CHAPTER xxiii.

An Act to exclude unauthorised Persons from certain Lands to be used for the purposes of the Royal Gunpowder Factory at Waltham Abbey, in the parish of Waltham Holy Cross, in the county of Essex, to regulate the use of a certain Footpath thereon, and for other purposes. A.D. 1889.

[24th June 1889.]

WHEREAS in pursuance of the provisions of the Defence Act, 1842, and the Ordnance Board Transfer Act, 1855, and of other powers thereto enabling him, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department (in this Act referred to as "the Secretary of State") has purchased by agreement certain lands known as the Quinton Hill Farm, situate in the parish of Waltham Holy Cross, and in the Local Government district of Waltham Holy Cross, in the county of Essex: 5 & 6 Vict. c. 94. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 117.

And whereas the said Quinton Hill Farm adjoins other lands, which have been for some years past vested in the Secretary of State, upon which the Royal Gunpowder Factory has been placed, and which are, among other purposes, used for the manufacture and storage of gunpowder, gun-cotton, and other explosive substances, and for the storage of materials of a very inflammable nature for the purposes of such manufacture, and for the carrying out of experiments in connexion with explosive substances, and for proof ranges and other like purposes:

And whereas it is intended that the said Quinton Hill Farm shall also be used for purposes of a like nature to those for which the said adjoining lands are now used as aforesaid:

And whereas in the interests of the public safety, and for the protection of the persons engaged in the said manufacture and of the public property, and for the better preservation of secrecy in relation to the processes and experiments employed or carried out

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in connexion with the said manufacture, and for other reasons, it is expedient that provision should be made for the exclusion of all unauthorised persons from the Quinton Hill Farm, and for the removal of any such persons if found upon such farm, and for the punishment of such persons by penalties or otherwise:

And whereas a certain footway leading from Sewardstone Street, in the parish of Waltham Holy Cross, into the public highway from Waltham Abbey to Chingford, near Sewardstone Pound, and lying wholly within the parish and district of Waltham Holy Cross, crosses the said Quinton Hill Farm:

And whereas there are other convenient and good public highways situated in the same parish and district leading directly from and to the same points and places as the herein-before described footway which now and for several years past have been used by the public, and it is therefore unnecessary that the said footway should be continued across the said farm; and it is expedient that all rights of way in respect thereof, over the said farm, should be extinguished, and that the use of so much of the said footway as may lie in or upon the said farm should be regulated, and that the sites of the said footway and other ways (if any) lying in or upon the said farm should vest absolutely in the Secretary of State:

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Definition of Quinton Hill Farm.

1. In this Act the expression "the Quinton Hill Farm" means the Quinton Hill Farm herein-before referred to, being the lands particularly delineated and shown upon the maps signed in triplicate by William Woodall, Esquire, the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons, to whom the Bill for this Act was referred, deposited at the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, at the War Office, and at the office of the clerk of the peace for the county of Essex respectively, and thereon coloured green.

Abolition of rights of way over Quinton Hill Farm.

2. From and after the passing of this Act all rights of way whatsoever over the Quinton Hill Farm or any part thereof, including so much of the footway leading from Sewardstone Street, in the parish of Waltham Holy Cross, into the public highway from

Waltham Abbey to Chingford, near Sewardstone Pound, in the said parish, as lies in or upon Quinton Hill Farm, shall cease and be extinguished, and the site of the said footway shall vest in the Secretary of State: Provided that the said footway shall be maintained by the Secretary of State, who may make such regulations as he shall from time to time think fit for the user of such footway by the public: Provided also that before such rights of way shall cease and be extinguished, he shall provide for the use of the public a good and sufficient footway between the points marked respectively C and Y on the deposited maps herein-before referred to.

Penalty on persons entering on the Quinton Hill Farm without authority.

3. From and after the passing of this Act no person shall, except as herein-before provided, enter or be upon any part of the Quinton Hill Farm without authority from the Secretary of State or some person acting under his authority.

If any person commits any offence against the provisions of this section he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for every such offence, to be recovered summarily, and may be removed by force from the said farm by any constable or by any person authorised by the Secretary of State, and may be taken into custody by any constable without warrant and brought before a court of summary jurisdiction to be dealt with according to law.

Clerk of peace to retain map.

4. The clerk of the peace for the county of Essex shall retain the map deposited with him for the purposes of this Act, and shall permit all persons interested to inspect the same, and make copies of the said map or any parts thereof, in the like manner, and on the like terms, and under the like penalty for default, as are provided in relation to certain plans and sections by an Act passed in the first year of Her present Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to "compel the clerks of the peace for counties, and other persons, to "take the custody of such documents as shall be directed to be "deposited with them under the standing orders of either House "of Parliament."

Short title.

5. This Act may be cited as the Waltham Abbey Gunpowder Factory Act, 1889.

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