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An Act for inclosing Lands in the Parish of *Yate* in the County of *Gloucester*. [18th *June* 1842.]

WHEREAS there are within the Parish of *Yate* in the County of *Gloucester* divers Open and Common Pastures, and other Commonable and Waste Lands and Grounds, containing Six hundred and fifty-six Acres or thereabouts: And whereas the Reverend *Henry Jones Randolph* is or claims to be Lord of the Manor of *Yate* in the same Parish: And whereas the said *Henry Jones Randolph* and *George Bengough, Frederick Ricketts,* and divers other Persons are the Owners or Proprietors of the said Common Pastures and other Commonable and Waste Lands and Grounds, and of certain inclosed Lands and Homesteads, and in respect thereof or otherwise are or claim to be entitled to certain Rights of 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 said Open and Common Pastures and other Commonable and Waste Lands and Grounds 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

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
41G.3.c.109. 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 Facts usually required on the passing of such Acts*: And whereas another Act was passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His late
1&2G.4.c.23. 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

Recited Inclosure Acts to form Part of this Act.

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.

Appointment of Commissioners.

II. And be it enacted, That *Young Sturge* of the City of *Bristol*, Land Surveyor, and *James Croome* of *Acton Hall* in the Parish of *Berkeley* in the said County of *Gloucester*, Gentleman, and their Successors for the Time being, to be elected or appointed in the 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 Common Pastures and other Commonable and Waste Lands and Grounds in the said Parish, according to the Regulations and Provisions contained in the said recited Acts and

Qualification of Commissioners.

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 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.

Penalty on Persons acting not qualified.

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*.

Appointment of Com-

IV. And be it enacted, That in case the said *Young Sturge*, 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 for the Time being of the said Manor of *Yate* to appoint, by Writing under his Hand, some fit Person to be a Commissioner in the Room of the said *Young Sturge*, 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 *James Croome*, 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 major Part in Value (such Value to be ascertained by the Land Tax Assessment for the Time being) of the several Proprietors of Land within the said Parish, 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 Church Door, as herein-after directed, at least Fourteen Days before such Meeting,) to appoint, by Writing under their Hands, some fit Person to be a Commissioner in the Room of the said *James Croome*, or of the 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.

Commissioner on Vacancy.

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 Commissioner shall within Three Weeks next after the Expiration of the Time so allowed for appointing such new Commissioner, by Writing under his Hand, 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.

In case Parties neglect to appoint new Commissioner the remaining Commissioner may appoint.

VI. And for the Purpose of settling and determining any Difference that may arise between the Commissioners concerning any of the Things to be done in pursuance of this Act, be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall, previously to acting in the Execution of this Act, by Writing under their Hands, appoint some fit Person to be the Umpire, and such Umpire is hereby authorized to hear and determine every such Difference as may arise between the Commissioners relating to any of the Purposes of this Act, and the Determination of such Umpire shall be considered to be the Determination of the Commissioners, and shall be final and conclusive upon the Commissioners, and upon all other Persons concerned in the said Inclosure, so far as the Judgment and Acts of the Commissioners would

Umpire to be appointed.

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in such Case have been final and conclusive: Provided always, that no Person shall act as Umpire in the Execution of this Act 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, to administer; and the Declaration, so made and subscribed, shall be annexed to and deposited with the Award of the Commissioners.

Appointment of Umpire on Vacancy.

VII. And be it enacted, That in case any Umpire so to be appointed shall die, or become incapacitated, or neglect or refuse to act as such Umpire, and to decide any Matter referred to him, and to notify his Decision to the Commissioners within One Month after such Matter shall be referred to him, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, by Writing under their Hands, at any Meeting to be holden for the Execution of this Act, to appoint some other fit Person to be an Umpire in the Stead of such Umpire; and so often as a Vacancy shall afterwards happen by the Death, Neglect, Refusal, or Incapacity of the Umpire, such Vacancy shall be supplied by the Commissioners in manner aforesaid, and the Umpire so to be appointed, shall have the like Powers and Authorities as such first-appointed Umpire; and in case the Commissioners shall make default in appointing such Umpire previous to their acting in the Execution of this Act, or in appointing a new Umpire within Twenty-eight Days next after any such Vacancy as aforesaid, the Commissioners shall, as soon as conveniently may be, give Notice thereof by Advertisement and on the Church Door, and thereupon it shall be lawful for the major Part in Value of the said Proprietors (including the Lord of the said Manor), according to their respective Interests, to be ascertained as aforesaid, at a Meeting to be holden in like Manner as is herein-before directed with respect to the Meeting to be held for the Appointment of a new Commissioner in the Place of the said *James Croome*, to appoint another fit Person to be an Umpire in the Stead of the Umpire dying, becoming incapacitated, or neglecting or refusing to act as aforesaid, and so from Time to Time as Occasion shall require.

Appointment of Surveyor.

VIII. 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:

Surveyor to make a Declaration.

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, to administer and receive; and the said Declaration, so made and subscribed, shall be annexed to and deposited with the Award of the Commissioners.

Penalty on making false Declaration.

IX. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall falsely or corruptly make and subscribe a Declaration under the Authority of this Act, knowing

knowing the same to be untrue in any material Particular, he shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor.

Appointment of Clerk.

X. 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.

XI. And be it enacted, That no Person shall be appointed or shall act as a Commissioner, Umpire, 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.

Allowances to Commissioners and Clerk.

XII. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners and the said Clerk and Umpire shall be paid respectively, out of the Inclosure Expences Fund, for each Day they shall respectively travel or be engaged in any Business relating to the Execution of this Act, the Sum of Three Pounds and Three Shillings for each Day they shall respectively be engaged as aforesaid for the First Two Years after the passing of this Act, and Two Pounds and Two Shillings *per* Day afterwards; and such Payment shall be in full Satisfaction to the Commissioners and Clerk and Umpire respectively for their Time and Trouble, and for the several Expences incurred by them during their several Journeys and Attendances in the Execution of this Act, except the Expence of the Rooms in which the Meetings of the Commissioners shall be held, and the Expence of Appeals or other Legal Proceedings against the Commissioners, and the Expence of Notices and Advertisements, and of preparing, proclaiming, and enrolling the Award, and such 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.

Length of Day for estimating Allowances.

XIII. And be it enacted, That in computing the aforesaid Allowance to the Commissioners and 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 where 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 be charged as only Half a Day, and the Commissioners and Clerk shall be paid accordingly.

Allowance to Surveyor.

XIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful to the Commissioners to pay to the Surveyor to be appointed by them out of the Inclosure

Inclosure Expences Fund a Sum not exceeding One Shilling *per* Acre for surveying, measuring, mapping, and planning the Land required to be surveyed under the Provisions of this Act, and the Sum of Two Pounds and Two Shillings for each Day that he shall be actually and wholly engaged in the Duties imposed by this Act, exclusive of the Time he may be engaged in surveying, measuring, mapping, and planning as aforesaid; and such Payments shall be in full Satisfaction for the Time and Trouble of the Surveyor, and for all travelling and other Expences of every Description to be incurred by him whilst engaged in the Duties of surveying under this Act.

Old Surveys of inclosed Lands may be used.

XV. 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 Parish of *Yate* aforesaid, 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 Parish, or any other Plans or Surveys he may deem sufficient.

Old Survey of Waste Lands may be used.

XVI. 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 any Part thereof respectively, without causing a new Survey, Admeasurement, or Plan to be made thereof.

Meetings, and Notices thereof.

XVII. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall cause Notice to be given, by Advertisement or on the Church Door, 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 the 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 Parish, or within Eight Miles thereof.

Notices how to be given.

XVIII. 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 Church Door 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 *Yate* aforesaid 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.

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What shall be a Refusal to act.

XIX. 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 to 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 any other reasonable Cause,) 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, punished.

XX. And be it enacted, That if any Person having been summoned to testify the Truth upon Oath 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 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 is hereby required to be administered before them), 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 to 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.

XXI. 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 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.

XXII. 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

and other Proceedings touching any thing done in relation to this Act.

Proprietors to pay their own Expences.

XXIII. 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.

XXIV. 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 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, not interested in the Premises, to be by him or them examined and balanced.

Accounts to be published.

XXV. 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.

For shortening Boundaries.

XXVI. 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 Parish, 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 Lands and such adjoining Lands.

Commissioners to set out Drains and enlarge and turn Watercourses.

XXVII. 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 Parish 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.

XXVIII. 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.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That in setting out the several Carriage Roads, Highways, Bridle Roads, and Footpaths in pursuance 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 *Gloucester*, 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 Parish, 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.

XXX. 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 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 Church Door 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.

XXXI. 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 shall 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 such Roads shall be discontinued.

XXXII. 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 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, &c. Roads.

XXXIII. 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.

XXXIV. 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 Parish 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.

XXXV. 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 Parish, in such Shares and Proportions, and in such Manner, as the Commissioners shall by their Award direct.

Commissioner empowered to suspend or extinguish Rights of Common.

XXXVI. 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 Church Door, to order all or any Part of the Rights of 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 Commissioner's Order to be impounded.

XXXVII. And be it enacted, That if, during the Suspension or after the Extinguishment of any such Rights of 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 Parish, or any other Person, shall

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 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.

Claims to be delivered to the Commissioners.

XXXVIII. 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.

Adjudication upon Claims.

XXXIX. And be it enacted, That after the said Claims shall be so received the Commissioners shall cause Notice on the Church Door to be given of a Time (at least Ten Days distant) and a Place for all Parties concerned to appear before them, and show Cause for or against the Allowance or Disallowance of the said Claims; and at such Meeting the Commissioners shall proceed to examine into and determine the same, 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 (which Oath is hereby required to be administered before the said Commissioners), 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.

XL. And

Commissioners not to determine Titles contrary to Possession.

XL. 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.

XLI. 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 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.

When Determination of Commissioners to be final.

XLII. 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 not to abate Proceedings.

XLIII. 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 Parties die before Action the Suit to be carried on in their Names.

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

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; 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 is completed, the *Allotments* to be made to their Representatives.

XLIV. 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.

XLV. 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.

Leases at Rack Rent to be void.

XLVI. 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.

XLVII. 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 Parish, but the Party entitled to any 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.

XLVIII. 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 seised 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 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 Common Rights, and

XLIX. 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,

Persons entitled to have Allotments may mortgage, &c. before Execution of Award.

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 Lands 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.

L. And be it enacted, That all Encroachments and Inclosures 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 Soil or any other Person, except such Pieces or Parcels of Ground as may have been heretofore demised by the Lord of the said Manor for the Time being, 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 Encroachments 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.

Allotment of old Inclosures with Consent of Proprietors.

LI. 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 Parish, 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 Curtesy 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

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.

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

LII. And be it enacted, That all small Parcels of Waste or Common Land (the Soil whereof shall belong to the Lord of any Manor in right thereof) lying by the Side of any Turnpike Road or other public Road or Lane within the said Parish, 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 Forty Feet respectively, shall be deemed Part of the Lands to be inclosed.

Allotment to be set out for Repair of Highways.

LIII. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall, if they shall see fit, allot to the Surveyor for the Time being of the said Parish, and to his Successors for ever, such Parcels of the Lands to be inclosed as they shall think necessary and most convenient for supplying Stone and other Materials for the Repairs of the several Roads and Ways by this Act authorized to be made, and of the several other Roads and Ways within the said Parish, and such Allotments shall be inclosed and fenced as the Commissioners shall direct, and shall from the Execution of their Award be vested in the Surveyor of the Highways within the said Parish for the Time being, in Trust for the Purposes aforesaid, and the Grass and Herbage of such Allotments shall belong to such Persons as the Commissioners shall by their Award direct; and if they shall make no such Direction, then such Surveyor shall from Time to Time let the Herbage for the most Money that can be obtained for the same, and shall apply the Rents and Profits towards the Repairs of the public Roads or Highways within the said Parish; and the said Surveyor shall account for such Rents and Profits in the same Manner as he is by Law accountable for other Monies that shall come to his Hands in the Capacity of Surveyor of the Highways, and shall be subject to the like Penalties for the Neglect thereof.

Allotment to be set out for the Recreation of the Inhabitants.

LIV. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall allot and award unto the Churchwardens and Overseers for the Time being of the said Parish, out of any Part of the Lands to be inclosed, One or more Piece or Pieces of Land, not exceeding Six Acres in the whole nor less than Four Acres, in the most appropriate Situation, as a Place of Exercise and Recreation for the Inhabitants of the said Parish and Neighbourhood; and such Allotment shall be held by the Churchwardens and Overseers for the Time being of the said Parish for the Purposes aforesaid, and shall be, in the first instance, fenced at the general Expence, and the Fences of such Allotment shall for ever afterwards

afterwards be repaired and maintained by the said Churchwardens and Overseers in such Proportions and Manner as shall be devised by the Award of the Commissioners out of the Rents to be received for the Herbage of the said Allotment, or out of the Poor Rates of the said Parish, or otherwise; and the Grass and Herbage upon such Allotment may be from Time to Time let by such Churchwardens and Overseers, and the Rent which shall be received by them for the same shall be by them from Time to Time applied, in the first place, in maintaining and repairing the Fences of the said Allotment, and, subject thereto, in aid of the Rates for the Repair of the public Highways in the said Parish.

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

LV. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall, after making the Allotments herein-before directed, allot and award unto the Lord for the Time being of the said Manor of *Yate*, 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 Parish, 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 Eighteenth Part of the Residue of such Commons and Waste Lands, Quality and Value considered, in lieu of his 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 in lieu of or in satisfaction for any other Rights or Interests in such Commons and Waste Grounds.

Deduction in respect of certain Rights of cutting Wood.

LVI. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall deduct from the Allotments to the Lord of the said Manor for Right of Soil so much thereof as in the Judgment of the Commissioners shall be equal in Value to the Right of cutting Wood called Spick Rods and Watling Rods, and any other Rights which the Persons entitled to the Right of Common over the said Commons and Waste Lands have exercised by ancient Custom in certain Woods belonging to the said Lord, the Extent and Value of such Right to be determined by the Commissioners.

Allotment to the Rector in lieu of Glebe and Common Rights.

LVII. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall allot and award unto the Rector of the Rectory of *Yate* for the Time being, 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 Glebe Lands and Rights of Common, if the said Rector shall be entitled to any such Rights, belonging to the said Rector in and over the said Lands.

Allotment of Residue.

LVIII. 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 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.

LIX. 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 Church Door.

For determining Objections to Allotments.

LX. 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 Church Door, 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.

Allotments to be fenced.

LXI. And be it enacted, That the several Allotments to be made in pursuance of this Act (except the Allotment to the Rector, Surveyor, and Churchwarden and Overseers 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.

Rector's Allotments to be fenced at the general Expence.

LXII. And be it enacted, That the Allotments to be made to the said Rector in respect of Glebe Lands belonging to the said Rectory shall be well and sufficiently inclosed and fenced on all such Parts and Sides as shall not be directed to be fenced by any other Proprietor, or as shall not adjoin any inclosed Land, or be bounded by any sufficient Watercourse or other sufficient Fence in the Judgment of the Commissioners, and the Expence attending the inclosing and fencing of the same shall be discharged out of the Inclosure Expences Fund, and all such Inclosures and Fences when made shall for ever thereafter be kept in repair by the said Rector, or by the Persons for the Time being entitled in possession to the said Allotments.

Equalizing the Share of fencing.

LXIII. 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

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 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.

LXIV. 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 Parish, his Servants and Labourers, and also every Peace Officer and Parish Officer of the said Parish 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 extends.

Power to Rector to lease his Allotment.

LXV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Rector for the Time being of the Parish of *Yate* aforesaid, by Indenture under his Hand and Seal, with the Consent and Approbation of the Patron of the said Rectory for the Time being, such Consent to be had previous to the Execution of such Indenture by the other Parties thereto, and with the Consent of the Bishop of the Diocese, to lease or demise all or any Part of the Allotment to be made to such Rector in right of his Rectory, to any Person whomsoever, for any Term not exceeding Twenty-one Years, to commence within Twelve Months next after the passing of this Act, so that the Rent for the same shall be thereby reserved to the Rector for the Time being by quarterly Payments in every Year; and so that there be thereby also reserved and made payable to such Rector the best and most improved Rent that can be reasonably gotten for the same, without taking any Fine, Foregift, or other Consideration for granting such Lease; and so that no such Lessee be made dispunishable for Waste by any express Words to be contained in such Lease; and so that there be inserted in every such Lease Power of Re-entry on Nonpayment of the Rent within a reasonable Time, to be therein limited, after the same shall become due; and so that a Counterpart of each such Lease be duly executed by the Lessee: Provided always, that whenever any such Lease shall by any Means become forfeited or void, or be surrendered before the Expiration by Effluxion of Time of the Term thereby granted, then and so often as the same shall happen it shall be lawful for such Rector for the Time being, with the previous Consent and

and Approbation of the Bishop of the Diocese, and of the Patron of the Rectory, to grant a new Lease of the Land so demised for such Term of Years as shall, at the Time of such Avoidance, be unexpired of the original Term, subject nevertheless to the Provisoes and Conditions contained in the original Lease, and then remaining unperformed and capable of taking effect; and every such Lease shall be valid and effectual, any thing in the said first-recited Act or any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

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

LXVI. And be it enacted, That 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 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.

LXVII. 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 Lands held by different Titles.

LXVIII. 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, 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.

Where Allotments are omitted to be distinguish-

LXIX. 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

ed by the Award, the Defect may be remedied by a separate Instrument.

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.

LXX. And whereas it may happen that some of the Proprietors of Lands in the said Parish, and 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 Coparceners or Tenants in Common, and cannot, by reason of Infancy, Settlement, Absence beyond the Seas, or other Disability or Incapacity, make an effectual Division thereof; 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 Coparceners, Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, or of the Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Committees, or Attornies, duly authorized, of 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 of, 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 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.

LXXI. 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.

LXXII. 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 Owner of the Lands so exchanged, whether such Owner shall be a Corporation or a Tenant in Fee Simple or for Life, or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or by the Curtesy 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 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 apply Compensation Money coming to any Partiesunder Disability towards Inclosure Expences and substantial Improvements.

LXXIII. 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 of 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

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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.

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

LXXIV. 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
12 G. 1. c. 32. 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 the 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
12 G. 2. c. 24. 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 Ease of the said Suitors, by applying the Interest 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,)

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.

Payment of Dividends meanwhile.

LXXV. 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* 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.*

LXXVI. 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

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.*

LXXVII. 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.

Power for Commissioners to borrow Money.

LXXVIII. And be it enacted, That if the Commissioners 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 provided by this Act.

Monies may be recovered after Execution of the Award.

LXXIX. 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.

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

LXXX. And for the Purpose of raising Money for 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

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; be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall mark and allot in the said Parish such Parts of the Lands to be inclosed as they shall judge sufficient in Value to defray the Expences aforesaid, and shall from Time to Time, as they shall find 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 discharging the said Expences.

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

LXXXI. 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.

LXXXII. 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.

Deficiency of Sales how to be raised.

LXXXIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if the Monies to be produced by such Sales as aforesaid shall not be sufficient to pay all the Costs, Charges, and Expences aforesaid, then the Deficiency shall be borne and defrayed by the several Persons interested in the Lands to be inclosed, except the Rector, Surveyor of Highways, Churchwardens, and Overseers in respect of their Allotments, in such Shares and Proportions, and shall be paid at such Time and Place, as the Commissioners shall by Notice on the Church Door, or delivered to the respective Persons liable to the Payment of such Costs, Charges, and Expences, at least Fourteen Days before the Time appointed for such Payment, order; and in case any Person shall refuse or neglect to pay his Share or Proportion of the said Deficiency as aforesaid, then the same shall be levied and recovered in the Manner directed by the said recited Acts, in case the Expences of obtaining and executing this Act had been directed to be paid in

proportion by the Proprietors of Lands or Grounds to whom Allotments shall be made, instead of being raised by Sale of Land as by this Act is directed.

Parties may pay their Share of Costs in Money instead of by Sale of Land.

LXXXIV. Provided also, and be it enacted, That in case any Proprietor of the said Lands to be inclosed shall be desirous of paying his Share of the said Expences in Money, instead of sustaining a Loss of Land for that Purpose, and shall give Notice to the Commissioners in Writing within Three Calendar Months from the Time of the passing of this Act of such his Desire, then and in all such Cases such Expences shall be paid, borne, and defrayed by such respective Proprietors or Persons interested in the said Lands or Allotments, in such Shares and Proportions, and at such Times, and to such Persons, as the Commissioners shall by Writing under their Hands, to be given to such Proprietors, or left for them at their last or usual Place of Abode, at least Ten Days before such Times of Payment, order and direct; and in case any such Proprietor shall refuse or neglect to pay his Proportion of such Expences within the Time directed by the Commissioners, the same shall be levied and recovered in manner directed by the said first-recited Act for Recovery of any Charges or Expences.

Publication and Deposit of the Award, &c.

LXXXV. And be it enacted, That as soon as conveniently may be after the said Inclosure shall be completed, the Commissioners shall 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 Door of the Church of the said Parish 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 hereinafter directed to be made annexed thereto, to be delivered to the Clerk of the Peace of the said County, 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 and 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.

Copy of the Award, &c. to be deposited in the Parish Church.

LXXXVI. 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 *Yate* 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

of the Matters and Things therein contained in all Courts whatsoever.

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

LXXXVII. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall cause Two reduced Plans of the said Parish to be drawn upon Parchment or Vellum, on which 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 *Yate* 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 Parish, which said Plans or either of them shall be admitted as legal Evidence of the Matters and Things therein contained in all Courts whatsoever.

Power of Appeal.

LXXXVIII. 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 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.

Order on Appeal to be final.

LXXXIX. 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.

Saving the Rights of the Lord of the Manor.

XC. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or defeat the Right, Title, or Interest of the Lord

Lord of the said Manor and his Lessees respecting his and their Rights of, in, and to all Coal Mines, and all other Mines and Minerals of what Nature and Kind soever, lying and being within or under the Lands to be inclosed by virtue of this Act; and that the Lord of the said Manor for the Time being may from Time to Time and at all Times for ever hereafter have, hold, and enjoy all Quit Rents, Fee Rents, and other Rents, Reliefs, Dues, Customs, Suits and Services, and all Fines, Amerciaments, Courts Leet, and View of Frankpledge, Courts Baron, and all Profits and Perquisites of Courts and Leets, and all Things which to Courts Leet and View of Frankpledge and Courts Baron do belong and appertain, and all Goods and Chattels of Felons, of Fugitives, Felons of themselves and put in Exigent, Deodands, Treasure Trove, Waifs, Estrays, Forfeitures, Escheats, Fairs, Markets, Tolls, Customs, Stallages, Dues, Rights, Royalties, Immunities, Jurisdictions, Franchises, Privileges, Profits, Commodities, Advantages, and Emoluments whatsoever to the said Manor or to the Lord thereof for the Time being incident, belonging, or appertaining (other than and except such as are intended to be barred or extinguished by this Act), in as full, ample, and beneficial a Manner to all Intents and Purposes as the said Lord could or might have held or enjoyed the same if this Act had not been passed; and that the said Lord for the Time being of the said Manor, and his Heirs and Assigns, shall from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter have, hold, work, and enjoy exclusively all Coal Mines, and all other Mines and Minerals of what Nature and Kind soever, within and under the said Lands and the Allotments thereof, to be made in pursuance of this Act, together with all convenient Liberty for working the said Mines and Minerals, and loading and carrying away Coal, Ore, and other Things to be gotten thereout, and of making Pits, Shafts, Drifts, Levels, and Watercourses, and of repairing, amending, and upholding the same, and of doing, executing, and performing all such other Works, Acts, Deeds, Matters, and Things either now in use or hereafter to be invented, as shall or may be necessary or convenient for the full and complete Working, Use, and Enjoyment of such Mines and Minerals hereby reserved in as full, ample, and beneficial a Manner to all Intents and Purposes as he or they respectively might or could have done in case this Act had not been passed: Provided always, that the Lord of the said Manor, or his Lessee, shall be obliged to pay from Time to Time to the respective Owners and Occupiers of such Allotments respectively such Sums of Money as shall be a reasonable and adequate Recompence and Satisfaction for all such Damages as shall from Time to Time be done to the Herbage or Soil of such Allotments in the working of any such Mines: Provided also, that all Quarries of Stone, Slate, or Gravel in, under, or upon any of such Allotments shall be the Property of the Persons to whom such Allotments shall be respectively made.

General Saving.

XCI. 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, Claim an Demand, (other than and except such as are expressly barred and compensated for, or intended to be barred and compensated for, and extinguished,

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.

XCII. 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:

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.

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

XCIII. 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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SCHEDULE (A.)

Form of Declaration by Commissioner, Umpire, 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 *or* Umpire, *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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