottages and Buildings have been erected; and if it shall appear by the said Valuation of the said Commissioners that the Value of any of the said Sites shall exceed the Value of the Rights of the Person to whom the same shall be allotted in and over the Lands to be inclosed, such Person shall pay unto the Commissioners, on Demand, such Sum as they shall estimate to be the Excess in Value of the said Site beyond the Value of the Rights of such Person, and the said Commissioners shall apply such Sum towards the Expences of the said Inclosure; but if the Value of the said Site which may be allotted to any Person shall be less than the Value of the Rights of such Person in and over the Lands to be inclosed, such Site shall be accepted by such Person in part Compensation of his Rights in and over the same.

Allotment of old Inclosures with Consent of Proprietors.

LV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, with the Consent in Writing and at the Request of any Proprietor of any Houses, Homesteads, Gardens, Orchards, or old inclosed Lands within the said Township and Hamlets or either of them, whether such Owner or Proprietor shall be a Corporation, Tenant in Fee Simple, or for Life, or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or by the Courtesy of *England*, or for Years determinable on any Lives, with the Consent of the Lessor of any such Houses, Homesteads, Gardens, Orchards, and old inclosed Lands, holden for Years determinable as aforesaid, and not otherwise, or with the Consent of the Guardian, Trustee, Feoffee for charitable or other Uses, Husband, Committee, or Attorney of or acting for any such Proprietor as aforesaid who shall be an Infant, Feme Covert, Lunatic, or under any other legal Disability, or who shall be beyond the Seas, or otherwise disabled to act for himself, (such Consent to be respectively testified, in case of a Corporation, by Writing under their Common Seal, or by Writing under the Hand of the Agent of such Corporation, and in case of an Individual under his Hand,) to order and direct such Houses, Homesteads, Gardens, Orchards, and old inclosed Lands to be considered as allottable and Parcel of the Lands to be inclosed; and such Allowance shall be made to the Proprietors of such Houses, Homesteads, Gardens, Orchards, and old inclosed Lands, on account of the Situation or other beneficial Circumstances thereof, as the Commissioners shall adjudge to be just and reasonable, and they shall allot and award unto such Proprietors so much and such Part of the Lands to be inclosed as they shall think reasonable and just.

Insulated old Inclosures to be deemed

LVI. And be it enacted, That all inclosed Lands within the said Township and Hamlets, or either of them, whether lying in single Pieces

allottable Lands.

Pieces or in several adjoining Pieces, which are surrounded by Open Field Land, and thereby placed in an insulated Situation, shall be deemed Part of the Lands to be inclosed.

Pieces of Land by the Side of the Road may be allotted.

LVII. And be it enacted, That all small Parcels of Waste or Common Land (the Soil whereof shall belong to the Lords of any Manor in right thereof) lying by the Side of any Turnpike Road or other public Road or Lane within the said Township and Hamlets, or either of them, and which in the Judgment of the Commissioners may be conveniently inclosed without incommoding the public Intercourse on such Road or Lane, or rendering such Turnpike Road of less Breadth than Forty-five Feet, and such other public Road or Lane of less Breadth than Thirty Feet respectively, shall be deemed Part of the Lands to be inclosed.

Allotments to be set out for the Recreation of the Inhabitants of Leighton Bussard, &c.

LVIII. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall allot and award unto the Churchwardens and Overseers for the Time being of the said Township, out of any Part of the Lands to be inclosed within the said Township, One or more Piece or Pieces of Land, not exceeding Ten Acres in the whole nor less than Five Acres, in the most appropriate Situation, as a Place of Exercise and Recreation for the Inhabitants of the said Township and Neighbourhood; and such Allotment shall be held by the Churchwardens and Overseers for the Time being of the said Township for the Purposes aforesaid; and also that the said Commissioners shall allot and award unto the Chapelwardens and Overseers of the Hamlet of *Heath* and *Reach* aforesaid, out of any Part of the Lands to be inclosed within the same Hamlet, One or more Piece or Pieces of Land, not exceeding Six Acres in the whole nor less than Three Acres, in the most appropriate Situation, as a Place of Exercise and Recreation for the Inhabitants of the said Hamlet of *Heath* and *Reach* and Neighbourhood; and such Allotment shall be held by the Chapelwardens and Overseers for the Time being of the same Hamlet for the Purposes aforesaid; and also that the said Commissioners shall allot and award unto the Chapelwardens and Overseers of the Hamlet of *Billington* aforesaid, out of any Part of the Lands to be inclosed within the said Hamlet, except the said Cow Common called *Somerleys* or *Summerleys*, One or more Piece or Pieces of Land not exceeding Four Acres in the whole nor less than Two Acres, in the most appropriate Situation, as a Place of Exercise and Recreation for the Inhabitants of the said Hamlet of *Billington* and Neighbourhood; and such Allotment shall be held by the Chapelwardens and Overseers for the Time being of the same Hamlet for the Purposes aforesaid; and that such respective Allotments shall be in the first instance fenced at the general Expence, and the Fences of such Allotments respectively shall for ever afterwards be repaired and maintained by the said Churchwardens and Overseers, and Chapelwardens and Overseers, respectively, in such Proportions and Manner respectively as shall be devised by the Award of the Commissioners, out of the Rents to be received for the Herbage of the said Allotments respectively, or out of the respective Poor Rates of the said Township of *Leighton Bussard* and Hamlets of *Heath* and *Reach* and *Billington*, or otherwise;

Allotments to be fenced at general Expence.

wise; and the Grass and Herbage growing upon such Allotments respectively may be from Time to Time let by such Churchwardens and Overseers and Chapelwardens and Overseers respectively, and the Rent which shall be received by them respectively for the same shall be by them respectively, from Time to Time, applied in the first place in maintaining and repairing the Fences of the said Allotments respectively, and subject thereto in aid of the Rates for the Repair of the respective public Highways in the said Township and Hamlets respectively.

Allotments to be set out for the Lord of the Manor, for Right of Soil;

LIX. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall, after making the Allotments herein-before directed, allot and award unto the Lord or Lords for the Time being of the said Manor of *Leighton Bussard* otherwise *Grovebury*, or to such Person as shall in the Judgment of the Commissioners, be entitled to the Soil of the Commons and Waste Lands in the said Township and Hamlets, or either of them, or any Part thereof, so much and such Part of the Lands to be inclosed as shall in the Judgment of the Commissioners be equal in Value to One Sixteenth Part of the Residue of such Commons and Waste Lands, Quality and Value considered, in lieu of his or their Right and Interest in the Soil of the said Commons and Waste Lands, exclusive of any other Allotments which may be made to such Lord or other Person in lieu of or in satisfaction for any other Rights or Interests in such Commons and Waste Grounds.

to the Prebendary of Leighton Bussard, in lieu of Rectorial Glebe and Common Rights.

LX. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall allot and award unto the Prebendary of *Leighton Bussard* aforesaid, or unto such Person as may be entitled to the same, such Parcels of the Lands to be inclosed as in their Judgment shall be a full Equivalent and Compensation for the Rectorial Glebe Lands and Rights of Common respectively belonging to the said Prebendary in and over the said Lands.

Allotment of Residue.

LXI. And be it enacted, That after the several Allotments herein-before directed shall have been set out and made (and after making Provision for the whole or any Part of the Expences of the Inclosure by Sale of Lands as herein-after mentioned) the Commissioners shall divide, allot, and award all the Remainder of the Lands to be inclosed unto and amongst the several Owners and Proprietors thereof and Persons who shall be entitled to any Estate, Right, or Interest therein, in such Shares and Proportions as the Commissioners shall adjudge and determine to be proportionate to the Value of their respective Rights and Interests therein.

Applications for Situations of Allotments.

LXII. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall appoint a Meeting for receiving Applications from the several Proprietors of the Lands to be inclosed touching the Situations in which they would respectively choose to have their Allotments set out, and shall give Ten Days Notice of the Time and Place of such Meeting by Advertisement or on the Doors of the Church and Chapels.

For determining Objections to Allotments.

LXIII. And be it enacted, That as soon as the Commissioners shall have ascertained the respective Rights and Interests of the several Parties interested in the Lands to be inclosed, and also the Allotments by them proposed to be made to such Parties respectively in lieu of such Interests, they shall hold a Meeting, of which Ten Days Notice shall be given by Advertisement or on the Doors of the Church and Chapels, where such Parties may be informed of the Situation of such intended Allotments, and see the same delineated upon a Map or Plan to be produced for their Inspection; and if any of such Parties upon such Inspection shall be dissatisfied with the proposed Allotments, the Commissioners shall at such Meeting, or at some other Meeting to be appointed by them for that Purpose, receive Statements in Writing of Complaints and Objections thereto, and shall forthwith, or as soon after as conveniently may be, determine the same, and such Determination shall be final.

Commissioners to set out Boundary between Leighton Bussard and Heath and Reach.

LXIV. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall and they are hereby authorized and required, by Examination of Witnesses on Oath or Affirmation (which Oath or Affirmation any One of the Commissioners is hereby authorized and empowered to administer), or by such other legal Ways and Means as they shall think proper, to inquire into, ascertain, and determine the Boundary between the said Township of *Leighton Bussard* and Hamlet of *Heath* and *Reach*; and that so much of the Powers and Provisions in the said first-recited Act contained as relates to the ascertaining, setting out, determining, and fixing the Boundaries of Parishes, Manors, Hamlets, or Districts to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, and Parishes, Manors, Hamlets, or Districts adjoining thereto, shall extend and be applicable to the straightening, ascertaining, determining, and fixing the Boundary between the said Township of *Leighton Bussard* and Hamlet of *Heath* and *Reach*.

Allotments in lieu of Land within the Township of Leighton Bussard to be deemed within the Township.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That all such Parts of the Lands to be inclosed as shall by the Commissioners be set out and allotted unto any of the Proprietors or Persons interested in the same Land within the said Township, for and in lieu of his, her, and their Lands or other Estates within the said Township, and also so much and such Parts of the Lands herein-after authorized to be sold by the Commissioners for the Purpose of defraying the whole or any Part of the Expences of the said Inclosure as shall be sold by them for the Purpose of defraying such Portion of the same Expences as belong to and are chargeable upon the Proprietors of and Persons interested in such Parts of the said Lands to be inclosed as lie within the said Township, shall, from and after the Execution of the Award of the Commissioners, be for ever thereafter deemed and taken to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever to be lying and being within the said Township.

Allotments in lieu of Land within the Hamlet of Heath and

LXVI. And be it enacted, That all such Parts of the Lands to be enclosed as shall by the Commissioners be set out and allotted unto any of the Proprietors of or Persons interested in the same Land within the said Hamlet of *Heath* and *Reach*, for and in lieu of his, her,

her, and their Rights of Common or other Estates within the same Hamlet, and also so much and such Parts of the Lands herein-after authorized to be sold by the Commissioners for the Purposes of defraying the whole or any Part of the Expences of the said Inclosure as shall be sold by them for the Purposes of defraying such Portion of the same Expences as belong to and are chargeable upon the Persons interested in such Parts of the said Lands to be inclosed as lie within the said Hamlet of *Heath* and *Reach*, shall, from and after the Execution of the Award of the said Commissioners, be for ever thereafter deemed and taken to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever to be lying and being within the said Hamlet of *Heath* and *Reach*.

Reach to be deemed within that Hamlet.

LXVII. And be it enacted, That all such Parts of the Lands to be inclosed as shall by the Commissioners be set out and allotted unto any of the Proprietors of or Persons interested in the same Land within the same Hamlet of *Billington*, for and in lieu of his, her, and their Rights of Common or other Estates within the same Hamlet, and also so much and such Parts of the Lands herein-after authorized to be sold by the Commissioners for the Purposes of defraying the whole or any Part of the Expences of the said Inclosure as shall be sold by them for the Purposes of defraying such Portion of the same Expences as belong to and are chargeable upon the Persons interested in such Parts of the said Lands to be inclosed as lie within the said Hamlet of *Billington*, shall, from and after the Execution of the Award of the said Commissioners, be for ever thereafter deemed and taken to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever to be lying and being within the said Hamlet of *Billington*.

Allotments in lieu of Land within the Hamlet of Billington to be deemed within that Hamlet.

LXVIII. And be it enacted, That the several Allotments to be made in pursuance of this Act (except the Allotments to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the said Township, and Chapelwardens and Overseers of the said Hamlets respectively,) shall be inclosed, ditched, and fenced at the Expence of the respective Persons to whom the same shall be allotted, in such Manner and within such Times as the Commissioners shall by their Award, or any Writing under their Hands, direct; and the Fences so to be made shall for ever afterwards be repaired and maintained by such Persons as the Commissioners shall by their Award direct.

Allotments to be fenced.

LXIX. And be it enacted, That if, from Situation or from any other Circumstance, it shall happen that any of the Proprietors of the Lands to be inclosed, or any Person to whom any Allotments shall be made, shall not have a fair Proportion of the Boundary Hedges, Ditches, Mounds, or Fences assigned to him to make by virtue of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners to ascertain and appoint what Sum of Money shall be contributed by such Proprietor or Person towards making the Boundary Hedges, Ditches, Mounds, and Fences of the Allotments of such other of the said Proprietors and Persons as shall have too great a Proportion thereof to make; and such Money shall be paid to such Persons and in such Manner as the Commissioners shall by any Writing under their Hands direct; and the same may be recovered by any of the Means which by the said

Equalizing the Share of fencing.

said first-recited Act are provided for raising and recovering the Expences of obtaining and executing Acts of Inclosure in Cases where such Expences are directed to be paid in proportion by the Proprietors of Lands to whom any Allotments shall be made; and every such Order of the Commissioners shall be final.

Cattle not to be depastured in the Highways for Seven Years.

LXX. And be it enacted, That no Person shall graze or keep any Beast or Cattle upon any of the Roads or Ways which the Commissioners shall order to be set out, and which shall be fenced on both Sides, for the Space of Seven Years next after the Execution of the Award of the Commissioners; and every Owner of Lands within the said Township and Hamlets respectively, his Servants and Labourers, and also every Peace Officer and Parish Officer of the said Township and Hamlets for the Time being, is hereby empowered to take and impound any such Beast or Cattle which shall be found so grazing as aforesaid as Cattle Damage feasant: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Proprietors of the Lands which shall next adjoin the said Roads and Ways from depasturing their Cattle thereon so far as the Frontage of their respective Lands extend.

The Allotments to be of the same Tenure as the Lands in lieu of which they were made.

LXXI. And be it enacted, That (subject to the Power of Enfranchisement herein-after contained) all such Lands as shall be given in Exchange or on Partition or be allotted by virtue of this Act shall be held by the Person to whom they are given in Exchange or on Partition or allotted under the same Tenures, Rents, Customs, and Services as the Lands in respect of which such Lands are given in Exchange or on Partition or allotted would have been held in case this Act had not been passed; and the Lands given in Exchange or on Partition or allotted in respect of Freeholds shall be deemed Freehold; and the Lands given in Exchange or on Partition or allotted in respect of Copyhold or Customary Lands shall be deemed Copyhold or Customary Lands, and shall be held of the Lords of the same Manors under the same Rents, and by the same Customs and Services, as Copyhold or Customary Lands in respect of which they may be given in Exchange or on Partition or allotted were or ought to have been held, and shall pass by the like Surrenders as Copyhold or Customary Lands in respect whereof such Exchanges, Partitions, or Allotments shall be made now do; and the Lands given in Exchange or on Partition or allotted in respect of Leasehold Lands shall in like Manner be deemed Leasehold, and shall be held under the same Rents and Covenants as the Lands in respect of which they may be allotted were held, and the Remainder or Reversion thereof shall be vested in the same Lessors respectively as the Remainder or Reversion of such other Lands was vested before the passing of this Act, except where otherwise particularly directed by this Act, any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Power for Commissioners to make Alterations in Allotments.

LXXII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, at any Time before the Execution of their Award, to make any Alterations which they may think right and expedient in the Allotments or in the Fences which they may have set out and ordered, or

in the private Roads over such Allotments, or in any of the Orders or Directions relating thereto which they may have made in pursuance of this Act; and in case any Person shall be injured by any such Alteration, on account of any Expences he may have incurred or otherwise, the Commissioners shall ascertain and determine what Recompence shall be made to him for such Injury, and shall either pay the Amount thereof out of the Inclosure Expences Fund, or shall direct by whom and in what Manner such Recompence shall be made; and in case of Nonpayment thereof the same shall be recovered in manner by the said first-recited Act directed with respect to the Recovery of Penalties or Forfeitures.

Separate Allotments for Land held by different Titles.

LXXIII. And be it enacted, That when any Person to whom any Allotment shall be made or Lands assigned in Exchange, by virtue of this Act, shall hold such Lands, or the Lands in respect of which such Allotment or Exchange is made, under different Titles and for different Estates, and as to Copyholds by separate Quit Rents, the Commissioners shall ascertain and distinguish the Lands held for each of such Estates and under each of such Titles respectively, and shall accordingly in their Award set out distinct and several Allotments for such respective Lands, and also in the said Award, and the Map annexed thereto, set out and distinguish the several Estates holden by several and distinct Quit Rents.

Where Allotments are omitted to be distinguished by the Award the Defect may be remedied by a separate Instrument.

LXXIV. And be it enacted, That where the Commissioners shall have omitted to distinguish in their Award the several Tenures under which any of the said Lands shall be holden, or the different Estates or Titles for or under which the same shall be held, or to set out and award several and distinct Allotments, as by this Act directed, it shall be lawful for them, at any Time within Twelve Months after the Execution of their Award, and they are hereby required, upon Request in Writing to them made by any Proprietor of any such Allotment or Lands, or other Person interested therein, or his Agent, to do all such Acts as may be necessary for supplying such Omission, and for that Purpose to examine Witnesses, and proceed as if their Award had not been made; and by any Deed or Instrument under their Hands and Seals to distinguish and set out the Allotments and Lands held by different Tenures, and also the Allotments and Lands held by, for, or under different Estates or Titles respectively, in the same Manner as they are by this Act authorized and required to do in Cases where such Allotments and Lands are directed to be ascertained, distinguished, and set out by their Award; and every such separate Instrument shall have the same Force and Effect as if it were contained in the said Award; and such Instrument shall be enrolled and deposited with the Award of the Commissioners, and shall thenceforth be deemed to be Part thereof to all Intents and Purposes; and all the Expences which shall be reasonably incurred in or about any such subsequent Inquiry or separate Instrument as aforesaid, and the Enrolment thereof, shall be paid by the Party who shall have requested the Commissioners to make and execute the same, or by his Heirs, Executors, or Administrators.

Partitions may be made in certain Cases.

LXXV. And whereas it may happen that some of the Proprietors of Lands in the said Township and Hamlets, or One of them, and Persons

Persons entitled to Allotments to be made by virtue of this Act, may be seised or possessed thereof, or entitled thereto, in undivided Moieties, Joint Tenancy, or as Co-parceners or Tenants in Common, who may be desirous of making Partition and Division thereof, and that some of such Proprietors cannot effectually do so by reason of Infancy, Settlement, Absence beyond the Seas, or other Disability or Incapacity; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, upon the Request in Writing of any such Proprietors being seised or possessed or entitled in undivided Moieties, or as Co-parceners, Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, or of the Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Committees, or Attornies, duly authorized by such of them as may be under Coverture, Minors, Lunatics, or beyond the Seas, or under any other legal Disability or Incapacity, to make Partition and Division of the said Lands or Allotments coming to such of the said Proprietors as shall be so seised or possessed or entitled, and to allot the same to such Owners and Proprietors in Severalty; and immediately after the said Allotments shall be so made and declared the same shall be holden and enjoyed by the Persons to whom the same shall be allotted in Severalty, in the same Manner, and subject to the same Uses and Trusts, as the same undivided Parts or Shares of such Estates would have been in case such Partition and Division had not been made; and every such Partition shall be specified in the Award of the Commissioners, or some other Instrument under their Hands and Seals; and every such Partition shall be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Expences of Partitions.

LXXVI. And be it enacted, That all Costs and Expences attending any Partition to be made by virtue of this Act shall be borne and defrayed by the several Proprietors of or Persons interested in the Estates which shall be so parted in such Manner and Proportions as the Commissioners shall order, and in case of Nonpayment thereof shall be recovered in the Manner by the said-first recited Act directed with respect to the Recovery of Penalties and Forfeitures.

Power of Exchange.

LXXVII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners to allot and award any Lands within the said Parish in Exchange for any other Lands within the said Parish, or any adjoining Parish, Township, or Place, provided that all such Exchanges be specified and declared in the Award of the Commissioners, and be made with the Consent in Writing of the Owners of the Lands so exchanged, whether such Owners shall be a Corporation or a Tenant in Fee Simple or for Life, or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or by the Courtesy of *England*, or for Years determinable on any Lives (with the Consent of the Lessor thereof, but not otherwise), or with the Consent of the Guardians, Trustees, Feoffees for charitable or other Uses, Husbands, Committees, or Attornies of or acting for any such Owners as aforesaid, who at the Time of making such Exchange shall be an Infant, Feme Covert, Lunatic, or under any other legal Disability, or who shall be beyond the Seas, or otherwise disabled to act for himself, such Consent to be testified in Writing under the Common Seal of the Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and under the Hands of the other consenting Parties respectively, and every such Exchange so to be made shall be good, valid, and effectual in

in the Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever: Provided nevertheless, that no Exchange shall be made of any Lands held in right of any Church or Chapel or other Ecclesiastical Benefice without the Consent, testified as aforesaid, of the Patron thereof, and of the Bishop of the Diocese in which such Lands shall be situate: Provided also, that all Costs and Expences attending the making and completing of any Exchanges shall be borne by the several Parties making such Exchanges in such Manner and in such Proportions as the Commissioners shall by their Award direct, and in case of Nonpayment thereof shall be recovered in the Manner by the said first-recited Act directed with respect to the Recovery of Penalties and Forfeitures.

Power to enfranchise Copyholds.

LXXVIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Owners of any Lands hereby authorized to be inclosed, of Copyhold or Customary Tenure, within and Parcel of the said Manor of *Leighton Bussard* otherwise *Grovebury*, whether such Owners shall be Corporations or Tenants in Fee Simple or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for Life, and for the Guardians, Husbands, Committees, or Attornies of or acting for any such Owners as aforesaid who shall happen to be respectively Infants, Femes Covert, Lunatics, or under any other legal Disability, or who shall be beyond the Seas, or otherwise disabled to act for themselves, and for Trustees or Feoffees for charitable or other Uses, on giving Notice in Writing of such their Intention to the Lord or Lords for the Time being of the said Manor, to contract and agree with such Lord or Lords for the absolute and perpetual Enfranchisement of all or any such Copyhold or Customary Lands, and all Allotments in respect thereof, and for the Extinguishment of the Heriots, Quit Rents, and all other Rights of the Lords in or over the same, for a Compensation either in Money or Land, as in any such Contract shall be provided.

Provision where the Enfranchisement shall be made for Compensation in Land.

LXXIX. And be it enacted, That in all Cases when such Enfranchisement and Extinguishment shall be contracted to be made for a Compensation in Land, the Commissioners shall, upon the Application of any of the Parties interested, to be made at any Meeting to be holden under the Powers of this Act, before the setting out of the Allotments, set out and allot unto the Lord or Lords of the said Manor of *Leighton Bussard* otherwise *Grovebury* such Parts of the Lands to be inclosed belonging to the Persons contracting for such Enfranchisement and Extinguishment as aforesaid as shall in the Judgment of the Commissioners be a full Compensation and Satisfaction for such Enfranchisement and Extinguishment, according to the Terms which shall be agreed upon between the Parties.

Provision where the Enfranchisement shall be made for a Compensation in Money.

LXXX. And be it enacted, That in all Cases where such Enfranchisement and Extinguishment shall be contracted to be made for a Compensation in Money, and which Contract may be made at any Time before the Execution of the Award of the Commissioners, the Commissioners shall, upon the like Application of any of the Parties interested as aforesaid, ascertain and determine the Amount of such Compensation according to the Terms which shall be agreed upon between the Parties, and all such Money Payments shall be made to the Commissioners, whose Receipt shall be an effectual Discharge for

for the same; and the Commissioners shall pay such Monies in the Manner herein-after directed with respect to Monies to be paid for the Purchase or Exchange of Lands, or of any Timber or Wood growing thereon, unless the Lord of the said Manor shall be absolutely and beneficially entitled to such Manor, in which Case (subject to a Deduction for his Proportion of the Inclosure Expences) the Commissioners shall pay the Consideration Monies for such Enfranchisement to such Lord, for his own absolute Use.

Enfranchisements to be specified in the Award, and entered on the Court Rolls.

LXXXI. And be it enacted, That all such Enfranchisements and Extinguishments, when completed, shall be specified in the Award of the Commissioners, and an Entry of every such Enfranchisement and Extinguishment shall be made on the Court Rolls of the said Manor, and a Copy of such Entry, certified by the Steward or Deputy Steward of the said Manor, shall be admitted in all Cases as sufficient Evidence of such Enfranchisement and Extinguishment, and the Contract for the same, and of the Payment of the Consideration Money, when the same shall have been paid in Money.

Lands enfranchised to be held in Free and Common Soccage.

LXXXII. And be it enacted, That so soon as such Allotments and Payments shall be respectively made as the Consideration for such Enfranchisement and Extinguishment as aforesaid, the Lands which shall be so agreed to be enfranchised shall be held in Free and Common Soccage, freed from all Customary Fines, Heriots, Rents, Fealty, Suit of Court, Amerciaments, Forfeitures, and other Customary Payments, Duties, Services, and Penalties whatsoever which according to the Custom of the Manor whereof such Lands were Parcel they had or would have been subject to if such Lands had not been enfranchised; and such Lands shall (subject to any Charge or Mortgage which may be made under the Authority of the said recited Acts or of this Act) go, remain, and be to the same Uses, on the same Trusts, and subject to the same Powers and Limitations (as near as the Difference of the Tenure will admit), as would have been subsisting if such Lands had not been enfranchised.

Incapacitated Persons may borrow Money for such Enfranchisement.

LXXXIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the respective Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Feoffees, or Trustees for charitable or other Uses, Committees and Attornies of the Owners for the Time being of any such Copyhold Lands so to be enfranchised as aforesaid, who shall be under Coverture, Minors, Lunatics, beyond the Seas, or under any legal Disability, and for any such Owner, being entitled for a particular or limited Estate only, to mortgage and charge the Lands to which such Enfranchisement shall relate with the Monies to be paid as the Consideration for such Enfranchisement, and with Interest thereon, in the same Manner as is by this Act provided for enabling Parties to borrow Money for defraying the Inclosure Expences.

Power to apply Compensation Money coming to Parties under Disability towards In-

LXXXIV. And be it enacted, That when any Money is, under the Provisions of the said first-recited Act or of this Act, directed to be paid for the Purchase or Exchange of any Lands, or of any Timber or Wood growing thereon, which shall belong to any Corporation, Tenant for Life or in Tail, or to any Feoffee in Trust, Executor or Administrator, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee,

for or on behalf of any Infant, Idiot, Lunatic, Feme Covert, or other Cestuique Trust, or to any Person whose Lands are limited in strict or other Settlement, or to any Person under any other Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, and which Money ought to be laid out in the Purchase of other Lands, to be settled to the same Uses, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners out of such Money to defray the Proportion (if any) of the Inclosure Expences which shall be charged upon any of the Lands of the respective Parties in Possession of the Lands, or of the Timber or Wood growing thereon, which shall be so purchased or exchanged, or on which such Timber or Wood actually grew; and also to defray the Expence of any permanent Improvement, such as building, subdividing, dividing, draining, or planting, and the like, which shall in the Judgment of the Commissioners be proper to be made, and shall be made, under their Direction, upon any Lands to be by virtue of this Act allotted to such Parties.

Inclosure Expences and substantial Improvements.

LXXXV. And be it enacted, That if the Surplus of any such Monies shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, the same shall, with all convenient Speed, be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the Commissioners for executing this Act, pursuant to the Method prescribed by an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the First, intituled *An Act for the better securing the Monies and Effects of the Suitors of the Court of Chancery, and to prevent the counterfeiting of* East India *Bonds and Endorsements thereon, as likewise the Endorsements on* South Sea *Bonds*, and pursuant to the general Rules and Orders of the said Court, and without Fee or Reward, according to an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act to empower the High Court of Chancery to lay out upon proper Securities any Monies, not exceeding a Sum therein limited, out of the common and general Cash in the Bank of* England *belonging to the Suitors of the said Court, for the Case of the said Suitors, by applying the Interests arising therefrom for answering the Charges of the Office of the Accountant General of the said Court;* and shall, when so paid in, there remain until the same shall, by Order of the said Court, made upon a Petition to be preferred to the said Court in a summary Way by the Parties who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, be applied to either of the following Purposes; (that is to say,)

Investment of the Surplus when amounting to 200*l.*

12G. 1. c. 32.

12G. 2. c. 24.

The Redemption or Discharge of the Land Tax, or of any Debt or other Incumbrance affecting the same Lands, or affecting other Lands standing settled therewith to the same or the like Uses or Trusts:

The Purchase of other Lands to be conveyed or settled upon the like Uses or Trusts, or such of them as shall be then existing undetermined or capable of taking effect.

LXXXVI. And be it enacted, That in the meantime and until such Application shall be made the said Money may, by Order of the said Court, to be made upon the like Petition, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum*

Payment of Dividends meanwhile.

Centum Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, or of other Government or Real Securities; and the Dividends or Interest of such Annuities or Securities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Parties who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands so to be purchased, conveyed, and settled.

When less than 200*l.* and amounting to 20*l.*

LXXXVII. And be it enacted, That in case the Surplus of such Monies shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed or amount to the Sum of Twenty Pounds, the same shall, at the Option of the Parties for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands so purchased or exchanged, or their Guardians or Committees, in case of Infancy, Idiotcy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, with the Approbation of the Commissioners, to be signified in Writing under their Hands, be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same may be paid, at the like Option and with the like Approbation, to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Parties who for the Time being would be entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, such Nomination to be approved of by the Commissioners, and such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands (or Common Seal, as the Case may be,) of the nominating and approving Parties; and the Money so paid to such Trustees, and the Dividends and Produce arising therefrom, shall be by them applied in like Manner as is herein-before directed with respect to Money so to be paid into the Bank of *England*, but without obtaining or being required to obtain any Order of the said Court touching the Application thereof.

When under 20*l.*

LXXXVIII. And be it enacted, That in case the Surplus of such Monies shall be less than Twenty Pounds the same shall be paid to the Parties who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands so purchased or exchanged, for their own Use and Benefit; or in case of Infancy, Idiotcy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, then such Money shall be paid to their Guardians, Committees, or Trustees, for the Use and Benefit of the Parties respectively entitled thereto.

Expences of Inclosure to be borne rateably.

LXXXIX. And be it enacted, That the Expences of the Inclosure, that is to say, the Costs and Expences incident to and attending the passing of this Act, and the several Sums of Money and Allowances hereby directed or authorized to be paid and allowed to the said Commissioners, Clerk, and Surveyor for Expences, Time, and Trouble, and the Costs and Expences of preparing and enrolling the Award of the Commissioners, and all Costs and Expences that the Commissioners shall be put unto in respect of any Appeal against their Decision, or of any Suit at Law or in Equity that may be instituted by or against them as Commissioners in the Execution of this Act, either before or after the Execution of the said Award, and all other Costs and Expences whatsoever of carrying this Act into execution, except such Part of the said Costs and Expences as shall be defrayed by the Purchase Monies arising from the Sale of Land as herein-

herein-after mentioned, shall be borne and defrayed by the several Persons interested in the Lands to be inclosed, (except the said Churchwardens and Overseers, and Chapelwardens and Overseers, respectively, in respect of the Allotments herein-before authorized or directed to be made to them respectively,) in such Shares and Proportions, and shall be paid at such Time and Place, and to such Persons, as the Commissioners shall, by Notice on the Doors of the Church and Chapels, or delivered to the respective Persons liable to the Payment of such Costs and Expences, at least Fourteen Days before the Time appointed for such Payment, order; and the Commissioners shall from Time to Time make Estimates of all such Costs and Expences, and raise the Amount of such Estimates at such Times as they shall deem necessary or proper, either before or after the Execution of their Award: Provided nevertheless, that in making such Estimates the Expences of forming, making, completing, and fencing any of the public Carriage Roads and Highways to be set out and appointed in and over the Lands and Grounds in the said Township of *Leighton Bussard* shall be charged and chargeable exclusively on the Proprietors of Lands and Grounds within the said Township.

Expences of fencing Carriage Roads and Highways to be chargeable on Proprietors of Land.

XC. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall refuse or neglect to pay his Proportion of such Expences within the Time and to such Person as the Commissioners shall appoint, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners to recover the same, together with lawful Interest, to be computed from the Day on which the same ought to have been paid, by Action at Law in their own Names in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or it shall be lawful for them, by Warrant directed to any Person whomsoever, to cause the same, with such Interest thereon as aforesaid, to be levied by Distress; or it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, or any Person authorized by them, immediately after such Neglect or Refusal, to enter into and upon the Premises so to be allotted to such Person, and demise the same, and receive the Rents and Profits thereof, until thereby or otherwise such Share or Proportion, with lawful Interest as aforesaid, and also all the Costs and Expences attending such Entry upon and Receipts of the Rents and Profits of the said Premises, shall be fully paid and satisfied.

Remedies in case of Non-payment.

XCI. And be it enacted, That if, before the said Monies herein-before authorized to be raised by the Commissioners can be raised and received by them, they shall find it necessary or expedient to obtain by Loan any Money for or towards the defraying the said Expences, it shall be lawful for them to borrow and take up at Interest such Sums of Money as they shall from Time to Time think necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, which Money so to be borrowed shall be repaid by the Commissioners, with Interest for the same, out of the Monies to be raised and received by them by any of the Means aforesaid.

Power for Commissioners to borrow Money.

XCII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if at any Time after the Allotments shall have been staked out it shall appear to the Commissioners, either before or after the Execution of their Award, that

Power to make additional Rate in case of Deficiency.

that the Money to arise by any previous Rates, or the Sale of Land as herein-after authorized, shall not be sufficient to defray the Expences aforesaid, the Deficiency shall be made up and raised from Time to Time by a Rate to be made and levied upon the several Persons interested in the Lands to be inclosed (except as aforesaid), in such Shares and Proportions, within such Time, and to be paid to such Persons, as the Commissioners shall from Time to Time direct; and in case any Person herein-before made subject to the Payment of any Money towards such Expences shall neglect or refuse to pay his Share or Proportion of any such Rate within the Time appointed for that Purpose, or at any Time after such Demand, the same shall be levied and recovered in the Manner directed by this Act with respect to the previous Rate.

Monies may be recovered after Execution of Award.

XCIII. Provided always, and be it enacted and declared, That if at the Time of the Execution of the said Award there shall remain due from any Person any Sum of Money which shall have been ordered to be paid by virtue of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners and they are hereby required to levy and raise the same in like Manner as they might have done before the Execution of their Award.

Persons having limited Interests may raise Money by Mortgage for Expences.

XCIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the respective Proprietors of Allotments to be made by virtue of this Act, being Tenants for Life or in Tail, or for any other Estate of Freehold or Inheritance, and also for the Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Committees, or Attornies of any of the Proprietors, being under Coverture, Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, or beyond the Seas, or otherwise incapacitated, and for the Trustees or Feoffees for charitable, parochial, or other Uses, or a competent Number of them, in respect of any Lands held by them in Trust for any charitable, parochial, or other Uses, (with the Consent of the Commissioners, testified in Writing under their Hands and Seals,) from Time to Time to charge their Allotments with any Money, not exceeding Five Pounds *per* Acre, towards their respective Proportions of the Inclosure Expences, and for securing the Repayment of such Money, with Interest, to mortgage or demise the said Allotments unto or in Trust for any Person who shall advance such Money for any Term of Years, but so that every such Mortgage or Demise be made with a Condition to cease and be void, or with an express Trust to be surrendered or re-assigned, when the Money thereby to be secured, with all Interest thereon, shall have been fully paid and satisfied; and so that in every such Mortgage or Demise which shall be made by or on behalf of any Person entitled to any such Allotment for the Term of his natural Life there be contained a Covenant to pay and keep down the Interest of the Money to be secured during his Life, in such Manner that no Person afterwards becoming possessed of such Lands shall be subject or liable to pay any larger Arrear of Interest than for Six Months previous to the Time when the Title of such Person shall accrue or commence; and every such Mortgage or Demise shall be valid in the Law for the Purposes thereby intended; and every such Mortgagee and his Assigns shall have the like Remedies in case of Nonpayment of the Monies thereby secured as in the Case of other Mortgages of the like Nature.

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Direction for charging Copyhold Land with Expences.

XCV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That every Mortgage which shall by virtue of the said first-recited Act or of this Act be made of any Copyhold Land shall, instead of being demised to such Mortgagee, and his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for a Term of Years as mentioned and prescribed in and by the said first-recited Act, be by Surrender, according to the Custom of the Manor, and be presented and entered on the Court Rolls of the Manor under which such Copyhold Lands shall be held, whereupon the same Fees and other Payments shall be due and paid as in other Cases of Surrender by way of Mortgage, and shall operate as a Surrender to the Use of the Mortgagee, and his Heirs or Assigns, respectively, according to the Custom of such Manor, subject, nevertheless, to Redemption on Repayment of the Principal Monies thereby respectively intended to be secured, with Interest thereon, as is herein provided in the Case of other Mortgages.

Empowering Commissioners, upon Application, to sell Part of Allotments to defray Expences.

XCVI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, on Application made to them in Writing by any of the Proprietors of Allotments to be made by virtue of this Act, or by any of the Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Committees or Attornies of or for any of such Proprietors, being under Coverture, Minors, Idiots, Lunatics, or beyond the Seas, or under any other Disability or Incapacity, or by the Persons acting as such Guardians, Trustees, Committees, or Attornies respectively, or by any of the said Proprietors, being Tenants in Tail, or for Life or Lives, or on any other Contingency, or by any Trustees or Feoffees for charitable, parochial, or other Uses, to sell any Part of any such Allotment for raising a Sum of Money sufficient to defray the proportionable Part of the Expences which shall in such Rates be charged upon such Parties, and of the Expences of making and completing such Sale: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for any Proprietor of an Allotment to raise by any such Sale, or by Mortgage and Sale, any greater Sum of Money for the Purposes aforesaid than such Proprietor might have borrowed or charged upon his Allotment for such Purposes by virtue of the said first-recited Act, reckoning Five Pounds for each Acre thereof: Provided further, that in all Cases in which the Money so raised by any such Sale shall not be equal to the Money which might be borrowed or charged on such Allotment as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Proprietor, Part of whose Allotment shall be sold as aforesaid, to charge his Allotment with any Sum not exceeding the Difference.

Sales to be made according to the General Inclosure Act.

XCVII. And be it enacted, That such Sales shall be made by the Commissioners in the same Manner and subject to the same Regulations as are prescribed by the said first-recited Act in respect of the Sale of Land towards defraying the Expences of obtaining and carrying into execution any Act for dividing, allotting, and inclosing any Lands or Grounds; and every such Allotment for which the full Purchase Money shall be paid shall be vested in the Commissioners, and be conveyed by Release, executed by them at the Expence of the Purchaser, unto and to the Use of or in Trust for such Purchaser and his Heirs, or as he shall appoint, and shall be inclosed and held by such Purchaser in Severalty: Provided always

always, that nothing herein contained shall enable the Commissioners to convey any Allotments set out by them as Copyhold of the said Manor of *Leighton Bussard* otherwise *Grovebury* by Release as Freehold, but such Copyhold Allotments shall be conveyed by the Commissioners by Indenture of Bargain and Sale, and shall be held by the Purchaser thereof by, under, and subject to the same Rents, Suits, and Services as such Allotment would have been held in case no such Sale had been made.

Application of Purchase Monies.

XCVIII. And be it enacted, That the Receipt of the Commissioners shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Purchaser for the said Purchase Money; and such Purchase Money shall be applied by the Commissioners in or towards defraying the Costs and Expences for raising which such Sale shall have been made, and the Surplus, if any, shall be paid to the Parties from whose Allotments such Sale shall have been so made respectively; and the Shares of such of them as shall be Tenants in Fee Simple shall be paid to them respectively, and the Shares of the other Proprietors of such surplus Money shall be applied and disposed of in manner by this Act directed with respect to Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* for the Purchase or Exchange of any Lands, or of any Timber or Wood growing thereon.

Where Allotments under 20*l.* in Value.

XCIX. And whereas the Expence of fencing and inclosing small Portions of Land may in some Cases bear an undue Proportion to the Value thereof; be it therefore enacted, That where the Estate, Right, Title, or Interest of any Person or Corporation in or upon the Lands by this Act directed to be divided, allotted, and inclosed shall not exceed in Value the Sum of Twenty Pounds, (such Value to be ascertained by the said Commissioners,) it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, by and with the Consent in Writing of the Lord of the Manor of *Leighton Bussard* otherwise *Grovebury* for the Time being, or of any other Proprietor of the Lands to be inclosed, and of such Person or Corporation, to order and direct that such Value in Money shall be paid to such Person or Corporation by the Lord of the said Manor, or by any such other Proprietor of Land to be inclosed as aforesaid; and upon Payment thereof to the said Commissioners the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and required to set out, allot, and award unto and for the Lord of the said Manor, or unto and for any such other Proprietor of Lands to be inclosed as aforesaid, such Part and so much of the said Lands hereby directed to be inclosed as in his Judgment shall be equal to the ascertained Value of such Estate or Interest as aforesaid, and the Receipt of the said Commissioners shall be a good and sufficient Discharge to the Person paying such Purchase Money, and such Person shall not be in any Manner liable to see to the Application or be answerable for the Misapplication thereof; and such Purchase Money or the Residue thereof, after deducting the rateable Proportion of any Costs, Charges, and Expences which may be payable in respect of any such Allotment, shall be paid by the said Commissioners to the Party in respect of whose Estate or Interest such Payment shall have been made, or in the event of such Person being under Disability, then in such Manner as is herein directed with respect to Money to be paid

into the Bank of *England* for the Purchase of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments.

Expences of the Inclosure to be defrayed by Sale of a sufficient Part of the Commons.

C. And for the Purpose of raising Money for defraying the Whole or any Part of the Expences of the Inclosure, (that is to say,) the Costs and Expences incident to and attending the passing of this Act, and the several Sums of Money and Allowances hereby directed or authorized to be paid and allowed to the Commissioners, Clerk, and Surveyor for Expences, Time, and Trouble, and the Costs and Expences of preparing and enrolling the Award of the Commissioners, and all Costs and Expences that the Commissioners shall be put unto in respect of any Appeal against their Decision, or of any Suit at Law or in Equity that may be instituted by or against them as Commissioners in the Execution of this Act, either before or after the Execution of the Award, and all other Costs and Expences whatsoever of carrying this Act into execution, or such Portion thereof as the said Commissioners shall judge expedient; be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall mark and allot in the said Township and Hamlets, or either of them, such Parts of the Lands to be inclosed, except the said Cow Common called *Somerleys* or *Summerleys*, as they shall judge sufficient in Value to defray the Expences aforesaid, or any Part or Parts thereof, and shall, from Time to Time as they shall find it expedient, sell and dispose of the same, either by public Auction or private Contract; and the Purchase Monies to arise by such Sales shall be paid into the Hands of the Commissioners, and shall be by them applied in or towards discharging the said Expences.

Commissioners to sign Receipts for Purchase Monies, and make Conveyances to Purchasers.

CI. And be it enacted, That upon every Sale to be made by the Commissioners under the Provisions of this Act the Commissioners shall sign and deliver to each Purchaser a Receipt for his Purchase Money, which shall be a sufficient Discharge for the same; and upon Receipt of the whole Purchase Money for any of the Lands which shall be sold as aforesaid the Commissioners shall convey such Lands, and the Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof in Possession, by Deed under their Hands and Seals, upon and for such Uses, Trusts, and Purposes as such Purchaser shall direct; and after such Conveyance the Premises conveyed shall become vested as Freehold of Inheritance upon and for such Uses, Trusts, and Purposes as shall be expressed by such Deed; and any such Conveyance may be to the Effect set forth in the Schedule (B.) to this Act.

Application of Purchase Monies.

CII. And be it enacted, That all such Purchase Monies as shall be from Time to Time raised or received by the Commissioners by such respective Sales as aforesaid shall, after Payment of the Charges and Expences attending such respective Sales, be paid and applied by the Commissioners towards the Inclosure Expences Fund; and the respective Purchasers or other Persons paying the same shall not in any Manner be liable to see to the Application or be answerable for any Misapplication thereof.

An Award to be drawn up and proclaimed.

CIII. And be it enacted, That as soon as conveniently may be after the said Inclosure shall be completed the Commissioners shall draw

draw up and execute an Award, and the Execution of the said Award shall be proclaimed upon the next or some subsequent *Sunday*, by affixing a Proclamation on or near the outer Doors of the said Church and Chapels respectively previously to Divine Service, from the Time of which Proclamation only, and not before, such Award shall be considered as complete; and within Three Calendar Months after the Commissioners shall have so made and executed the said Award, they shall cause the same, together with One of the reduced Plans herein-after directed to be made annexed thereto, to be delivered to the Clerk of the Peace of the said County of *Bedford*, who is hereby required to deposit and keep the same among the Records of the said County, so that Recourse may be had thereto by any Person interested in the Premises, for the Reception whereof the Fee of Two Pounds Two Shillings and no more shall be paid; and the said Award shall, from the Delivery thereof to the said Clerk of the Peace, be deemed to be enrolled according to the Directions and within the Meaning of the said first-recited Act.

Award to be deposited in the Hands of the Clerk of the Peace, with One of the reduced Plans.

Copy of the Award and a reduced Plan to be deposited in the Parish Church.

CIV. And be it enacted, That a Copy of the said Award, fairly transcribed in a Book on plain or unstamped Paper or Parchment, with the other of the reduced Plans herein-after directed to be made, shall within the Time aforesaid be deposited in the Parish Church of *Leighton Bussard* aforesaid, and there kept in a Box to be provided for that Purpose by the Commissioners; and the said Award, and the said Copy thereof, and any other Copy of the said Award or of any Part thereof, attested by the Clerk of the Peace for the Time being of the said County, or his Deputy, (for every Sheet of which containing One hundred Words Sixpence and no more shall be paid,) shall thereafter be admitted as legal Evidence of the Matters and Things therein contained in all Courts whatsoever.

A reduced Plan to be annexed to the Award and a Schedule of the old Inclosures.

CV. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall cause Two reduced Plans of the said Township and Hamlets to be drawn upon Parchment or Vellum, on which all the Homesteads, Gardens, Orchards, and ancient Inclosures in the said Township and Hamlets respectively, and also the public and private Roads, Paths, and Drains, with the Boundary Fences of the several Allotments mentioned and described in the said Award, and such other Matters and Things as the Commissioners shall think fit, shall be fairly and distinctly delineated and expressed; and the Commissioners shall sign the said Plans, one of which shall be annexed to the said Award, and the other shall be annexed to or shall go and be kept with the Copy of the said Award to be deposited in the Parish Church of *Leighton Bussard* aforesaid; and the Commissioners shall make and annex to the said Award a Schedule describing and setting forth the Quantities of all the Homesteads, Gardens, Orchards, and ancient Inclosures in the said Township and Hamlets respectively, which said Plans, or either of them, shall be admitted as legal Evidence of the Matters and Things therein contained in all Courts whatsoever.

Award, without Prejudice to Right of Appeal, to be

CVI. And be it enacted, That (subject and without Prejudice to the Right of Appeal given by the herein-before recited Acts or of this Act) the Award of the said Commissioners to be made in pursuance

ance of this Act shall immediately after the Execution thereof be conclusive Evidence that the Provisions of the said recited Acts and of this Act have in all respects been complied with, and no other Evidence than such Award shall be requisite to establish the Title, under this Inclosure, of the Parties concerned or interested in the same: Provided always, that if any Party concerned or interested in any such Inclosure shall, after the making of the Award, under this Act, take possession of or proceed to inclose or to cultivate any Allotment or any Lands given in Exchange which shall have been thereby awarded to such Party, all Right of Appeal which might otherwise have been exercised by such Party against the said Award shall from the Time of such taking possession, or of such proceeding to inclose or to cultivate (as the Case may be), be deemed and taken to have been absolutely waived or surrendered. conclusive Evidence.

CVII. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall think himself aggrieved by any thing done in pursuance of this Act, (except as to the Allotments, and except as to such other Determinations as are by this Act directed to be final, and except such Cases wherein an Issue at Law shall be tried as herein-before is mentioned,) he may appeal to the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace which shall be held for the said County of *Bedford* within Four Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, on giving to the Commissioners and to the Party concerned Ten Days previous Notice in Writing of such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof (except with respect to the Accounts of the Commissioners, which, notwithstanding the same shall have been examined and published as aforesaid, may be appealed against at any Time within One Month after the Enrolment of the Award, on giving to the Commissioners such Notice as last aforesaid); and the Justices (not interested in the Premises) in such Sessions assembled are hereby required to hear and determine the Matter of every such Appeal, and to make such Order therein, and to award such Costs and Damages, as to them shall seem reasonable; and in case any such Appeal shall appear to the said Justices to be frivolous, vexatious, or without Foundation, they shall award such Costs to be paid by the Appellant as to them shall seem reasonable, and such Costs shall be levied in manner aforesaid; and the Costs and Damages which shall be so awarded shall be levied by Distress, and the said Justices shall issue their Warrant accordingly. Power of Appeal.

CVIII. And be it enacted, That every Order and Determination of the said Justices upon every such Appeal shall be final, and shall not be removed or removeable by Certiorari or any other Writ or Process whatsoever into any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or elsewhere. Order on Appeal to be final.

CIX. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases in which it may be necessary to serve any Summons or Demand, or any Notice, in any Suit or other Proceeding at Law or in Equity, or otherwise, upon the Commissioners, or upon their Clerk, or upon any other Person, or upon any Corporation, under the Provisions of this Act, personal Service thereof upon such Commissioner or Clerk or other Person, or upon the Clerk, Treasurer, or other Officer of such Corporation, Directing Service of Notice.

poration, or delivering the same at the last or usual known Place of Abode of such Commissioner, Clerk, or other Person, or of such Clerk, Treasurer, or Officer of such Corporation, or at the Office of such Clerk, Treasurer, or Officer, shall be deemed a good and sufficient Service of the same respectively upon such Commissioner, Clerk, Person, or Corporation (as the Case may be), excepting Cases in which any other Mode of Service is by this Act particularly directed.

Saving Manorial Rights.

CX. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice, lessen, or defeat the Right, Title, or Interest in the said Dean and Canons as Lords of the said Manor of *Leighton Bussard* otherwise *Grovebury*, or the said Reverend *Theophilus Leigh Cooke* and Sir *Edward Hyde East* as Trustees of the said Lord *Leigh* as beneficial Lessees for Years under the said Dean and Canons of, in, and to the Seignories, Royalties, Rights, and Services incident or belonging to the said Manor, but that the said Dean and Canons, and their Lessees or Lessee, shall and may from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter hold, receive, take, and enjoy all Rents, Fines, Services, and Profits of Courts, and all other Rights and Privileges to the said Manor appendant, appurtenant, belonging, or appertaining, (other than and except the Right of Soil and Common in, over, and upon the Commonable and Waste Lands intended to be hereby divided, allotted, and inclosed,) in as full, ample, and beneficial a Manner to all Intents and Purposes as they might or ought to have held and enjoyed the same in case this Act had not been passed.

General Saving.

CXI. Saving always to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and to all other Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, their Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, all such Estate, Right, Title, and Interest, Claims and Demand, (other than and except such as are expressly barred and compensated for, or intended to be barred and compensated for, and extinguished by this Act,) which they or any of them could or might have had in, to, or in respect of the Lands hereby authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed in case this Act had not been passed.

Interpretation of Act.

CXII. And be it enacted, That in the Construction of this Act the following Words and Expressions shall have the several Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction; (that is to say,)

Words importing the Singular Number shall include the Plural Number, and Words importing the Plural Number shall include the Singular Number:

Words importing the Masculine Gender only shall extend to Females as well as Males:

The Word "Month" shall mean Calendar Month:

The Word "Lands" shall include Tenements and Hereditaments:

The Expression "Lands to be inclosed" shall be understood to mean the Lands by this Act authorized to be divided, allotted, and inclosed:

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The Expression "the Inclosure Expences Fund" shall be understood to mean the Monies by this Act authorized to be raised for defraying the Expences of obtaining this Act, and carrying the same into execution:

The Expression "the Commissioners" shall mean the Commissioners appointed and for the Time being acting by virtue of this Act:

The Word "Township" shall mean and comprise only that Part of the Parish of *Leighton Bussard* usually called or known by the Name of the Township of *Leighton Bussard*:

The Word "Hamlets" shall mean and comprise only such Parts of the Parish of *Leighton Bussard* as are situate and being within the Hamlets of *Heath* and *Reach* and *Billington* respectively in the Parish of *Leighton Bussard*:

The Word "Church" shall mean the Parish Church of *Leighton Bussard* which is situate in the Township of *Leighton Bussard*:

The Expression "the said County" shall mean the County of *Bedford*:

The Word "Chapels" shall mean the Churches or Chapels of Ease situate in the Hamlets of *Heath* and *Reach* and *Billington* respectively.

Act as printed by Queen's Printer to be Evidence.

CXIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be printed by the several Printers to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty duly authorized to print the Statutes of the United Kingdom, and a Copy thereof so printed by any of them shall be admitted as Evidence thereof by all Judges, Justices, and others.

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SCHEDULES referred to in the foregoing Act.

SCHEDULE (A.)

Form of Declaration by Commissioner or Surveyor.

I *A.B.* do solemnly declare, That I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my Skill and Ability, execute and perform the several Powers and Authorities vested and reposed in me as a Commissioner, [*or* Surveyor, *as the Case may be*,] by virtue of an Act passed in the Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], according to Equity and good Conscience, and without Favour or Affection, Prejudice or Malice, to any Person whomsoever.

SCHEDULE (B.)

Form of Conveyance by Commissioners.

We, the Commissioners acting in execution of an Act of Parliament passed in the Year of the Reign of Queen Victoria, intituled [*here insert the Title of this Act*], by virtue of the Power and Authority to us given by the said Act, and in consideration of the Sum of paid into our Hands by which Sum is the whole Purchase Money agreed to be paid by him to us for the Purchase of the Lands and Hereditaments herein-after described, being Part and Parcel of the Lands by the said Act authorized to be sold and disposed of by us, and the Receipt of which said Sum we do hereby acknowledge, do by this Deed, under our Hands and Seals, by the Direction of the said testified by his Execution of these Presents, grant and convey unto his Heirs and Assigns, all that [*here describe the Premises*], together with the Appurtenances to the said Premises belonging, and the Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof in Possession, to have and to hold the same unto the said his Heirs and Assigns [*here state the Uses, Trusts, or Purposes of the Conveyance, as the Case may require*]. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals this Day of

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