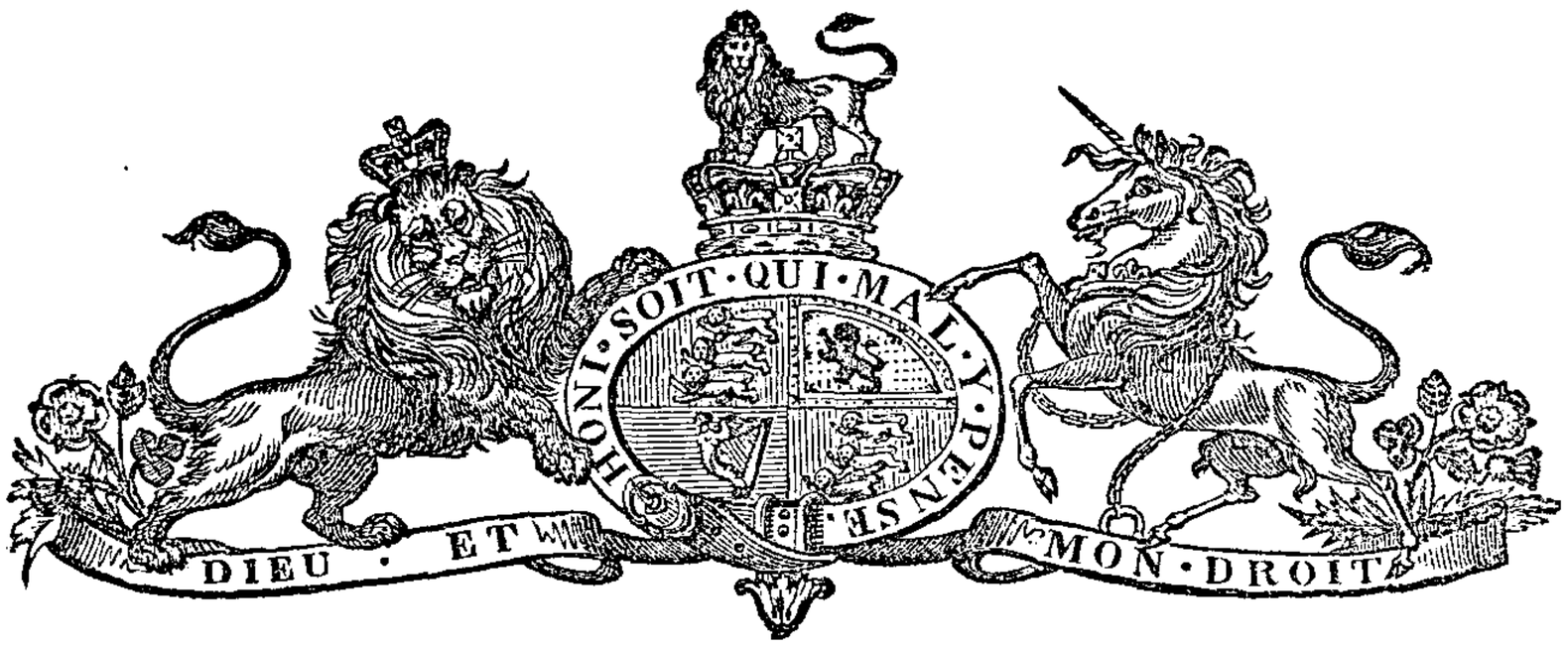


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" Owners of Ten Acres, or Farmers at Rackrent of Fifty Pounds " *per Annum*, in such Places respectively where such Election shall " be, and shall also have Right of Common in *Holland Fen*, except " that in the Parish of *Brothertoft* all the Inhabitants being House- " keepers shall have Voices in the Election of a Commissioner for the " said Parish:" And whereas, owing to the Lapse of Time, and the Alteration of the holding of Lands, there are now very few Persons qualified under that Act to elect Commissioners for the Second District, and by far the greater Number of the Owners and Farmers of the Lands in that District are not so qualified, and Doubts are entertained as to the Legality of past Elections of Commissioners for that District, and as to the Validity of the Acts of Persons who have acted as Commissioners for that District, and it is expedient that such Doubts be obviated, and Provision be made for the Election of Commissioners for that District; but such Purposes 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.

I. That this Act may be cited for any Purpose as "The *Witham* Drainage Second District Act, 1853."

Repeal of recited Enactment.

II. That the recited Enactment of the recited Act is by this Act repealed.

Election of Commissioners for Second District.

III. That in the Second District there shall be One Commissioner elected by and for each Parish, Town, and Hamlet in the Second District contained, and the Election shall be holden on the Second *Tuesday* in the Month of *July* in every Year in the Vestry Room of each of those Parishes, Towns, and Hamlets, or other most usual Place of public Meeting within such Parish respectively, and the Right of electing such Commissioners in each of those Parishes, Townships, and Hamlets respectively shall be in such Persons as shall be the Owners of Ten Acres, or Farmers at Rackrent of Fifty Pounds *per Annum*, of Lands within the Second District in such Place respectively, except that in the Parish of *Brothertoft* all the Inhabitants being Housekeepers shall have Voices in the Election of a Commissioner for that Parish.

Next and other Elections.

IV. That the next Election of such Commissioners shall be on the Second *Tuesday* in the Month of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and the subsequent Elections shall be on the Second *Tuesday* in the Month of *July* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in every subsequent Third Year.

V. That

Commissioners till July 1854.

V. That *Roger Pocklington*, *Thomas Gee*, *Basil Beridge* Clerk, *John Short*, *John Cooper*, *Samuel Smeeton*, *John Wilson* Clerk, *Joshua Aspland*, *Meaburn Staniland*, *George Clark*, and *Farndon Groom*, who are now acting as the Commissioners for the Second District, and the Survivors of them, shall be the Commissioners for the Second District until the Second *Tuesday* in the Month of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and shall then retire from Office, but shall, if qualified, be eligible for Re-election.

Acts of former Commissioners to be good notwithstanding Defect in Qualification or Election.

VI. That every Person who before the passing of this Act has acted as a Commissioner for the Second District shall to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever be deemed to have been duly qualified for the Office of a Commissioner for that District, and to have been duly elected to and to have duly filled that Office; and all the Acts and Proceedings whatsoever of the Persons who before the passing of this Act have acted as the Commissioners for the Second District shall, notwithstanding any Defect in the Qualification or Election of such Persons or any of them, be as valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever as if they had all been duly qualified for, and had been duly elected to, and had duly filled that Office.

Certain Provisions of 10 & 11 Vict. c. 16. incorporated with this Act.

VII. That the Provisions "with respect to the Liabilities of the "Commissioners, and to legal Proceedings by or against the Com-"missioners," and "with respect to the Contracts to be entered into "and the Deeds to be executed by the Commissioners," of "The Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847," shall be incorporated with this Act, and apply to the Commissioners for the Second District, and the Indemnification of Commissioners provided for by those Provisions shall extend to every Person who before the passing of this Act has acted as a Commissioner for the Second District, notwithstanding any Defect in the Qualification or Election of such Person for or to the Office of such a Commissioner.

Expenses of Act.

VIII. That all the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of and incident to the obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Commissioners of the Second District out of any Monies now or hereafter in their Hands applicable to the Purposes of the recited Act, and shall be deemed Part of the Expenses of executing that Act.

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