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An Act for inclosing Lands in the Parish of Stockton, in the County of Wilts. [20th May 1809.]

THEREAS there are within the Parish of Stockton in the County of Wilts, several Open and Common Fields, Common Downs, Meadows, Pastures, and other Commonable and Waste Lands, containing, by Estimation, Fisteen Hundred Acres, or thereabouts; and also several inclosed Lands and Grounds: And whereas Harry Biggs Esquire, is Lord of the Manor of Stockton aforesaid, extending over the said Open and Common Fields, Common Downs, Meadows, Pastures, and other Commonable and Waste Lands; and is seised of the Soil of all the Waste Lands within the said Manor: And whereas the Honourable and Right Reverend Brownlow Lord Bishop of Winchester, in Right of his See, is Patron of the Rectory of Stockton aforesaid; and the Reverend Henry Good Clerk, is Rector thereof, and, in Right of his said Rectory, is entitled to certain Glebe Lands, and Great and Small Tithes arising within the said Parish: And whereas the said Harry Biggs and William Wansborough Pinchard, and certain other Persons are Proprietors of all the Residue of the said Lands and Grounds: And whereas an Act, was passed in the Fortyfirst Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King George the Third, intituled, An Ast for consolidating in One Ast certain Provisions usually inserted in Alls of Inclosure, and for facilitating the Mode of proving the several Facts [Loc. & Per.]

usually required on the possing of such Acts: And whereas the Lands of the several Proprietors in the said Open and Common Fields lie intermixed and dispersed, and are otherwise inconveniently situated, and the several Proprietors thereof, and of the other Commonable and Waste Lands are desirous that the same should be divided and all tred unto and amongst them propostionably, and according to the Value of their respective Estates, Rights, and laterests therein, and be divided and held in Severalty, and that in Consideration of a proper Compensation, all the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments within the faid Patish of Stockton, as well open as inclosed, should be discharged from Tithes and Moduses and other Payments in lieu of Tythes (if any); but as the several beneficial Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Aid of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Pailiament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That Richard Webb of New Sarum, in the County of Wilts, Gentleman, and Thomas Davis of Herningsham, in the same County, Gentleman, shall be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for dividing and allotting all the Open and Common Fields, Common Downs, and other Commonable and Waste Lands in the Parish of Stockton aforesaid, and for carrying the several other Purposes of this Act into Execution, pursuant to the Powers, Regulations, and Directions herein contained in that Behalf, and with and pursuant to such of the Powers, Regulations, and Directions of the said recited Act, as are not controuled by or repugnant to any of the Claules, Provisions, and Regulations contained in this Act.

Appointment of Commissioners.

Umpire appointed to letatle Differences between the Commission-ers.

II. And for the Purpose of settling and determining any Difference or Dispute which may arise between the said Commissioners concerning any of the Matters and Things to be by them determined and performed or executed in pursuance of the said recited Act or this Act; be it further enacted, That John Gale of Stert, in the County of Wilts, Gentleman, shall be, and he is hereby appointed to act as an Umpire, and he is hereby authorized and required to hear and determine every Difference or Difpute which may arise between the said Commissioners, touching any Act, Matter, or Thing relating to the said Division and Allotment, or any other Purposes of this Act; and the Judgement and Determination of the said Umpire therein shall be deemed and considered to be the Judgement and Determination of the said Commissioners, and shall be sinal and conclusive upon the said Commissioners, and upon all other Persons interested in the Premises, so far as the Judgements and Acts of the said Commissioners are by the said recited Act and this Act made final and conclusive.

Appointment of new Commissioners. III. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Richard Webb shall refuse to act or qualify himself as a Commissioner for the Execution of this Act, or if he shall, before the Powers and Trusts reposed in the said Commissioners shall have been fully executed, die, or become incapable of acting as a Commissioner, it shall be lawful for the Rector of the said Rectory of Stockton aforesaid for the Time being, by Writing under his Hand, to appoint one other fit and proper Person not interested in the Premises,

Premises, to be a Commissioner in the Place of the said Richard Webb; and if any Commissioner or Commissioners who shall be appointed in the Place of the said Richard Webb shall die, refuse to act, or become incapable of acting as aforefaid, such suture Vacancies shall be filled up in like Manner by the Rector of the faid Rectory for the Time being; and in case the said Thomas Davis shall refuse to act or qualify himself as a Commissioner for the Execution of this Act, or if he shall, before the Powers and Trusts reposed in the said Commissioners shall have been fully executed, die, or become incapable of acting, it shall be lawful for the Majority in Value of the Proprietors for the Time being, of the Lands and Grounds hereby directed to be divided and inclosed (except the Rector, of Stockton aforesaid for the Time being.) or their respective Agents or Attornies present at a Meeting to be holden for that Purpose, by Writing under their respective Hands, to appoint one other fit Person not interested in the Premises, to be a Commissioner in the Place of the said Thomas Davis: Provided always, that Fourteen Days Notice of the Time, Place, and Purpose of such Meeting shall be given by Two or more of the said Proprietors in like Manner as herein-after is directed with respect to the Meetings of the faid Commissioners, and that such Meeting shall be held in the Parish of Stockton'aforesaid, or within the Distance of Seven Miles therefrom; and if any Commissioner or Commissioners who shall be appointed in the Place of the said Thomas Davis shall die, refuse to act, or become incapable of acting as aforesaid, such future Vacancies shall in like Manner be filled up by the Majority in Value of the aid Proprietors (except the said Rector for the Time being); and if any Commissioners hereby appointed or to be appointed in the Manner herein-before directed, shall neglect to attend Three successive Meetings of the said Commissioners, unless prevented by Sickness, such Neglect shall be deemed and taken to be a Refusal to act in the Execution of this Act; and if any such Vacancies as aforesaid shall not be filled up in the Manner herein-before directed, within the Space of One Calendar Month after the same respectively shall happen, it shall be lawful for the surviving or remaining Commissioner for the Time being, by Writing under his Hand, to appoint one other fit and proper Person, not interested in the Premises, to be a Commissioner for supplying such Vacancy, and so from Time to Time as often as there shall be Occasion; and every Person who shall be appointed a Commissioner in the Manner herein-before directed, shall have the like Powers and Authorities in the Execution of this Act, and of the said recited Act, as if he had been appointed a Commissioner in and by this Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if the said John Gale, or any Appointment future Umpire to be appointed as herein-atter is mentioned, shall refuse of Umpire in to act, or to qualify himself as an Umpire under this Act, or shall die or vacancies. become incapable of acting, before the Powers and Trusts reposed in the faid Commissioners shall have been fully executed, it shall be lawful for the faid Harry Biggs, or the Lord or Lords of the said Manor for the Time being, together with the laid William Wansborough Pinchard, or the Proprietor for the Time being of the Estate now belonging to the said William Wansborough Pinchard, and the Rector for the Time being of the said Rectory of Stockton aforesaid, by Writing under their Hands, to nominate and appoint one other fit and proper Person, not interested in the Premises,

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Premises, to be an Umpire in the Place of the said John Gale; and every such future Umpire who shall die or refuse to act, or qualify himfelf, or become incapable of acting as aforesaid, and every such Vacancy in the Office of Umpire shall not be filled up in the Manner herein-before directed within the Space of One Calendar Month next after the lame shall happen, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the Time being, and they are hereby required to appoint, by Writing under their Hands, Some other fit Person, not interested in the Premises, to be an Umpire for supplying such Vacancy, and so from Time to Time as often as there shall be Occasion; and if the said Commissioners cannot agree in the Choice of such Person, then each of the said Commissioners is hereby required to let down in Writing the Name of the Person whom he shall propose to fill such Vacancy, and the Names so set down being written on Papers of the same Size and Kind, and folded up in the same Form, or as nearly of the same Size and Form as may be, shall, at a Meeting of the said Commissioners to be held for that Purpose, and of which Notice shall be given in the Manner directed, with respect to the other Meetings of the said Commissioners, be put together in a Box or Glass from which some indifferent Person shall, at such Meeting, publicly, and in the Presence of all Persons interested, present at such Meeting, draw out one of such Papers, and the Person whose Name shall be written on the Paper first drawn out, shall be the Umpire to supply such Vacancy; and the faid Commissioners are hereby required to certify, by Writing under their Hands, the Choice and Appointment of such Person to be such Umpire accordingly; and every Umpire to be appointed in the Manner hereinbefore directed shall have the like Powers and Authorities as if he had been appointed Umpire in and by this Act.

Allowances to Commissioners and Umpire.

V. And be it further enacted, That every Commissioner and Umpire who shall act in the Execution of this Act, shall be allowed and paid the Sum of Three Pounds and Three Shillings for each Day he shall actually attend and be employed as a Commissioner or Umpire in the Execution of this Act, or shall necessarily travel from Home to attend any Meeting held for the Purposes of this Act, or when returning Home, after having attended such Meeting in full Satisfaction for his Trouble and Expences in carrying this Act into Execution; and that as well the said Commissioners and Umpire as the said Surveyor and the Clerk to the said Commissioners and the said Proprietors and others who shall attend any of the Meetings of the said Commissioners to be held in pursuance of this Act, shall in all Cases defray their own Expences.

Appointment of a Land Surveyor.

VI. And be it further enacted, That William Tubb of Fisherton Anger, in the said County of Wilts, Land Surveyor, shall be the Surveyor for the Purpoles of this Act, during the Will and Pleasure of the said Commissioners, and on his Death or Removal it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, by Writing under their Hands, to appoint one or more sit and proper Person or Persons, not interested in the Premises, to be Surveyor or Surveyors for the Purposes of this Act, for and during the Will and Pleasure of the said Commissioners, and on every survey in like Manner to appoint some other Surveyor or Surveyors as often as there shall be Occasion.

VII. And be it surther enacted, That no Person shall be capable of acting as an Umpire, or as a Surveyor, in the Execution of this Act, aintil he shall have taken and subscribed an Oath or Affirmation in the Form following; (that is to say),

A. B. do swear, or (being One of the People called Quakers) do solemnly Umpire's and affirm, That I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according Surveyor's to the best of my Skill and Ability, execute and perform the Trusts, Bowers, and Authorities vested and reposed in me as an Umpire (or, as a Surveyor, as the Case may be) by virtue of an Act passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, intituled, " (here insert the Title of this AEI) according to Equity and good Conscience, and without Favour or Affection, Prejudice or Partialty to any Person or Persons whomsoever. \* So help me GOD.'

Which Oath or Affirmation it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners. for either of them, to administer, and they are hereby required to admimister the same; and such Oath or Affirmation so taken and subscribed by every such Umpire and Surveyor, and also the Appointment of every Umpire and Surveyor in pursuance of this Act, shall be inrolled with the Award of the faid Commissioners made after the taking of every such Oath or Affirmation, or making any such Appointment, and be deemed and considered as Part thereof, and a Copy of the Involment thereof shall be admitted as legal Evidence.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall commissions and they are hereby required to cause publick Notice to be given in the ers to give Newspaper called The Salisbury and Winchester. Journal, or, in case the Meetings. same shall not be then published, then in lome other Newspaper usually circulated in the said County of Wilts, and to be affixed on the principal Outer Door of the Parish Church of Stockton aforesaid, of the Time and Place of their First and every other Meeting for executing this Act, at least Eight Days before such Meeting shall be holden (Meetings by Adjournment only excepted); and the said Commissioners may, and are hereby authorized to adjourn any such Meeting from Time to Time and Place to Place, as they shall see Occasion; and in case both the said Commissioners shall not meet at the Time and Place appointed for any such Meeting, or to which any such Meeting shall be adjourned, it shall be lawful for the Commissioner present at such Time and Place, or if no Commissioner shall attend, then for the Clerk to the said Commissioners. to adjourn such Meeting to any future Day, not exceeding Twenty-eight Days from the Day of Adjournment, to be holden at the same or any other convenient Place, and so from Time to Time until both the said Commissioners shall meet; and the Commissioner or Clerk making such Adjournment is hereby required to give Notice thereof to the absent Commissioner or Commissioners: Provided, that all the Meetings of the Com- Place of missioners shall be holden at a certain House or Place called Deptford Inn, Meetings. in the Parish of Wily, in the said County of Wilts, or at some other convenient Place within the Distance of Seven Miles from the Boundary of the Parish of Stockton.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all other Notices requisite or Other Notices mecessary to he given by the said Commissioners shall be given by Adver- how to be [Loc. & Per.] tifement,

Winchester Journal, or, in case the same shall not be then published; then in some other Newspaper usually circulated in the said County of Wilts.

Commissioners to decermine Differences. X. And be it further enacted, That if any Dispute or Difference shall arise between any of the Parties that now are or shall before the making of the General Award of the said Commissioners be interested or claim to be interested in the said intended Divisions and Allotments, or any of them touching or concerning the respective Shares or Proportions which they or any of them shall claim or ought to have in any of the Lands and Grounds hereby intended to be divided and allotted, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and required to hear and determine the same: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall authorize the said Commissioners to determine the Title to any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments what-soever.

Commissioncismay award.

XI. And he it further enacted, That in case the said Commissioners shall upon the Hearing and Determination of any Claim or Objection to be delivered to them in phrluance of this or the said recited Act, see cause to award any Costs, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby empowered, upon Application made to them for that Purpose, to settle, assess, and award such Costs and Charges as they shall think reasonable to be paid to the Party or Parties in whose Favour the Determination of the said Commissioners shall be made, by the Person or Persons whose Claim or Objection shall be thereby disallowed or overruled; and in case the Person or Persons who shall be liable to pay such Costs and Charges shall neglect or refuse to pay the same on Demand, then, and in such Case, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, directed to any Person or Persons whomsoever, to cause such Costs and Charges to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay the same, rendering the Overplus, (if any), upon Demand to the Person or Persons whose Goods and Chattels shall have been distrained and sold, after deducting the Costs and Charges attending such Distress and Sale.

Power to try dilputed Claims at Law.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons making any Claim or Claims to any Lands or Hereditaments intended to be divided or affected by this Act, or any Rights or Interests therein, or objecting to any such Claim or Claims, shall be distaissfied with the Determination of the said Commissioners, and shall be desirous of having such Claim or Claims, Rights and Interests respectively, tried at Law, and the Person or Persons so desirous of having the same tried at Law, shall by themselves, or their respective Stewards, Receivers, Attornies, or Agents give or cause to be given Notice thereof in Writing to the said Commissioners or either of them, within Two Calendar Months next after such Determination shall have been so made by the said Commissioners (of which Notice the said Commissioners are hereby required immediately on Receipt thereof, or as soon after as conveniently may be, to give Information to the adverse Party or Parties, or his, her, or their respective Stewards,

Stewards, Receivers, Attornies, or Agents, by Writing under their respective Hands, to be delivered to or left at the usual Piace of Abode of such Party or Parties, Stewards, Receivers, Attornies, or Agents .s aforesaid), then, but not afterwards, it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons giving such Notice as aforesaid, their respective Heirs, Successors, and Assigns, and he, she, or they is and are hereby required to proceed to a Trial or Trials at Law of the same at the then next or the following Assizes to be holden for the County of Wilts, in a feigned Action or Actions for that Purpole, to be commenced by the Person or Persons giving such Notice as aforesaid, against any Person or Persons interested in the said Division, who shall make such Objection or Objections, within Two Calendar Months next after such Notice shall be given to the said Commissioners as aforesaid, and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Actions shall forthwith name an Attorney or Attornies who shall file common Bail, or appear and accept one or more Issue or Issues, whereby all such Claim or Claims, and Rights and Interests may be properly tried and determined, such Issue or Issues to be settled by the proper Officer of the Court wherein such Action shall be brought, if the Parties differ about the same, and the Verdict or Verdicts which shall be given in such Action or Actions shall be final and conclusive to all Persons whomsoever, unless the Court wherein such Action or Actions shall be brought shall set aside such Verdict or Verdicts, and order a new Trial to be had therein, which it shall be lawful for the Court to do, as is usual in other Cases; and after any Verdict or Verdicts shall have been obtained, and not set aside by the Court, the said Commissioners shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to conform thereto; but if no fuch Action or Actions at Law shall be brought or commenced by the Person or Persons giving such Notice within the Time aforesaid, or if such Action or Actions shall not be proceeded in to a Trial or Trials at the first Assizes which shall be holden for the County of Wilts, after the Expiration of Thirty Days from the Day of giving such Notice, by or on account of the Neglect or Default of the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs therein, then and in such Case the Determination of the Commissioners shall be final, binding, and conclusive unto and upon all Parties whomsoever: Provided Actions not to also, that if any of the Parties in any Action to be brought in pur- abate by Juance of this Act shall die pending the same, such Action shall not abate parties. by reason thereof, but shall be proceeded in as if no such Event had happened.

XIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or How Actions Persons in whose Favour any such Determination as aforesaid shall have may be brought aster been made, and against whom any such Action or Actions might have the Death of been brought if living, shall die before any such Action or Actions shall the Parties. have been brought, and before the Expiration of the Time herein-before limited for bringing such Action or Actions, it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, who might have brought fuch Action or Actions against the Person or Persons so dying, to bring the same within the Time so limited as aforesaid against such Person or Persons, as if actually living, and to serve the Clerk of the said Commissioners with Notice of such Action or Actions in the same Manner as the Party or Parties might have been served therewith if living; and it shall be thereupon incumbent on the Heir or Heirs, or other Person or Persons who

who shall claim the Benefit of such Determination as aforesaid, to appear and defend such Action or Actions, in the Name or Names of the Person or Persons so dead, and Proceeding shall be had therein, in the same Manner as if such Person or Persons had been actually living, and the Rights of all Parties shall be equally bound and concluded by the Event of such Action or Actions.

Commissioners not to determine con-Possession.

XIV. Provided also, and be it further enacled, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to enable the said Commissioners to determine any Right between any Parties, contrary to the Possession of any of such Parties; but in case the said Commissioners shall be of Opinion against the Right of the Person or Persons so in Possession, they shall forbear to make any Determination thereupon until the Possession shall have been given up by or recovered from such Person or Persons by Ejectment or other due Cou se of Law.

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XV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Roads may be Commissioners, with such Concurrence and Order, and in Manner, and subject to such Appeal as is directed and expressed in and by the said recited Act, to stop up, turn, widen, or alter any old or accustomed Road or Way, leading through or over any Part of the said Parish of Stockton as they shall think proper, and may also widen, turn, or alter any Turnpike Road running over the said Lands, with the Consent of the Trustees under whose Care and Management the same shall be, and the Road or Way so stopped up or turned shall be considered as Part of the Lands hereby intended to be divided, and shall be allotted to such of the said Proprietors (if any such there be) whose Land shall be on both Sides of the same, or otherwise shall be allotted in such Manner as the faid Commissioners shall think proper, and be inclosed accordingly.

Encroachments.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That all Inclosures and Encroachments which have been taken in and made from the said Lands and Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted, (save and except fuch as have been peaceably and quietly enjoyed for the Space of Twenty Years last past, or upwards, without any Interruption or Payment of any Acknowledgement), shall be deemed Parcel of the Lands and Grounds so to be divided and allotted as aforesaid; and in case any Difference or Dispute shall arise touching any such Inclosures or Encroachments being deemed Parcel of the Lands and Grounds so to be divided and inclosed, such Differences and Disputes shall be examined into and determined by the said Commissioners.

Allotments to be made.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and required to divide, set out, and allot all the Residue of the said Open and Common Fields, Common Downs, Meadows, Pastures, and other Commonable and Waste Lands hereby directed to be divided and allotted, which shall remain after the several Roads and Ways shall have been set out as hereinbefore and the said recited Act is expressed, in the Manner following, (that is to say); in the First Place, the said Commissioners shall set out and allot unto and for the Reverend Henry Good and his Successors, Rectors of the said Rectory of Stockton aforesaid, so much and such Quantity,

Quantity, Part, and Share of the Lands and Grounds intended to be hereby divided and allotted, as, in the Judgement of the said Commisssioners (Quantity, Quality, and Situation considered) shall be a full and just Equivalent and Compensation for all the Glebe Lands and Common Rights, and other Rights and Interests belonging to the said Rectory in and over the same Lands and Grounds, and for all the Great and Small Tithes, and all Modules or other prescriptive Payments in lieu of Tithes, which shall be established as herein-after mentioned, and all other Ecclefiastical Dues and Payments whatsoever (except Easter Offerings, Surplice Fees and Mortuaries, which are not intended to be affected by this Act) arising, renewing, or becoming due from, out, or in respect of the Lands and Grounds intended to be hereby divided and inclosed; and the several Messuages, Cottages, old inclosed Lands and other Hereditaments within the Parish of Stockton aforesaid; and in the next Place the said Commissioners shall set out and allot the Residue and Remainder of the said Lands and Grounds intended to be hereby divided and allotted unto and amongst the several Proprietors thereof, and Persons interested therein. and their respective Heirs, Successors, or Assigns, or the Person or Persons seised of their respective Estates for the Time being, in such Quantities, Parts, Shares, and Proportions as the said Commissioners shall adjudge and determine to be a just Equivalent, Compensation, and Satistaction for the said several Lands and other Hereditaments, in Proportion to the respective Values thereof.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Whole Allotment to of the Allotment which may be set out, and allotted unto or for the the Rector-Rector of Stockton aforesaid, as a Compensation for the Tithes of Hay and Moduses, and other Payments in lieu of the Tithes of Hay within the Said Parish of Stockton, shall be situate in and be Part or the Whole, as the Case may be, of a certain Meadow, called Farleys Common Meadow in Stockton aforelaid, and that all other the Allotment or Allotments to which the faid Rector may become entitled in Right of his laid Rectory, by virtue of, or under this Act, shall be let out and allotted in such other Part of the said Lands and Grounds intended to be hereby divided and allotted, as the faid Commissioners shall think fit,

XIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That if any Cottages, Tithes of or old inclosed Lands in the said Parish of Stockton, shall be holden of the Cottages and Lord of the said Manor, by a Grant or Lease for Life or Lives, or for held of the any Term of Years absolute or determinable upon Life or Lives, (not Lord of the being a Lease or Leases at Rack Rent), and shall be subject to Tithes, or to any Modus or other Payment in lieu of Tithes, the said Commissioners shall, and they are hereby required to make Satisfaction for ssuch last-mentioned Tithes, Moduses, or other Payments, from and out of he Lands, and other Property of the said Lord of the said Manor in the Lands and Grounds intended to be hereby divided and allotted, and by their said Award, to charge the Cottages and old Inclosures in resp Et of which such Satisfaction shall be made with such an Annual Rent as in the Judgement of the said Commissioners shall be a just Compensation for the Land or other Property given to exonerate the same from such Tithes, Moduses, or other Payments as aforesaid; and every such Rent shill commence at such Time or Times as the said Commsioners [Loc. & Per.] 24 K ihall

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shall direct, and be payable to the said Lord of the said Manor, his Heirs and Assigns, during the Continuance of the Grant or Lease under which the Hereditaments charged with the same shall then be held, and shall be recoverable in the same Manner as Rents reserved upon Common Demises or Leases at Rack Rent.

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XX. And be it further enacted, That in case there shall be any other Homesteads, Gardens, Orchards, Home Closes, or other inclosed Lands or Tenements in the said Parish of Stockton, than those last hereinbefore mentioned the Proprietor or Proprietors of which shall not be entitled to Lands or other Property in the said Open and Common Fields, or other Commonable Lands, hereby directed to be divided and allotted. equivalent to the Tithes of such Homesteads, Gardens, Orchards, Home Closes, or other inclosed Lands or Tenements, the respective Proprietors of such last-mentioned Homesteads, and other Lands and Tenements shall pay to such Person or Persons, and at such Time or Times as the said Commissioners shall direct, such Sum or Sums of Money as the said Commissioners shall adjudge to be a full Recompence and Satisfaction for the Tithes and Moduses, or other Payments in lieu of Tithes, which shall be payable in resp & of such last mentioned Homesteads and other Lands and Tenements respectively; which Sum or Sums of Money shall be applied towards defraying the Charges and Expences of passing and executing this Act, or such Parts and Shares thereof, and in such Manuer as the said Commissioners shall appoint; and which said Sum or Sums of Money so directed to be paid as aforesaid, shall and may be raised, levied, and recovered in like Manner and by fuch Ways and Means as the Expences of pessing this Act are authorized to be raised, levied, and recovered, and the Surplus, if any, of such Sum or Sums, shall be appropriated in the Manner directed by the said Act of the Forty-hrst Year of His present Majesty with respect to the Money paid for the Purchase or Exchange of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or the Timber or Wood growing thereon, and which Money ought to be laid out in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the same Uses.

For fencing the Tithe Allowment. XXI. And be it further enacted, That any Quantity not less than Ten or more than Twelve Acres of the Lands to be set out and allotted for, or in lieu of Glebe, and Tithes, and Moduses, and other Payments in lieu of Tithes as aforesaid, shall be respectively inclosed and senced on the outward Boundary thereof, with Ditches and Quickset Hedges, or other proper Mounds and Fences, and with proper Posts, Rails, and other Guard Fences to such new made Hedges, in such Manner, by and at the Expence of the Proprietors (except the said Rector) of the Lands and Tenements to be exonerated from Tythes by virtue of this Act, as the said Commissioners shall direct; but that after the same shall be sufficiently inclosed and fenced by the Proprietors as aforesaid, the same shall afterwards be kept inclosed and fenced by the Rector of the said Parish for the Time being, unless he may think sit to suffer the same to decay and become open.

Tithes to be payable until Allotments anade.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That until the said Division and Allotments shall be made and set out, in pursuance of this Act, the said Rector

Rector shall be entitled unto, and shall receive and enjoy such and the same Tithes and Moduses, and other Payments in lieu of Tithes, as he could, might, or ought to have done, in case this Act had not been made.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Proprietor or Pro- Distinst Allotprietors of any Lands or other Hereditaments hereby authorized to be ments to be made for divided, allotted, or exchanged, shall hold their respective Lands or Here- Lands holden ditaments by different Tenures, or for different Estates, or under different by different Titles, the said Commissioners shall ascertain and distinguish the Lands or ferent Estates, other Hereditaments, held by each of such Tenures, for each of such Estates, and under each of such Titles respectively, and shall accordingly, in their Award set out and distinguish, distinct and several Allotments for such respective Lands and other Hereditaments, and where from the Want of necessary Information before the said Commissioners, or from any other Cause their Award shall omit discriminating as hereinbefore is required, such different Titles, different Estates, and different Tenures respectively, and within Twelve Calendar Months after making the said Award, Request shall be made to the said Commissioners by any Person or Persons interested, by Writing under his, her, or their Hand or Hands to have such Omission supplied by a separate Instrument, then, and in every such Case, the said Commissioners are hereby authorized to do every Thing necessary for supplying such Omission, and so far as that Purpose shall require to examine Witnesses, and in every other respect to proceed and act as if the said Award had not been made, and when they shall have obtained what they shall think sufficient Information, they are hereby also authorized, by any Deed under their Hands and Seals, to distinguish and ascertain the Difference of Tenures, Estates, and Titles respectively, and accordingly to make distinct and several Allotments in the same Manner as is hereby required where such Discrimination shall be contained in the said Award, and every such separate Instrument shall have the same Effect as if it was contained in the said Award, and the same Supplement or Instrument shall be delivered to the Person or Persons upon whose Request the said Omission shall have been supplied, or to the Person or Persons to whom the Custody of the Deeds or Writings concerning the Title to the Premises in question shall, in the Opinion of the said Commissioners most properly belong for the Time being, and all Expences which shall be reasonably incurred in or about any ssuch teparate Instrument as aforesaid, shall be payable by the Person or Persons who shall have so requested the said. Commissioners to make and execute the same, or by his or their Heirs, Executors, or Admini-Atrators.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any of the Proprietor Owners or Proprietors of any Common Rights upon the Lands and Grounds may fell or hereby directed to be divided and allotted, to sell and dispose of the same, their Allotor of the Allotment or Allotments to be made and set out in respect thereof by virtue of this Act, separate and distinct from the Estate in Right of of the Award, which they, he, or she are or is entitled to the same, in the same Manner as they, he, or she might have done at any Time after the Execution of the said Award; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to award all and every

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fuch Allotment or Allotments which shall be so sold or disposed of, or to be made and set out in lieu of any Common Right so sold or disposed of to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, or other Person or Persons who shall be entitled to the same by virtue of any such Sale or Disposition.

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XXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to assign, set out, allot, and award any Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, Rights of Common or Pasturage, Hereditaments, new Allotments, and old Inclosures within the said Parish, in lieu of, or in Exchange for any other Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, Rights of Common or Pasturage, Hereditaments, new Allotments, or old Inclosures within the said Parish, or within any adjoining Parish, so that all such Exchanges be made by or with the Consent, in Writing, of the respective Owners, Proprietors, or other Persons seised, possessed of, or interested in the Lands or other Premises which shall respectively be so exchanged as aforesaid, whether such Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, shall be a Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, or a Tenant or Tenants in Fee Simple or for Life, or in Fee Tail, general or special, or by the Courtesy of England, or for Years determinable on Life or Lives, or with the Consent of the Guardians, Trustees, Feoffees for charitable or other Uses, Husbands, Committees, or Attornies acting for or on Behalf of any fuch Owners, Proprietors, or other Persons respectively, who, at the Time of making such Exchanges, shall be Femes Covert, Minors, Lunatics, beyond the Seas, or under any other Disability or Incapacity of acting for themselves, such Consent to be testified in Writing, under the common Seal of the Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, or under the Hands of the other consenting Parties respectively; and all Exchanges so made shall take place at such Time or Times as the faid Commissioners shall order, direct, and appoint by their Award, to be made in pursuance of the said recited Act, or by any Deed or Instrument under their Hands and Seals, to be inrolled in the same Manner and Place as such their Award is thereby directed to be inrolled; and all Exchanges so made shall be for ever good, valid, and effectual in the Law, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever-

Aut not of Lands held in Right of any Church.

XXVI. Provided always, That no Exchange shall be made of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments held in Right of any Church, Chapel, or other Ecclesiastical Benefice, without the Consent, testified as aforesaid, of the Patron thereof, and of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese in which such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be exchanged shall lie and be situate.

Expences of Exchanges. XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the making of any Partition or Exchange by virtue of this Act or the said recited Act, shall be borne and defrayed by the respective Parties making such Partition and Exchange, distinct and apart from the other Expences attending the Execution of this Act, in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall order and direct.

XXVIII. And

XXVIII. And whereas it will be necessary that a Sum of Money should Rector may be raised by the said Rector towards defraying the Expences of making Money. the interior Subdivision Fences to the Allotments or Exchanges to be made to or with him and his Successors, in pursuance of this Act, and of erecting Buildings necessary for the Occupation thereof: Be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Rector, or his Successors, to charge the Lands which shall be allotted or given in Exchange. to him and them as aforesaid, or any Part thereof, with such Sum or Sums of Money as, in the Judgement of the said Commissioners, shall be sufficient to defray the Expences of making such interior or Subdivision Fences, and of erecting, making, and repairing fuch Buildings and other Conveniences as the said Commissioners shall think necessary for the Occupation of the Allotments and Exchanges to be made to the said Rector as aforesaid, not exceeding the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds ; and for fecuring the Re-payment of the Money to be borrowed, with Interest for the same, it shall and may be lawful for the said Rector, or his Successors, by any Deed or Deeds under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to grant, mortgage, or demise the same Lands: unto the Person or Persons who shall advance and lend such Money, and to his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, for any Term or Number of Years, so as every such Grant, Mortgage, or Demise be made within Twelve Calendar Months from the Execution of the said Award, and with a Proviso to cease and be void, or with an express Trutt or Condition to be surrendered when such Sum or Sums of Money thereby to be secured shall be fully paid and satisfied, and so as that the said Rector and his Successors do and shall respectively pay and keep down the Interest of the Money to be borrowed in such Manner as that no further or larger Arrear of Interest than for one Year shall be permitted to remain due at any one Time, and so as that he and they do and shall pay off and discharge One Tenth Part of the Principal Sum, yearly and every Year, so and in such Manner as that the Whole of fuch Money to be borowed, and all Interest thereof, shall be fully discharged and paid off within the Term of Ten Years from the Date of such Deed or Deeds respectively, the first of which Annual Payments shallbe made at the End of Twelve Calendar Months next after the Date and Execution of such Grant, Mortgage, or Demise.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the faid vacating: Commissioners at any Time previous to the Execution of the said Leases. Award, in all Cases where they in their Discretion shall deem it necessary or expedient for the due Execution of this Act, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands to determine and make void all or any of the Leases or Agreements for Leases at Rack Rent or from Year to Year, then sublisting, of all, every, or any Part or Parts of the Lands and Grounds which are hereby directed to be divided and allotted, and which shall be exonerated from Tithes, and exchanged respectively by virtue of this Act, and of all other Lands and Hereditaments demised or agreed to be demised by or comprized in such Leases and Agreements respectively, either as to the Whole, or as to some Part or Parts only of the Hereditaments comprised in such Leases or Agreements respectively, and at such Time or Times in the Year as the said Commissioners shall in their Discretion think most convenient and expedient, according to the Circumstances. [Loc. & Per.]

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of the Case; and in all Cases where any such Leases or Agreements. shall be determined as aforesaid, the said Commissioners shall ascertain and declare whether any, and what Sum or Sums of Money in the Gross ought to be paid, or any and what Deduction or Abatement in the reserved Rent. or Rents ought to be made by the Lessors or Landlords to the Lesses or Tenants, as a Compensation and Satisfaction for such total or partial. Determination of their respective Leases or Agreements, and such Sums in the Goos and reduced Rents so ascertained and declared as aforesaid, shall respectively become payable, or commence at such Time or Times and in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall direct and appoint; and all such Sums in the Gross shall be charged upon the Lands, in respect: of which the same shall be payable, and shall and may be levied and recovered in the like Manner as in the said recited Act is provided, with respect. to the levying and recovering the Expences of passing and executing this Act, and all such reduced Rents shall, after the Commencement thereof, be payable and recoverable in the like Manner as the Rents orginally referved. would have been payable and recoverable if this Act had not passed, and in all cases where such subsisting Leases or Agreements shall continue in force as to the Whole or any Part or Parts of the Hereditaments therein comprised, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners in like Manner to ascertain and declare whether any, and what additional Rent or Rents ought to be paid by the Lessees or Tenants to the Lessors or Landlords. for or in respect of any Improvement in the annual Value of the Herereditaments comprized in such Leases or Agreements respectively, by reason of the same being divided, allotted, exonerated from Tithes, and exchanged respectively by virtue of this Act, and such additional Rents so ascertained and declared as last aforesaid, shall commence at such Time or Times as the said Commissioners shall direct and appoint, and shall afterwards be payable and recoverable in like Manner as the Rents originally reserved would have been payable and recoverable if this Act had not passed; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners in like Manner to settle, ascertain, and declare the Course of Husbandry to be used by such Lesses or Tenants during the Remainder of their sublisting Leases and Agreements in all Cases where they shall deem it necessary or proper so to do: Provided always, That if there shall be any Lease or Leases of any Lands, Part of which shall be in the said Parish, and Part in an adjoining Parish, all and every such Lease or Leases upon Rack Rent now subsisting may be vacated; but where any Land shall have been taken in Exchange, which Land shall be under Lease, and wholly situate in an adjoining Parish, the Lease of such last-mentioned Lands shall not be vacated.

Commissioners to make Orders for watering Meadows XXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners to make, prescribe, lay down, and specify in their said Award all such Rules, Orders, Directions, and Regulations for inundating and watering the Meadows and Meadow Lands within the said Parish, and at what Seasons of the Year, and at what Times the Sluices or Water Gates for watering the same shall be drawn up, and for what Period of Time the same shall be kept open as they the said Commissioners shall deem expedient.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the Ast. Expences of soliciting and passing this Act, and of surveying, measuring, planning, valuing, dividing, and allotting the Lands and Grounds hereby directed to be divided and inclosed, and also of surveying, admeasuring, planning, and valuing the said Homesteads and ancient Inclosures, and exonerating the same from Tithes, and of preparing and enrolling the said Award and Instrument, and all other necessary Charges and Expences of the said Commissioners and of the several Persons employed by them either before or after the Execution of the said Award in, about, or concerning the Execution of this Act, and not herein otherwise directed to be paid, shall be borne and defrayed in a proportional Rate, by all the Proprietors of and Persons interested in the Lands and Grounds hereby directed to be divided and inclosed, and which shall be exonerated from Tithes by virtue of this Act (except the Rector of Stockton and his Succesfors as aforesaid, in respect of his and their Tithes, Glebe Lands, and Rights of Common), in such Shares and Proportions, and shall be paid to such Person or Persons, and at such Time or Times and in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall, in and by any Writing under their Hands, previous to their Award, or by their Award order, direct, .... and appoint.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the Money which shall be Money adadvanced by any Person or Persons for the Purpose of defraying the vanced to be Expences of applying for and obtaining this Act, or for carrying the same interest. into Execution, shall be repaid with lawful Interest to the Person or Persons advancing the same, his or her Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, out of the first Monies to be raised for defraying the Expences of obtaining and executing this Act.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Land may be said Commissioners, if they shall think fit, to deduct from any Allotment deducted from or Allotments to be set out by virtue of this Act, so much Land as, in lieu of and the Judgement of the said Commissioners, shall be equivalent to the Part equivalent to or Proportion of the Expences of soliciting and passing this Act, and of Expences. the Execution thereof by the said Commissioners, and also the Expences of inclosing, hedging, ditching, and fencing, which ought to be paid in respect of such Allotment or Allotments; and the Land so deducted shall be allotted to or amongst the Proprietor or Proprietors who shall pay the same Expences in Proportion to the Sums they respectively shall pay or contribute thereto: Provided nevertheless, that no such Deduction shall be made by the said Commissioners without the previous Consent, in Writing, of the respective Proprietors or Persons seised of entitled in Possession for Life, or any Term of Years determinable on ... Lives, or any greater Estate, of or to such Allotment or Allotments, or of the Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Committees, or Attornies of any such Proprietors being Femes Covert, Infants, Lunatics, beyond the Seas, or under any other legal Disability or Incapacity of acting for themselves.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the several Lands, Tene-Directing that ments, and Hereditaments, which shall be respectively allotted and should remain exchanged by virtue of this Act, shall, upon the Allotment and Exchange to the lame

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thereof respectively, become, and be, and go, and remain to the Persons. Bodies Politick, Corporate, and Collegiate, for the same Estates and Interests, and unto the same Uses, upon the same Trusts, and to and for the same Intents and Purposes, and be under and subject to the same Powers, Provisoes, Limitations, Conditions, Covenants, Debts, Charges, Incumbrances, and Provisions of every Kind, and in the same Manner as the Hereditaments in respect whereof the same Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments shall be respectively allotted and exchanged would belong, or stand, or be limited to or upon, or be subject unto, if such Allotment and Exchange thereof had not been made, or this Act had not been passed (except as to such Leases and Agreements as shall be determined under this Act, and except where any other Provisions of this Act shall be to the contrary); but such Allotments shall nevertheless be subject to such Charges and Incumbrances thereon as shall be made in pursuance of this Act.

Allotments to be of the same Tenure and go to the same Uses as the Estate for which they were made or exchanged.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That all and fingular the Lands which shall be allotted under or by virtue of this Act, shall (immediately after such Allotments are made) be held by and be subject to such and the same Tenures, Customs, Heriots, Rents, and Services, as the several and respective Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in respect whereof such allotted Lands shall be made are now subject to.

Commissioners may direct the Course of Husbandry. XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That in the mean Time and until such Divisions, Partitions, or Allotments shall be made as aforesaid, all the Tillage, Pasture, and other Lands hereby directed to be divided and allotted, shall be stocked with such Cattle, and sowed by the respective Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers thereof with such Sort of Corn and Grain, and shall be kept, ordered, and continued in such Course of Husbandry as the said Commissioners, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands in that Behalf, shall order, direct, or appoint, any Usage or Custom of stocking or sowing to the contrary notwithstanding; and that no Meadows, Pastures, or fresh Grounds, Part of the Grounds and Lands hereby directed to be divided and allotted and not now in Tillage, shall before that Time be ploughed, broken up, or converted into Tillage.

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XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the several Proprietors whose Allotments on the said Division and Inclosure shall have been ploughed, sowed, or manured by Direction of the said Commissioners, shall pay unto the several Persons who shall have ploughed, sowed, or manured the same, such several and respective Sums of Money, and at such Times as the said Commissioners shall think reasonable, and by any Writing under their Hands, ascertain, order, and direct; and in case any of the said Sums of Money shall not be paid at the Time so ordered by the said Commissioners, the same shall be raised, levied, and recovered in such Manner as by the said Act is provided, for raising, levying, and recovering the Expences of obtaining and executing this Act, in case of Neglect or Resulal to pay the same.

Award to be deposited with Clerk of the

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Award to be made by the said Commissioners when enrolled in the Manner directed by the said recited.

recited Act, shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for the said Peace for County of Wilts, and that the Sum of Two Pounds Two Shillings and no more, shall be paid to the said Clerk of the Peace therewith, and that a true Copy of the said Award shall be made and signed by the said Commissioners, and deposited in the Parish Church of Stockton aforesaid, and shall be admitted as Evidence of the said Award, by all Judges, Justices, and others.

Wilts, and a Copydeposited in Parish Church.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That at least Once in every Year Commissionduring the Execution of this Act, to be computed from the Day of the their Acpassing thereof, the said Commissioners shall, and they are hereby required, counts before by themselves or by their Clerk, to make a true and just Statement and the Peace. Account of all Sums of Money by them received or expended, or due to them respectively, and any Person or Persons to be employed by them in carrying this Act into Execution, for their Trouble and Expence in the Execution of this Act, and such Statement and Account when so made, together with the Vouchers relating thereto, shall be by them laid before One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Wilts (not interested in the Premises), to be by him or them examined and balanced, and such Balance shall be by such Justice or Justtices stated in the Book of Accounts to be kept in the Office of the Clerk or Clerks to the said Commissioners, and no Charge or Item in such Accounts shall be binding on the Parties concerned, or valid in Law, unless the same shall have been duly allowed by such Justice or Justices.

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XL. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall Persons agthink himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Thing done in purappeal to the suance of the said recited Act or this Act, (other than and except such Quarter Ses-Claims, Matters, and Things, as are herein-before directed or authorized hons. to be ascertained, settled, tried, or determined by an Issue at Law, or where by any of the Provisions of the said recited Act or of this Act, the Determinations, Acts, or Proceedings of the said Commissioners are directed to be final or conclusive), he, she, or they may appeal to any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace which shall be holden for the said County of Wilts, within Four Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, on giving to the said Commissioners, and to the Party or Parties concerned Twenty-one Days Notice in Writing of such Appeal, and the Matter thereof; and the Justices, (not interested in the Premises), at the said General Quarter Sessions, are hereby required to hear and determine the Matter of every such Appeal, and to make such Order and award such Costs as to them in their Discretion shall seem reasonable, and by their Order or Warrant to levy the Costs which shall be so awarded by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties liable to pay the same, rendering the Overplus, if any, to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chartels, after deducting the reasonable Charges of such Warrant, Distress, and Sale; and the Determination of the said Justices shall be final and conclusive to all Parties concerned, and shall not be removed by Certiorari or any other Writor Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster or elsewhere; but in case such Appeal shall appear to the said Justices to be frivolous, vexatious, and without Foundation, then the said Justices shall award such Costs to be paid by the Appellant or Appellants as to them in their Discretion shall seem reasonable, and to be levied in Manner aforesaid.

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Saving to the Lord of the Manor.

XLI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall any otherwise prejudice, lessen, or defeat the Right, Title, or Interest of the said Harry Biggs as Lord of the Manor of Stockton aforesaid, or the Lord or Lords of the same Manor for the Time being, of, in, or to any Royalties, Franchiles, Privileges, Courts, Escheats, Forfeitures, Services, Rights, or Appurtenances whatsoever, incident or belonging to the said Manor, than as the Intent and Purposes of the Inclosure and Allotments hereby authorized shall absolutely require.

General Saving.

XLII. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and all and every other Persons and Person, Bodies Politic and Corporate, his, her, and their Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, (other than and except the several Persons to whom any Allotment or Allotments of Land or other Compensation shall be made or provided by virtue of this Act, in respect to the Interest or Property for which such Allotment or Compensation shall be made, and except such other Rights and Interests, as the Intent and Purposes of the Inclosures hereby authorized shall absolutely require to be barred, destroyed, and extinguished by this Act), all such Estates, Rights, and Interests as they, every, or any of them had or enjoyed, of, in, or to, or in respect of the said Open and Common Fields, and other the Lands and Grounds hereby directed to be divided and allotted before the passing of this Act, or could or might have or enjoy if this Act had not been made.

Act to be King's Printer.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be printed by the printed by the Printer to the King's most Excellent Majesty, and a Copy thereof so printed shall be admitted as Evidence thereof by all Judges, Justices, and others,

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