



Defence Act 1860

1860 CHAPTER 112 23 and 24 Vict

Interpretation.

47 Interpretation of terms.

In the construction of this Act . . . ^{F1} the following words and expressions shall in this Act and the ^{M1} Defence Act, 1842, 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,)

The word “lands” shall extend to messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments of any tenure:

The word “ lease ” shall include an agreement for a lease:

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[^{F3} The word “ justices ” and “ justice ” shall mean respectively justices or a justice of the peace acting for the ^{F4} . . . place where the matter requiring the cognizance of such justices or justice arises, and not interested in the matter, and, where such matter arises in respect of lands being the property of one and the same party situate not wholly in one ^{F4} . . . place, shall mean justices or a justice acting for the ^{F4} . . . place where any part of such lands is situate, and not interested in such matter; and the expression “ two justices ” shall mean two justices assembled and acting together:]

The word “ owner ” shall include any corporation or person having authority under this Act or otherwise to agree with the said Secretary of State as to the purchase money or compensation to be paid for any lands.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words repealed by [S.I. 1964/488](#)
- F2** Definitions in s. 47 repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. XIII](#) Group 1.
- F3** Words in s. 47 repealed (E.W.) (1.4.2005) by [Courts Act 2003 \(c. 39\), s. 110\(1\), Sch. 8 para. 40\(1\), Sch. 10; S.I. 2005/910, art. 3\(y\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 47 repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. XIII](#) Group 1.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Defence Act 1860, Cross Heading: Interpretation.. (See end of Document for details)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Functions of justices of the peace now exercisable by resident magistrates (N.I.): [Magistrates' Court Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1964 \(c. 21\), s. 13](#)

Marginal Citations

- M1** [1842 c. 94.](#)

48 ^{X1}† **Short titles of 5 & 6 Vict. c. 94, 18 & 19 Vict. c. 117 and this Act.**

. . . ^{F5} this Act may be cited as “The Defence Act, 1860.”

Editorial Information

- X1** A dagger appended to a marginal note means that it is no longer accurate

Textual Amendments

- F5** Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1893 \(c. 14\)](#)

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