



# Works and Public Buildings Act 1874

1874 CHAPTER 84 37 and 38 Vict

**1 Short title.**

This Act may be cited for all purposes as “The Works and Public Buildings Act 1874.”

**2 Commissioners incorporated by 14 & 15 Vict. c. 42 to have the powers conferred on subsequent Commissioners.**

The Commissioners of Works as incorporated by and for the purposes of the Crown Lands Act 1851, are hereby declared to be, and shall be a Corporation to all intents and purposes, and as such shall have and hold, and may exercise not only all the estates, property, interests, privileges, and powers now vested in or enjoyed by them under that Act, but also all estates, property, interests, privileges, and powers now vested in or held or enjoyed by the Commissioners of Works as a Corporation under the <sup>M1</sup>Commissioners of Works Act 1852 or any subsequent Act, and in or by the Battersea Park Commissioners.

**Marginal Citations**

M1 1852 c. 28.

**3 Dissolution of Corporation created subsequent to 14 & 15 Vict.**

... <sup>F1</sup> the continuing Corporation shall perform all the duties, and be subject to and bear and discharge all the existing liabilities of all the dissolved Corporations out of the funds applicable to the same respectively, and shall have the benefit of all covenants and agreements entered into with any of the dissolved Corporations.

**Textual Amendments**

F1 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1893 \(c. 54\)](#)

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#### 4 Powers of Commissioners.

The first Commissioner and the other Commissioners for the time being of Works, and all officers of the Commissioners of Works, shall retain and have for the purposes of this Act in relation to the Corporation hereby confirmed all the powers and authorities given to or enjoyed by them in relation to any of the Corporations hereby dissolved, and also all the powers and authority given to or enjoyed by them by or under the <sup>M2</sup>Crown Lands Act 1851 and the <sup>M3</sup>Commissioners of Works Act 1852.

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##### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Functions of First Commissioner of Works now exercisable by Secretary of State for the Environment:  
[S.I. 1970/1681, art. 3\(1\)](#)

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##### Marginal Citations

- M2** [1851 c. 42](#)  
**M3** [1852 c. 28](#)

#### 5 Transfer of Dunfermline Palace, &c. from Commissioners of Woods to Commissioners of Works.

The Royal Palace of Dunfermline or ruins thereof, and so much of the land adjacent thereto as is now vested in or belongs to Her Majesty in right of Her Crown, and also the Royal Palace of Linlithgow or ruins thereof, and the peel or park surrounding the same, with the adjacent loch, also the King's Garden and Knott, being part of the Crown estate, Stirling, shall be and the same are hereby transferred from the management of the Commissioners of Woods to the management of the Commissioners of Works as if the said palaces and lands had been included in the twenty-second section of the <sup>M4</sup>Crown Lands Act 1851.

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