CHAPTER lii.

An Act for enabling the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London to acquire a Site for the High School for Girls to be established in the City of London under the Will of the late William Ward and for other purposes. A.D. 1885.

[25th June 1885.]

WHEREAS William Ward late of No. 4 The Lawn Brixton Hill in the county of Surrey by his will dated the third day of June one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one bequeathed to the mayor commonalty and citizens of the city of London (herein-after called "the Corporation") the sum of twenty thousand pounds to be paid out of his personal estate and to be applied and expended by them in or towards the building on any lands belonging to the Corporation which they may lawfully use for that purpose and maintaining a high school for girls to be called by the name of and known for ever as the City of London School for Girls founded by William Ward:

And whereas by an order of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice made on the twelfth day of February one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three in a suit which had been commenced in that division for the administration of the estate of the said William Ward the said sum of twenty thousand pounds was directed to be carried over to the credit of the Corporation but the Corporation were not to receive the same until they had in pursuance of the said order submitted a scheme for the application thereof and the same had been approved of by the said division of the said Court:

And whereas the lands of the Corporation which they may lawfully use for the purpose of the said bequest are by reason of their situation the means of access thereto the character of the surrounding property and from other causes not well adapted or immediately available for that purpose and it is expedient that they should be

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empowered to acquire other lands within the City adapted for the purpose aforesaid:

And whereas the Corporation are seised of or are entitled to certain lands and hereditaments within the city and elsewhere (which are commonly and in this Act called the Bridge House Estates) as trustees for the maintenance and support of London Bridge some of which lands are well adapted and might be conveniently and advantageously used as a site for the said school and it is expedient that powers should be given to sell or exchange such lands for the purpose of such site:

And whereas it is expedient that the Corporation should be empowered to raise money for the purchase of any lands which they may acquire under the authority of this Act by the sale of other lands belonging to them and to apply to that purpose moneys standing to their credit in the name of the Paymaster General for and on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature:

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

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 as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as Ward's City of London School for Girls Act 1885.

As to execution of Act.

2. The powers conferred by this Act on the Corporation may be exercised by the mayor aldermen and commoners of the city of London in Common Council assembled.

Incorporation of general Acts.

3. The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 (except the provisions thereof with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement and with respect to entry upon lands by the promoters of the undertaking) and the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act 1860 are incorporated with and form part of this Act.

Corporation to purchase or take in exchange site for school.

4. As soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act the Corporation may and shall purchase or take in exchange lands in the city of London not exceeding one acre adapted for the site of a high school for girls and may and shall appropriate and lay out the lands so purchased or taken in exchange as and for the site for such school and the approaches thereto and the Corporation may hold in mortmain any lands purchased or taken in exchange by them under the authority of this Act and may enter into execute and do

all contracts assurances deeds acts and things necessary for the above purpose. A.D. 1885.

Corporation as trustees of Bridge House Estates may sell or exchange lands for site for school.

5. The Corporation as trustees of the Bridge House Estates if they think fit may sell to the Corporation in their own right any freehold lands within the city of London forming part of the Bridge House Estates which are in the opinion of the Corporation adapted for the site of a high school for girls or may exchange any such lands for any other freehold lands belonging to the Corporation in their own right and upon any such exchange may receive or give any money for equality of exchange and the Corporation may execute and do all assurances deeds acts and things which they may deem proper for effecting any such sale or exchange Provided always that upon any such sale as aforesaid the price to be paid for the lands sold shall be such a sum as a surveyor to be nominated for the purpose by the President for the time being of the Institution of Surveyors at the request of the Corporation shall certify in writing to be in his opinion the fair market value of the same lands Provided also that upon any such exchange as aforesaid the value of the lands exchanged and the sum of money if any payable for equality of exchange shall be ascertained and certified in writing by a surveyor to be appointed as aforesaid.

Persons of labouring class not to be displaced.

6. The Corporation shall not under the powers of this Act purchase or acquire in any parish twenty or more houses occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class as tenants or lodgers:

The expression "labouring class" in this section includes mechanics artizans labourers and others working for wages hawkers costermongers persons not working for wages but working at some trade or handicraft without employing others except members of their own family and persons other than domestic servants whose income does not exceed an average of thirty shillings a week and the families of any of such persons who may be residing with them.

Corporation may raise money by sale of lands.

7. The Corporation may raise money for the purchase of lands under the authority and for the purposes of this Act and for the payment of the costs charges and expenses of and incidental to the applying for obtaining and passing this Act and of carrying the same into execution and of all costs and expenses connected with any purchase sale or exchange of lands authorised by this Act by the sale of any lands belonging to them and not required for any other purpose.

Corporation may apply funds in

8. The Corporation may if they think fit apply any portion of the funds which may at the time of the passing of this Act be

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Court to purposes of Act.

standing in the name of the Paymaster General for and on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature to the credit of the Corporation not including the said sum of twenty thousand pounds in the purchase of a site under the authority of this Act having first made the necessary application to the High Court of Justice and the said Court may consent to such application and may if the Court think fit dispense with the usual inquiries with reference to the re-investment of moneys in freehold properties.

Expenses of Act.

9. The costs charges and expenses of and incidental to the applying for obtaining and passing of this Act and of carrying the same into execution shall be paid by the Corporation out of any moneys which they are by this Act authorised to raise for or to apply to that purpose.

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