



Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1863

1863 CHAPTER 49 26 and 27 Vict

1 5 & 6 Vict. c. 2. and Sect. 4 of 11 & 12 Vict. c. 83. repealed.

The said Act of the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Two, and the Fourth Section of an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Eighty-three, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** The text of s. 1 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

2 Establishing a Seal to be called “The Seal of the Duchy of Cornwall.”

There shall be a Seal, to be called “The Seal of the Duchy of *Cornwall*,” which shall be held from Time to Time by the Personage for the Time being entitled to the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, or by some Person lawfully appointed to be the Keeper thereof.

3 Power of Sale and Enfranchisement.

It shall be lawful for the Duke of *Cornwall*, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, at any Time or Times hereafter, . . . ^{F1}, to dispose of, either by way of absolute Sale, or for a limited Period, or by way of Enfranchisement of any Copyhold or Customary Tenements, to any Person any Part of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, and any Sale, Disposal, or Enfranchisement may be made subject to any Reservations, Exceptions, and Restrictions, and in consideration of either a gross Sum of Money or an annual Sum, or partly of a gross Sum of Money and partly of an annual Sum, and where such Consideration shall consist either wholly or in part of an annual Sum of Money the same shall, in the Case of an absolute Alienation in Fee, be perpetual, and in case of an Alienation for a limited Period only, be payable during the Continuance of the Estate or Interest to be parted with, such annual Sum to be issuing and payable out of and charged and chargeable upon the Possessions which shall be the

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Subject of such Sale, Disposal, or Enfranchisement; and in determining the Amount of such Consideration the Circumstances attending any disputed Right or Claim, and the Outlay (if any) which may have been previously made in reclaiming, building upon, inclosing, or otherwise improving the Premises intended to be sold, disposed of, or enfranchised, may be taken into account, and an Abatement or Allowance made in respect thereof, as to the Duke of *Cornwall* shall seem fair and reasonable; and the aforesaid Power of Enfranchisement shall include the Enfranchisement of Copyhold Tenements held for a Life or Lives, and authorize the Conveyance of the Fee Simple of the Freehold thereof.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1893 \(c. 20\), s. 1](#)

4 Mode of carrying Sales into effect.

On every such Sale, Disposal, or Enfranchisement, where the Consideration for the same shall be wholly or in part a Sum of Money in gross, the Amount thereof shall be paid into the Bank of *England*, and the Cashiers of the Bank of *England*, or One of them, shall, upon the Production of any Note signed by the Keeper of the Records of the Duchy of *Cornwall* or his Deputy, specifying the Sum to be so paid, and that it is to be so paid to the Account of the said Duchy, accept and receive the same, and carry the same to the Account aforesaid (which Account the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* are hereby required to open), and give a Receipt for the same without Fee or Reward; and where the Consideration for such Sale, Disposal, or Enfranchisement shall be wholly or in part an annual Sum of Money, such annual Sum shall be considered and dealt with as forming Part of the Revenues of the Duchy of *Cornwall*; and such annual Sum may be made subject to Repurchase or Redemption at such Times and for such gross Sum of Money as to the Duke of *Cornwall* shall seem reasonable and expedient; and in the event of such Repurchase or Redemption the Money to be paid for the same shall be paid into the Bank of *England*, and dealt with in the same Manner as if the same had arisen from a Sale for a gross Sum of Money in the first instance.

5 Form of Assurance.

The Grant or other Assurance for carrying such Sale, Disposal, or Enfranchisement into effect shall be by Deed under the Seal of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, and where the Consideration for the same shall be wholly or in part a gross Sum of Money, a Memorandum shall be endorsed on such Deed, and signed by the Auditor for the Time being of the Duchy of *Cornwall* acknowledging that the Amount of such gross Sum of Money has been duly paid into the Bank of *England* in the Manner herein-before directed, and specifying the Date of Payment; and every such Deed, after the same shall have been enrolled in the Manner herein-after provided, shall be valid and effectual against the Duke of *Cornwall*, and sufficient to vest in the Person therein named as the Grantee the Possessions expressed to be thereby granted, disposed of, or enfranchised, either absolutely and in Fee Simple, or for such less Estate or Interest as shall be therein expressed to be parted with, subject only to such Reservations, Exceptions, Restrictions, and Conditions as shall be therein contained, to such Uses, and upon and for such Trusts (if any) as shall in and by such Grant or Assurance, or by reference therein to any other Instrument, be expressed or declared of or concerning the same, and shall be an effectual Discharge for the Purchase or Consideration Money

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in such Deed expressed to have been paid; and such Deed and the Memorandum of Acknowledgment (if any) to be endorsed thereon as aforesaid may be according to the Form applicable to the Case set forth in the Schedule annexed to this Act, or any other Form which may be deemed more convenient.

6 Remedy for Recovery of annual Sums. Power to release a Portion of the Lands chargeable.

Where the Consideration for any such Sale, Disposal, or Enfranchisement shall consist either wholly or in part of an annual Sum of Money, either perpetual or to continue for a limited Period only, the Duke of *Cornwall* shall and may have and exercise all such Powers and Remedies for the recovering and obtaining Payment of every such annual Sum as such Duke of *Cornwall* might have and exercise if such annual Sum were a Rent Service reserved on a Demise or Lease made by the Duke of *Cornwall* of the Possessions out of or in respect of which such annual Sum shall be reserved or made payable; and the Duke of *Cornwall*, on the Repurchase or Redemption of any such annual Sum or any Part thereof, may, by Deed under the Seal of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, release the whole, or, in the Case of a partial Repurchase or Redemption, a proportionate or other Part of the Land or Hereditaments chargeable therewith, from all future Payments of such annual Sum, or Part thereof, as the Case may be, and from all Claims and Demands in respect thereof.

7 Power to purchase Lands.

It shall be lawful for the Duke of *Cornwall* at any Time or Times hereafter to purchase any Manors, Lordships, Advowsons, Messuages, Lands, Mines, Minerals, Tenements, or Hereditaments in *England* in Fee Simple, or any Copyhold Lands or Tenements of Inheritance, . . . ^{F2}, or any Rents, Pensions, Annuities, Rights of Common or Mining, or other Charges or Rights, and all such Manors, Lordships, Advowsons, Messuages, Lands, Mines, Minerals, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Rents, Pensions, Annuities, Rights of Common and Mining, and other Charges and Rights so to be purchased, shall be conveyed, released, or surrendered to the Duke of *Cornwall*, and the Conveyance or other Assurance thereof may be either according to the Form for that Purpose set forth in the Schedule hereto annexed, or in any other Form which shall be more convenient; and all Manors, Lordships, Advowsons, Messuages, Lands, Mines, Minerals, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be so purchased, and shall not be extinguished by the Conveyance, Release, or Surrender thereof, shall, on the Completion of the respective Purchases thereof, become to all Intents and Purposes Part and Parcel of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, and be subject to the same Limitations, Provisions, Powers, and Authorities in every respect, including the Powers and Provisions in this Act contained, as the other Possessions of the said Duchy.

Textual Amendments

F2 Words repealed by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\)](#), **s. 2(1)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 [S. 7](#) extended by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\)](#), **s. 2(1)**

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8 Application of the Monies to arise from Sales, &c.

All gross Sums of Money to arise and be received under the Authority of this Act for or in respect of any Sale, Disposal, or Enfranchisement of any of the Possessions of the said Duchy shall be applied in the Payment of the Expenses on the Part of the Duke of *Cornwall* of or relating to such Sale, Disposal, or Enfranchisement, and in Payment of the Purchase Monies of any Manors, Lordships, Advowsons, Messuages, Lands, Mines, Minerals, Tenements, Hereditaments, Rents, Pensions, Annuities, Rights of Common or Mining, or other Charges or Rights to be purchased under the Authority of this Act [^{F3}or the Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982], and in Payment of the Expenses in or relating to such Purchases, . . . ^{F4}; and any Part of such gross Sums of Money may be from Time to Time advanced and applied for the Purpose of permanently improving the Possessions for the Time being of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, by Inclosure or by erecting Buildings or executing Drainage or other Works thereon: Provided always, that all Sums so to be advanced for Improvements shall be a Charge upon and be repaid from the Revenues of the said Duchy to the Account of the Duchy of *Cornwall* at the Bank of *England* by annual Instalments of not less than One Thirtieth Part thereof in every Year, and it shall be the Duty of the Receiver General of the Duchy of *Cornwall* and he is hereby required to see that such annual Instalments are paid accordingly; and such annual Instalments shall be applicable in like Manner as if the same had been Sums of Money arising by Sales of Parts of the Possessions of the Duchy for gross Sums under the Powers of Sale herein-before contained: . . . ^{F5}

Textual Amendments

- F3** Words inserted by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\)](#), **s. 10(2)(a)(i)**
F4 Words repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1989 \(c. 43\)](#), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. II**
F5 Words repealed by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1868 \(c. 35\)](#), **s. 1**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** [S. 8](#) amended by [Mines and Quarries \(Tips\) Act 1969 \(c. 10\)](#), **s. 32(2)(d)**; extended by [Coast Protection Act 1949 \(c. 74\)](#), **s. 11(2)(d)**, [Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 \(c. 56\)](#), **Sch. 8 para 5**, [Land Commission Act 1967 \(c. 1\)](#), **s. 75(5)**
C4 [S. 8](#) amended by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\)](#), **S. 4(1)**
[S. 8](#) amended (E.W.)(1.11.1993) by 1993 c. 28, **s. 94(5)**; S.I. 1993/2134 art. 5
C5 [S. 8](#) extended by [Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 \(c. 5, SIF 2:3\)](#), ss. 95(5), 99(1), **Sch. 13 paras. 1(1), 2, 3**
[S. 8](#) extended (E.W.)(1.9.1995) by 1995 c. 8, **ss. 37(6), 41(2)**
C6 [S. 8](#) extended (30.9.2003 for E., 30.3.2004 for W.) by 2002 c. 15, ss. 108(4), 181(1); S.I. 2003/1986, arts. 1(2), **2(a)**; S.I. 2004/669, **art. 2(a)**
[S. 8](#) extended (30.9.2003 for E. for certain purposes, 30.3.2004 for W. for certain purposes, 31.5.2005 for W. for certain purposes) by 2002 c. 15, ss. 172(5), 181(1); S.I. 2003/1986, arts. 1(2), **2(c)(ii)** (subject to **Sch. 2**); S.I. 2004/669, **art. 2(c)(ii)** (with **Sch. 2**); S.I. 2005/1353, **art. 2(h)** (subject to art. 3)

9 Power to grant Annuities in lieu of Estates surrendered.

It shall be lawful for the Duke of *Cornwall* from Time to Time, on the Extinguishment, by Surrender or otherwise, of any Leasehold, Copyhold, Customary, or other outstanding Interest in any of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, to give and grant to the Lessee or other Person entitled to the Estate or Interest so to be extinguished, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, an Annuity or yearly Sum of Money, to be payable during the Period for which the Estate or Interest, if not

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so extinguished, would have continued, or for such other Period as to the Duke of *Cornwall* shall appear expedient, and to be issuing out of and chargeable upon the Possessions in which such Estate or Interest shall have existed, and the Deed for carrying such Arrangement into effect shall be under the Seal of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, and may be in the Form for that Purpose contained in the Schedule annexed to this Act, or in any other Form which shall be more convenient; and the Grantee of such Annuity or yearly Sum, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have and may exercise the same Remedies for recovering and enforcing Payment thereof by Distress and Entry upon the Hereditaments to be charged therewith as if it had been a Rent Service reserved upon a common Demise of the same Hereditaments; but no Right of Action or Suit against the Duke of *Cornwall* shall accrue to any Person in consequence of the Nonpayment of any such Annuity or yearly Sum.

10 Provision as to Settlement of disputed Rights.

It shall be lawful for the Duke of *Cornwall* to make or sanction such Arrangement as may from Time to Time be considered expedient for the Settlement of any Question which may arise touching or concerning the Boundary or Extent of any of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, or the Title to any Property, or to any Right of Common, Right of Way, Water Right, or other Right whatsoever being or reputed or claimed to be Parcel of or appurtenant to the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, or to any Right exercised or claimed to be exercised in, over, or upon any Part of the Possessions or reputed Possessions of the said Duchy, or touching or concerning any other Matter having relation to or affecting the same Possessions or any of them, and for that Purpose, by Deed under the Seal of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, in such Form as may be deemed expedient, to give up or relinquish or to admit the Title to any such Property or Right, and in case of any such Relinquishment or Admission to accept any Land, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Sum of Money in lieu of or by way of Consideration for the Property or Right the Title to which shall be so relinquished or admitted, and to authorize the Payment from Time to Time to any Person of any Rents or other Profits to be derived from, or any Purchase Monies to be received on account of the Sale of, any such Property or Right or any Portion thereof respectively, and any Person claiming to be entitled in possession, either for Life or for any greater Estate, and either at Law or in Equity, to the Rents and Profits or the Interest or Income or the Use and Enjoyment of any such Property or Right, may enter into any Agreement for any of the Purposes aforesaid; and when any Deed, Agreement, or Writing effecting or purporting to effect any such Arrangement as aforesaid shall have been enrolled as herein-after mentioned, the same shall be binding and conclusive on the Duke of *Cornwall* and every Party in anywise interested or claiming to be interested in the Subject Matter thereof, and any Land, Tenements, Hereditaments, or Money so to be accepted by the Duke of *Cornwall* shall be considered and treated as Property purchased by the Duke of *Cornwall*, or, as the Case may be, as Money arising from a Sale for a gross Sum of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall* under the Powers of this Act.

11 Sales, &c. to be made under Warrant from the Treasury.

No Sale, Disposal, or Enfranchisement under the Powers herein-before contained, nor any Charge, or Arrangement by way of Compromise, of, upon, or concerning any of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, nor any Repurchase or Redemption of an annual Sum reserved or made payable on any Sale, Disposal, or Enfranchisement under the Powers of this Act, nor any Purchase under the Powers of this Act [^{F6} or the

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Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982], except where the Consideration payable upon such Purchase shall not exceed the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, shall be made, and no Capital Monies shall be applied for the Purpose of Improvements under the Power herein-before in that Behalf contained, without the previous Sanction and Approval of the Lord High Treasurer, or of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, or some Two or more of them, to be signified by some Warrant under his or their Hand or Hands; and such Sanction and Approval may be given either for any particular Class of Cases, or for any particular Sale, Disposal, Enfranchisement, Charge, Arrangement by way of Compromise, Purchase, or Outlay for the Purpose of Improvements, and either with or without any Condition or Restriction, as to the said Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Two of them, shall seem meet.

Textual Amendments

F6 Words inserted by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\)](#), **s. 10(2)(a)(ii)**

12 Payments to be made by Drafts on the Bank of England.

All Payments out of the Monies which shall have been paid into the Bank of *England* to the Account of the Duchy of *Cornwall* under the Authority of this Act shall be made by Draft under the Hands of some Three Persons, or Three out of a larger Number of Persons, (being Councillors in or about the Affairs of the said Duchy, or regular Officers of the said Duchy, who by virtue of their several Appointments and Offices are concerned in the general Superintendence and Management of the Revenues and Affairs of the said Duchy,) whom the Duke of *Cornwall* shall, by Sign Manual Warrant, authorize in that Behalf, and Drafts so drawn shall be sufficient Authority to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* to pay the Amount thereof to the Person or to the Order of the Person mentioned in such Drafts, or the Bearer of them.

13 Sums arising from Sales and not immediately wanted to be invested in the Three per Cents.

It shall be lawful for the Duke of *Cornwall* to cause any Monies to arise or be received from or in respect of any Sale, Disposal, or Enfranchisement of any of the Possessions of the said Duchy, and which may not be immediately wanted for any of the Purposes to which the same are hereby made applicable, to be laid out in the meantime in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Bank Annuities, in the Name or to the Account of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, in which Name or to which Account the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* are hereby authorized and required to permit Transfers to be made of the Annuities to be so purchased, and such Transfers may be accepted by some Officer of the said Duchy, or by some other Person authorized in that Behalf by the Duke of *Cornwall*.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C7 **S. 13** extended by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1893 \(c. 20\)](#), **s. 2**

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14 Application of Dividends.

The Dividends on the Stocks and Annuities to be purchased as last aforesaid shall from Time to Time, as the said Dividends shall become due, be paid by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* to the Receiver General of the said Duchy, or his Deputy or lawfully authorized Attorney, and shall be deemed and taken to be Part of the Revenues of the said Duchy, and shall be from Time to Time accounted for, applied, and appropriated to such and the same Uses and Purposes as the other Revenues of the said Duchy.

15 Stocks purchased may be sold when Funds are required.

When and so often as it shall be necessary or expedient to raise any Sum of Money for any Purpose to which Monies to be received under the Authority of this Act [^{F7}or the Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982] from any Sale, Disposal, or Enfranchisement of the Possessions of the said Duchy are hereby [^{F8}or by the said Act of 1982] made applicable, it shall be lawful for the Duke of *Cornwall* from Time to Time to direct the Sale of all or any Part of the said Bank Annuities so to be purchased in the Name or to the Account of the Duchy of *Cornwall* as aforesaid, and the Monies produced by the Sale of such Bank Annuities shall be paid into the Bank of *England*, and be placed to the Credit of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, and shall be applied and disposed of in the same Manner and for the same Purposes as and considered in all respects as Part of the Monies to be received under the Authority of this Act for or in respect of any Sale for a gross Sum of Money of any of the Possessions of the said Duchy.

Textual Amendments

- F7** Words inserted by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\), s. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
F8 Words inserted by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\), s. 10\(2\)\(b\)](#)

16 Transfer of Stock may be made under Power of Attorney.

All Sums of Stock which shall be sold under the Provisions herein-before contained may be transferred by any Person to be appointed for that Purpose by any Letter of Attorney under the Hands and Seals of some Three of the Persons authorized to sign Drafts as aforesaid, and the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* shall and they are hereby authorized and required to permit all such Transfers to be so made, and shall be and they are hereby exonerated and precluded from seeing or inquiring whether the Bank Annuities sold were duly and properly sold for the Purposes and in pursuance of this Act [^{F9}or the Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982], or otherwise as to the Propriety or Regularity of the Sale or Transfer thereof.

Textual Amendments

- F9** Words inserted by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\), s. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(iv\)](#)

17 Monies and Stock standing in the Name of the Duke of Cornwall at the Bank of England to be treated as arising under this Act.

All Monies which at the Time of the passing of this Act shall be standing to the Credit of the Account of the Duke of *Cornwall* at the Bank of *England*, or which

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shall be payable to the Credit of that Account, or may be received upon any Sale of any Part of the Possessions of the said Duchy under the Provisions of any other Act of Parliament, shall be considered as forming Part of the Monies arising from a Sale of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall* under the Provisions of this Act, and be carried over or placed to the Account of the Duchy of *Cornwall* at the Bank of *England*, and shall be dealt with accordingly; and all Bank Annuities which at the Time of the passing of this Act shall be standing in the Name of the Duke of *Cornwall* in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* shall be considered as having been purchased with Monies arising from a Sale of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall* under the Provisions of this Act, and be transferred to the Account of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, and be dealt with accordingly; and all Orders and Letters of Attorney which may be required by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* for effecting any such carrying over or Transfer may be under the Hands or under the Hands and Seals of some Three of the Persons authorized to sign Drafts as aforesaid.

18 Power to refer Disputes to Arbitration.

In case of any Difference between the Duke of *Cornwall* and any Person whomsoever as to the Terms of any Arrangement for the Settlement of any Question which may arise touching or concerning the Boundary or Extent of any of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, or the Title to any Property, or to any Right of Common, Right of Way, Water Right, or other Right whatsoever, being or reputed or claimed to be Parcel of or appurtenant to the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, or the Title to any Right exercised or claimed to be exercised in, over, or upon any Part of the Possessions or reputed Possessions of the said Duchy, or touching or concerning any other Matter having relation to or affecting the same Possessions, or any of them, then and in every such Case, and so often as the same shall happen, it shall be lawful for the Duke of *Cornwall*, with such Sanction and Approval of the Lord High Treasurer or of the Commissioners of the Treasury as is herein-before mentioned, to authorize the same to be referred to the Arbitration or Arbitration and Umpirage of such One or more Person or Persons, and upon such Terms and in such Manner in all respects as the Duke of *Cornwall* shall think fit, and for that Purpose to authorize such Agreement for Reference to be entered into on behalf of the Duke of *Cornwall* as may be deemed advisable; and the Award to be made in pursuance of any such Reference, when enrolled as herein-after mentioned, shall be binding and conclusive on the Duke of *Cornwall* and every other Party to the Reference, and the Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns of such other Party.

19 Purchasers, &c. not to be bound to see that Provisions of the Act have been complied with;

No Person claiming under any Deed, Instrument, or Assurance which shall be made or purport to be made under the Powers herein-before contained shall be bound to inquire whether the Provisions of this Act have been duly complied with or not, or whether the Transaction to which such Deed, Instrument, or Assurance shall relate has been in fact authorized by this Act or not, or whether it has or has not been within the Provisions and the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, but every such Deed, Instrument, or Assurance shall, when enrolled in the Manner herein-after provided, be good, valid, and effectual as against the Duke of *Cornwall* for the Purposes for which the same shall have been executed.

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C8 Ss. 19, 20 extended by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\)](#), s. 10(3)

20 nor to see to the Application of the Purchase Money.

No Person paying any Sum of Money under the Authority or supposed Authority of this Act, or in pursuance of or purporting to be in pursuance of any Provision herein contained, shall be bound to see to the Application or be answerable for the Misapplication or Nonapplication of the Money so paid.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C9 Ss. 19, 20 extended by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\)](#), s. 10(3)

21 Power to grant Leases for 31 Years, without Fine.

It shall be lawful for the Duke of *Cornwall*, by Deed under the Seal of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, to demise or grant any Manors, Messuages, Parks, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments for the Time being, Parcel of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, (including Mines and Quarries, whether opened or not, with Power to the Grantee to work, get, carry away, and dispose of the Minerals found therein, and to do all Acts necessary or expedient for working, getting, carrying away, and disposing of the same Minerals, or any of them,) for any Term or Number of Years . . . ^{F10}, so that upon every such Demise, where the Subject Matter thereof shall consist of Land or Property other than Mines or Minerals, there shall be reserved the full and fair annual Rent of the Property to be comprised therein, . . . ^{F11} without taking any Fine or Consideration in the Nature of a Fine for the granting thereof; and where the Subject Matter of such Demise or Grant shall be Mines or Minerals, that then upon every such Demise or Grant there shall be reserved a reasonable Amount of Rent, Royalty, Dues, Toll, or Dish, without taking any Fine or Consideration in the Nature of a Fine for the granting thereof.

Textual Amendments

F10 Words repealed by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\)](#), s. 5(a)

F11 Words repealed by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\)](#), s. 5(a)

22 Power to grant Leases for 99 Years for Purposes of Improvement, without Fine.

It shall be lawful for the Duke of *Cornwall*, by Deed under the Seal of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, to demise any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments for the Time being, Parcel of the Possessions of the said Duchy, for any Term of Years . . . ^{F12} . . . ^{F13} with a view to the Improvement thereof by the Erection of new Buildings or the Repair of existing Buildings thereon, or in the Case of open or unimproved or waste Lands, by the Inclosure or Cultivation thereof, or otherwise, so as that upon every such Demise there shall be reserved a fair annual Rent . . . ^{F14}, without taking any Fine or Consideration in the Nature of a Fine for the granting thereof, and so that in every such Demise there shall be contained a Covenant on the Part of the Lessee for the

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Execution or Performance of the particular Improvements in consideration of which such Demise shall be granted.

Textual Amendments

- F12** Words repealed by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1893 \(c. 20\), s. 1](#)
F13 Words repealed by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\), s. 5\(b\)](#)
F14 Words repealed by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\), s. 5\(b\)](#)

23 Fines may be taken in special Cases with the Consent of the Treasury.

Provided always, That the Restrictions herein-before contained against taking any Fine or Consideration in the Nature of a Fine on the granting of Leases of the Possessions of the said Duchy shall not apply to or affect any Disposal for a limited Period, in consideration wholly or in part of a gross Sum of Money, of any Part or Parts of the Possessions of the said Duchy which may be made in any special Case under the Powers herein-before contained, with such Sanction and Approval of the Lord High Treasurer or of the Commissioners of the Treasury as herein-before is mentioned, and under which the gross Sum received as the whole or in part of such Consideration will be treated as Capital Money.

24 Covenants in Leases to be as effectual as if the Duke of Cornwall had an absolute Estate.

All Covenants, Conditions, and Agreements contained in any Lease or Grant made in pursuance of the Powers given by this Act [^{F15}or the Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982] shall be as good and effectual in Law, according to the Words and Contents of the same, as if the Duke of *Cornwall* at the Time of making any such Lease or Grant were seised of an absolute Estate in Fee Simple in the Hereditaments to be thereby granted.

Textual Amendments

- F15** Words inserted by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\), s. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(v\)](#)

25 Leases not to be otherwise than for fixed Terms of Years except in certain Cases.

It shall not be lawful for the Duke of *Cornwall* at any Time hereafter to make any Grant of any Part of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall* for the Lives or Life of any Person or Persons, or for any Term of Years determinable with any Lives or Life other than the Lives or Life of some Person or Persons for whose Lives or Life some adjacent Lands, Parcel of the Possessions of the said Duchy, shall be held at the Time of the passing of this Act, and then not for any longer Term than Thirty-one Years, determinable with such last-mentioned Lives or Life.

26 New Leases may be granted on the Surrender of existing Interests.

Leases of any Part of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall* may be granted in consideration of the Surrender of any outstanding Estate held for Life, or for any Term of Years, either absolute or determinable with any Lives or Life, and in determining

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the Amount of Rent to be reserved in such new Lease the Value of the Interest to be surrendered may be taken into account, and the Acceptance of such Surrender shall not be considered as taking a Fine.

27 The Duke of Cornwall may accept a Surrender of any Lease, and grant separate Leases at apportioned Rents.

It shall be lawful for the Duke of *Cornwall* to accept a Surrender of any Lease of any of the Possessions of the said Duchy, and by Deed under the Seal of the Duchy of *Cornwall* to grant separate Leases of the whole or any Part of the Hereditaments comprised in such surrendered Lease for the Residue of the Term for which such Hereditaments were held under such Lease, and to apportion the Rent thereby reserved.

28 Concurrence of Under-lessees not required on a Surrender for obtaining a new Grant.

Whenever a Surrender shall be made of any existing Lease of any of the Possessions of the said Duchy for the Purpose of taking a new Lease or Leases, the new Lease or Leases shall be taken to be a Renewal of the surrendered Lease within the Scope and Meaning of the Sixth Section of the ^{M1}Landlord and Tenant Act 1730, so far as to render unnecessary the Surrender of any Under-lease previously to the granting of such new Lease or Leases, and to give full Effect to every such new Lease in all respects, notwithstanding any Under-lease may not be surrendered.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C10 Reference to [Landlord and Tenant Act 1730 \(c. 28\), s. 6](#) to be construed as reference to [Law of Property Act 1925 \(c. 20\), s. 150](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 [1730 c. 28.](#)

29 Severance of Reversion not to prejudice Condition of Re-entry, &c.

Where any of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall* which may be or have been sold, disposed of, or granted shall have formed Part of Property comprised in any Lease, all Rights under Covenants, and the Power of Re-entry and other Powers and Conditions contained in such Lease, shall remain in full Force, so far as the same may be applicable to the Residue of the Property comprised therein, and not be prejudicially affected by the Severance of the Reversion although no Apportionment of the Rent reserved on such Lease shall take place.

30 Deeds, &c. to be enrolled.

Every Deed or Instrument whereby any Manors, Lordships, Messuages, Lands, Mines, Minerals, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Rents, Pensions, Annuities, Rights of Common or Mining, or other Charges or Rights, shall be purchased under the Powers of this Act, or any of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall* shall be sold, disposed of, enfranchised, exchanged, leased, licensed to be demised, granted, charged, or released, and every Agreement for Reference or Submission to Arbitration

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under the Powers of this Act, and every Award made pursuant to any such Reference or Submission to Arbitration shall within Six Months after the Date thereof respectively be enrolled in the Office of the Duchy of *Cornwall*.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C11 Ss. 30, 31, 32 extended by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\)](#), **s. 10(3)**

31 Keeper of Records to enrol Deeds, &c. in order of Time, and to certify Enrolment.

The Keeper of the Records of the Duchy of *Cornwall* shall enrol every Deed and other Instrument hereby directed to be enrolled in the Office of the said Duchy in order of Time as the same shall respectively be brought to the said Office for that Purpose, and certify under his Hand, or under the Hand of his Deputy for the Time being, upon the said Deed or other Instrument when enrolled the Fact of such Enrolment having been made and the Date of such Enrolment.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C12 Ss. 30, 31, 32 extended by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\)](#), **s. 10(3)**

32 Deeds, &c. so enrolled not to require Enrolment in Courts of Law, &c.

Every such Deed or other Instrument shall, when so enrolled as herein-before directed, without any Enrolment or Registration thereof in any Court of Law or Equity, be as good and available and of the like Force and Effect in all respects and to all Intents and Purposes as if the same had been or was enrolled or registered in [^{F16}the High Court], any Act, Law, Practice, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding; and the Memorandum of such Enrolment written on such Deed or other Instrument, and purporting to be signed by the Keeper of the Records of the said Duchy or his Deputy, shall be Evidence that the same has been duly enrolled according to the Purport and Effect of such Memorandum and to the Provisions of this Act.

Textual Amendments

F16 Words substituted by virtue of [Supreme Court of Judicature \(Consolidation\) Act 1925 \(c. 49\)](#), **s. 224(1)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C13 Ss. 30, 31, 32 extended by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\)](#), **s. 10(3)**

33 Certain Enrolments may be made nunc pro tunc.

In all Cases where the Enrolment of any Deed or other Instrument in the Office of the Duchy of *Cornwall* has been or shall be omitted or delayed beyond the Period provided for the Enrolment thereof, either by this Act or otherwise, it shall be lawful for the Duke of *Cornwall*, or any Person whom the Duke of *Cornwall* shall by Sign Manual Warrant appoint to act in that Behalf, or, in the Absence of such Appointment, for the Keeper for the Time being of the Records of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, upon reasonable Cause being shown for the Omission or Delay, to direct or permit the making of any

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such Enrolment *nunc pro tunc*, and every such Enrolment when made shall be as valid and effectual as if made within the Period limited for that Purpose either by this Act or otherwise.

34 Power to appoint a Person to enter into Contracts.

It shall be lawful for the Duke of *Cornwall* at any Time and from Time to Time, by Sign Manual Warrant or otherwise, to nominate and depute any Person to enter into and make any Contract or Agreement touching or concerning any Matter or Thing to be done under the Authority of this Act [^{F17}or the Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982], but the Party claiming as against the Duke of *Cornwall* under any Contract or Agreement relating to the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall* shall only be entitled to enforce in Equity by Suit against the Keeper of the Records of the said Duchy a specific Performance of such Contract or Agreement, and the Duke of *Cornwall* shall not be personally liable to any Action, Suit, or other Proceeding in consequence thereof, or touching or concerning any other Matter or Thing done or purporting to be done under the Authority of this Act [^{F17}or the Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982], or for any Omission or otherwise, and the Keeper of the Records of the said Duchy shall be indemnified out of the Revenues of the said Duchy against the Costs, Expenses, and Losses of and attending or incurred by any Suit against him as aforesaid.

Textual Amendments

F17 Words inserted by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\)](#), [s. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(vi\)](#)

35 Proviso as to Grants of Licences to demise.

And whereas by the Twenty-fifth Section of the ^{M2}Duchy of Cornwall Act 1844, Power is given to His Royal Highness *Albert Edward* Prince of *Wales* and Duke of *Cornwall*, His Heirs and Successors, to grant Licences to Copyhold or Customary Tenants within any Manors Parcel of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall* to improve their Tenements and demise the same in manner therein mentioned, and by the Twenty-seventh Section of the same Act it is enacted, amongst other things, that no Grant shall be made under the Powers of that Act without such Sanction and Approval on the Part of the Treasury as therein mentioned: Be it declared and enacted, That all Licences by the Twenty-fifth Section of the ^{M3}said Duchy of Cornwall Act 1844, authorized to be granted, may be made and granted by the Steward of the Manor of which the Premises to which the same shall relate are Parcel, in such Manner as any Licence to demise may by the Custom of such Manor be made or granted; and that the Power thereby given is not intended to diminish or prejudicially affect the Power of granting Licences previously sanctioned by the Usage or Custom of the Manor, and that the Word “Grant” contained in the Twenty-seventh Section of the same Act is not intended to apply to the Grant of any Licence granted under the Authority of that Act.

Marginal Citations

M2 [1844 c. 65.](#)

M3 [1844 c. 65.](#)

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36 Power to grant Land for Sites of Churches, &c.

It shall be lawful for the Duke of *Cornwall*, at any Time or Times hereafter, out of the Lands and Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, to grant any Building proper to be used as or converted into a Church or Chapel or a School for the Education of poor Persons; and any Ground proper for the Site of any Church or Chapel, with or without a Cemetery or Burial Ground thereto; and any Ground proper for a Cemetery or Burial Ground to any Church or Chapel; and any House with its Appurtenances, and with or without a Garden thereto, proper for the Residence of the Spiritual Person who may serve any Church or Chapel, or of the Master or Mistress of any such School; and any Ground proper for the Site or Sites of any such Residence or School; and also to grant any Building or Site for a Building solely for the Celebration of Divine Service by any Denomination of non-conforming Christians, so that in every such last-mentioned Grant the Denomination of Christians to or for whom it shall be granted shall be specified: Provided that not more than One Acre nor Premises of greater Value than Two hundred Pounds be granted in any particular Parish or Place for any One of the Purposes aforesaid; but this Restriction shall not apply where the Excess in Value over the Sum of Two hundred Pounds shall be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Manner herein-before provided in the Case of a Sale for a gross Sum of Money, or where such Excess shall be compensated for by an annual Sum of Money reserved upon the Grant and made payable to the Duke of *Cornwall* as Part of the Revenues of the Duchy of *Cornwall*; and in estimating the Value of the Property to be granted, no Account shall be taken of the Value of any Building the Cost of which shall have been defrayed by public Subscription, or which may have been previously erected solely with the view of being used for the Purpose to which the same is proposed to be devoted by the Grant; and every Grant which shall be made by the Duke of *Cornwall* for any of the Purposes specified in this Section shall be made by Deed under the Seal of the Duchy of *Cornwall*; and every such Grant, when enrolled in the Office of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, shall be valid and effectual against the Duke of *Cornwall*, and sufficient to vest in the Person, Body Politic or Corporate, to be therein named as Grantee, the Premises expressed to be thereby granted; and every such Grantee, his or their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Successors, shall, by force of this Act, be adjudged, deemed, and taken to be in the actual Seisin or Possession of the Premises in such Grant specified, and shall have full Capacity and Ability to and shall take, hold, and enjoy the same, either absolutely and in perpetuity, or for such limited Estate, Term, or Interest, and under and subject to such Reservations of Rent or other Acknowledgments, Conditions, or Restrictions, as shall be specified, inserted, directed, or contained in any such Grant, any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: Provided always, that when a free Grant or any Grant for a limited Period shall have been made of any Property under the Provisions in this Section contained, and the same shall afterwards cease to be used for the Purpose for which the same shall have been so granted, or shall be used for any other Purpose, such Property, if unconsecrated, shall revert to and again become Parcel of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall* in the same Manner as if no such Grant had been made; and no Grant shall at any Time hereafter be made under the Twenty-sixth Section of the ^{M4}said Duchy of Cornwall Act 1844, which shall be contrary to the Provisions hereinbefore contained.

Marginal Citations

M4 1844 c. 65.

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37 Interpretation of Terms.

In this Act the following Words and Expressions shall have the several Meanings hereby assigned to them, over and above their several ordinary Meanings, unless there shall be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction; (that is to say,)

The Word “Person” shall include a Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and every other Corporation aggregate or sole:

The Words “Duke of Cornwall” shall include His Royal Highness *Albert Edward* Prince of *Wales* and Duke of *Cornwall*, also all succeeding Dukes of *Cornwall*, and also the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for the Time being entitled to the Lands and Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, or the Revenues thereof, during such Time as the Possessions of the said Duchy shall be vested in the Crown:

The Words “Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*,” and the Word “Possessions” applied to the Duchy of *Cornwall*, shall include Regalities, Hundreds, Castles, Honours, Lordships, Manors, Advowsons, Forests, Chases, Woods, Parks, Messuages, Lands, Buildings, Rights of Common, Mines, Minerals, Rights of Entry, or other Rights in respect of Mines or Minerals, Rentcharges in lieu of Tithes, Fixtures, Services, Rents, Pensions, Annuities, annual Sums reserved on any Sale, Disposal, or Enfranchisement made under the Powers of this Act, Rights, Privileges, Easements, Possessions, Tenements, and Hereditaments whatsoever, whether in possession or reversion, Parcel or reputed or claimed to be Parcel of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, or annexed to the same:

The Word “Minerals” shall include all Minerals, whether metallic or not, Stone, and Substrata of every Description.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C14 S. 37 extended by [Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1982 \(c. 47, SIF 29:10\)](#), s. 10(3)

38 † Proviso for Exercise of Powers when a Duke of Cornwall is under 21 Years of Age.

The Rights, Powers, Privileges, and Authorities hereby made exerciseable by the Duke of *Cornwall*, or which shall otherwise be exerciseable by the Duke of *Cornwall*, shall be exerciseable during such Time as any future Duke of *Cornwall* shall be under the Age of [^{F18}eighteen years], in the Name and on behalf of such Duke of *Cornwall*, by the Sovereign of the United Kingdom for the Time being as Guardian of such Duke, or by any Persons acting under the Authority of the Sovereign of the United Kingdom for the Time being; and all Acts, Matters, and Things to be done in the Name and on behalf of the Duke of *Cornwall* for the Time being who shall be under the Age of [^{F18}eighteen years] by the Sovereign of the United Kingdom as such Guardian, or by any Person or Persons acting under the Authority of the Sovereign in pursuance of and in conformity with the Powers or Authorities to them in that Behalf committed by the Sovereign, shall be good, valid, and effectual in Law as if the same had been and were done, and the same shall to all Intents and Purposes be taken to have been done, by such Duke of *Cornwall* himself in his own proper Person, and at his full Age of [^{F18}eighteen years]; and the Appointment of the Persons to act as aforesaid in the Name and on behalf of any such Duke of *Cornwall* may be from Time to Time made by the Sovereign, by

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Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, to be countersigned by any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury of the United Kingdom: Provided always, that all Offices, Appointments, and Employments relating to the Duchy of *Cornwall*, or the Possessions thereof, given or bestowed during such Time as any Duke of *Cornwall* shall be under the Age of [^{F18}eighteen years], which may by Law be given or bestowed during Pleasure, shall be determinable by such Duke of *Cornwall* at any Time after he shall attain the Age of [^{F18}eighteen years].

Textual Amendments

F18 Words substituted by [Family Law Reform Act 1969 \(c. 46\), s. 10\(3\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C15 Unreliable margin note

39 Proviso for Exercise of Powers when the Duchy of Cornwall is vested in the Crown.

Whenever there shall not for the Time being be any Duke of *Cornwall*, it shall be lawful for the Sovereign for the Time being from Time to Time, by Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, to be countersigned by any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury of the United Kingdom, to authorize such and so many of the regular Officers of the said Duchy, who by virtue of their several Appointments and Offices may be concerned in the general Superintendence and Management of the Revenues and Affairs of the said Duchy, or any other Persons, being not more than Five and not less than Three in Number, as the Sovereign may think fit, in the Name and on behalf of the Sovereign, to exercise all or any of the Rights, Powers, Privileges, and Authorities which are by this Act made exerciseable or which shall otherwise for the Time being be exerciseable by the Sovereign in relation to the said Duchy, and to commit to any One or more of the regular Officers authorized to act in the Name and on behalf of the Sovereign as aforesaid the Custody of the Seal of the said Duchy.

40 This Act not to interfere with existing Powers except where expressly altered.

Nothing in this Act contained shall take away, alter, or prejudice, further or otherwise than as the same are hereby expressly rescinded or altered, any Powers or Provisions contained in the ^{M5}said Duchy of Cornwall Act 1844, or the ^{M6}Duchy of Cornwall (No. 2) Act 1844, or “The Acts for the Inclosure, Exchange, and Improvement of Land,” or any other Act of Parliament heretofore passed and now in force touching or concerning or which may in any way affect the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, or the Revenues or Management thereof, and not hereby expressly repealed.

Marginal Citations

M5 [1844 c. 65.](#)

M6 [1844 c. 105.](#)

41 Authorizing Exchanges of Minerals under Inclosure Acts.

It is hereby expressly declared and enacted, That the Powers vested in the Inclosure Commissioners for *England* and *Wales* by “The Acts for the Inclosure, Exchange, and

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Improvement of Land,” for effecting Exchanges of Land, shall, as to any Exchange affecting the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, be deemed and construed to authorize a Dealing for the Purpose of such Exchange with Mines and Minerals, and Rights in respect of Mines and Minerals, either with or without any Dealing with the Ownership of the Surface.

42 Short Title.

This Act may for any Purpose be cited as “The Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1863.”

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