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GEORGII III. REGIS.

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Cap. 194.

An Act to alter, amend, and render more effectual Two Acts of the Twenty-ninth Year of His late Majesty, and the Fortieth Year of His present Majesty, for draining and preserving certain Fen Lands, in the *Isle of Ely*, and County of *Norfolk*, lying between the *Hundred-Foot River* and the *Ouse*, and bounded on the South by the Hard Lands of *Mepall, Wicham, Wentworth, Wickford, Ely, Downham, and Littleport*; and for empowering the Governor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the Company of Conservators of the Great Level of the Fens, commonly called *Bedford Level*, to sell certain Lands lying within the Limits aforesaid, called invested Lands. [15th June 1810.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, *An Act for draining and preserving certain Fen Lands in the Isle of Ely, and County of Norfolk, lying between the Hundred-Foot River and the Ouse, and bounded on the South by the Hard Lands of Mepall, Wicham, Wentworth, Wickford, Ely, Downham and Littleport, and for empowering the Governor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the Company of Conservators of the Great Level of the Fens, commonly called Bedford Level, to sell certain Lands lying within the Limits aforesaid, commonly called invested Lands*; And whereas an Act was passed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to alter, explain, amend, and render more effectual an Act passed in the* [Loc. & Per.]

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*Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled 'An Act for draining and preserving certain Fen Lands ' in the Isle of Ely, and County of Norfolk, lying between the Hundred- ' Foot River and the Ouse, and bounded on the South by the Hard Lands ' of Mepall, Wicham, Wentworth, Wickford, Ely, Downham and ' Littleport, and for empowering the Governor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty ' of the Company of Conservators of the Great Level of the Fens, commonly ' called Bedford Level, to sell certain Lands lying within the Limits afore- ' said, commonly called invested Lands;'* and by the said first mentioned Act all and singular the Fen Lands and Low Grounds therein comprized were taxed and made chargeable with a yearly Sum of One Shilling *per* Acre, and not less than Eight-pence *per* Acre for every Acre of the said Fen Lands and Low Grounds, until all the Money which should be borrowed for the Purposes of the said Act, with the Interest thereof, should be discharged; and by the said last mentioned Act the same Fen Lands and Low Grounds were further taxed and made chargeable with a further yearly Sum, not exceeding Sixpence *per* Acre, for every Acre of the said Fen Lands and Low Grounds, so long as it shall be necessary, in order to carry into Effect the Purposes of the said last mentioned Act: And whereas by the said last mentioned Act the Commissioners thereby appointed are directed to hold a Meeting, in Manner therein mentioned, on the First *Wednesday* in the Month of *April* in every Year, at the Shire-hall in *Ely*, at which Meeting the said Commissioners are thereby directed to take into their Consideration what Parts of a certain Bank, called *The Hundred-foot Bank*, defending the said Fen Lands and Low Grounds, or District, and of a certain Outfall therein mentioned, between *Welmere Lake* and *Salter's Lode* (which said Bank and Outfall are Part of the Works belonging to the Corporation of the said Great Level called *Bedford Level*), it will be prudent for the said Commissioners to join the said Corporation in repairing or altering, and also what other outer Works it will be necessary for the said Commissioners to make, alter or repair, or to join the said Corporation in making, altering or repairing, for the better and more effectual draining and preserving the said Fen Lands; and it is thereby declared, that it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, at such Meeting, or any Adjournment or Adjournments of the same, to make such Order in Relation to the Premises as they shall see meet; and also from Time to Time (as there shall be Occasion) to assess, tax, and charge all and every the respective Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, of all and singular the Lands comprized in the aforesaid Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty (as well those called Exempt Lands, and mentioned in the Schedule to the same Act, and by the same Act exempted from the Taxes imposed thereby, as all other the said Fen Lands and Low Grounds comprized in the said District, and in the same Act mentioned), by an equal and proportionable Tax, in any Rate or Sum not exceeding Sixpence *per* Acre for each Year, and for so many Years as may be found necessary for the Purpose of making, altering or repairing any such new or other outer Works, or of joining the said Corporation in repairing or altering their aforesaid outer Works, or in making, altering or repairing any new or other outer Works, for the better draining and Improvement of the Lands comprized in the said District: And whereas, for the Purpose of making and preserving the several Works



Works of Drainage authorized and directed to be done by virtue of the said recited Acts respectively, the said Commissioners have assessed the said Lands and Grounds with the several Rates and Taxes which they the said Commissioners are by the said recited Acts respectively authorized to impose, and they have also borrowed several Sums of Money upon the Security of such Parts of the said Rates and Taxes, as they the said Commissioners are by the said Acts respectively authorized to borrow Money upon, and they have assigned over the said Rates and Taxes for securing the Monies so borrowed, with the Interest thereof, and a considerable Debt now remains due upon the Assignment of the said Rates and Taxes, and otherwise, on Account of the said Lands and Grounds: And whereas the Rates and Taxes authorized to be raised by the said recited Acts respectively (on the Credit of which the said Commissioners are by the said recited Acts respectively authorized to borrow Monies), have been found insufficient for the Payment of the Interest of the Monies borrowed on the Credit thereof, and for maintaining and keeping in Repair the several Works of Drainage, to which such Rates and Taxes are by the said recited Acts made applicable, and the Rates and Taxes authorized to be raised by the said recited Act of the Fortieth Year of His present Majesty, for the Purpose of making, altering, and repairing outer Works, for the Benefit of the said District, have also been found insufficient for the Purpose, and the Powers given to the said Commissioners are inadequate to the effectual Drainage and Preservation of the Lands and Grounds comprized in the said District; and it is necessary to repeal certain Parts of the said Acts, and to make some Alterations and Amendments therein, and also to make additional Drains and Works for the more effectual draining and preserving of the said Fen Lands and Low Grounds, comprized within the said District, and to lay additional Taxes on all the said Lands and Grounds, in order to raise Money to answer the said Purposes: 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 Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, at any of their Meetings, to assess, rate, tax, and charge all and every the respective Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, of all and singular the said Fen Lands and Low Grounds, so bounded and described as in the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of His said late Majesty is mentioned (excepting such Lands as by the same Act are exempted from the Payment of Taxes), with a further equal and proportionable Tax, not exceeding One Shilling and Sixpence *per* Acre for each Year, for the better and more effectual carrying on and effecting the Works of draining and preserving the same (and also with such further Tax as is hereinafter directed); which said Taxes shall be levied, raised, and collected, in Addition to and over and above the Taxes with which the said Fen Lands are now chargeable by the said recited Acts respectively, and shall continue to be charged and paid yearly and every Year so long as it shall be necessary, in order to carry into Effect the Purposes of this Act, and shall be recovered and recoverable in such and the same Manner, and by such and the same Ways and Means, to all Intents and Purposes, as by the

Additional  
Tax not ex-  
ceeding  
1s. 6d. per  
Acre on all  
the taxable  
Lands within  
the District.



the said recited Acts are respectively provided, with respect to the Rates and Taxes thereby respectively authorized to be laid and assessed.

Additional  
Tax for out-  
side Works  
only, not ex-  
ceeding 2s.  
per Acre.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, at all and every, or any of their Meetings, to be holden on the First *Wednesday* in the Month of *April* in every Year, in pursuance of the Direction contained in the said recited Act of the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or at any Adjournment or Adjournments of the same Meetings, to assess, rate, tax, and charge all and every the respective Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, of all and singular the Lands comprized within the said District, as well those called Exempt Lands as otherwise (save and except such Exempt Lands as shall be proved to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners not to have been flooded or inundated at any Time since the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety-four), by an equal and proportionable Tax in any Rate or Sum not exceeding Two Shillings *per Acre* for each Year, for the Purpose of making, altering, or repairing any new or other outer Work or Works or of joining the said Corporation in repairing or altering any new or other outer Work or Works, for the better draining and Improvement of the Lands comprized in the said District.

Last-men-  
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to be in Ad-  
dition to all  
other Taxes.

III. And be it further enacted, That the said last-mentioned Rate or Tax shall be over and above, and in Addition to the several Rates and Taxes in and by the said Two recited Acts, and this present Act respectively imposed, and that the same shall be from Time to Time levied, raised, collected and paid, in pursuance of the Order or Orders of the said Commissioners, made at any of their aforesaid Meetings, to be holden on the First *Wednesday* in the Month of *April* in every Year as aforesaid, or any Adjournment or Adjournments of the same, in such Proportions, Manner, and Form, as shall be directed by the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them.

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Exempt  
Lands within  
the District,  
and also  
through any  
Lands lying  
without the  
Boundary of  
the District.

IV. And whereas Doubts have arisen whether the said Commissioners have Power to make any Cut or Cuts, or to do any Work of Drainage through the several embanked Farms and Exempt Lands lying within the said District, or through any Lands lying without the Boundary of the said District; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the said Commissioners, or the Majority of them (such Majority not being less than Seven), assembled at any General Half-yearly or other Meeting, or any Adjournment of the same, shall have full Power and Authority, from Time to Time, as there shall be Occasion, to make and do, and to give Orders and Directions for the making and doing of all such Cuts, Catchwater, and other Drains, Dams, Tunnels, Outlets, and other Works, in, through, and upon any Part or Parts of the Lands and Grounds comprized within the said District (as well those called Exempt Lands as otherwise, and whether such Lands shall be embanked or not), and also in, through, and upon any Lands or Grounds lying without the Boundary of the said District, as in the Judgment of the said Commissioners shall be thought necessary; for the more effectual Drainage and Preservation of the Lands and Grounds lying within the said District, they the said Commissioners making



making such reasonable Satisfaction to the Owners and Occupiers of any several Lands or Grounds, in, through, or upon which, any new Cut, Catchwater, or other Drain, Dam, Tunnel, Outlet, or other Work, shall be made or done, for the Damages occasioned thereby, and in such Manner as is hereafter provided.

Making Satisfaction, &c

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to deprive the Owners and Proprietors of Lands and Commons lying in *Grunty Fen*, of the Drains they have hitherto had and enjoyed, and still do enjoy, for running off the Waters of the said Fen through *Grunty Fen Drain*, towards the Outfall.

The Drains of Grunty Fen to be continued to the Proprietors.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That so soon as One or more Mill or Mills, or Engine or Engines, shall have been built or set up in the said Level, in Addition to the present inside Mills, One Pair of Doors, pointing to Seaward, shall be erected at or near a Piece of Land called the *Vicar's Dolver*, in the Parish of *Witchford*, for the better and more easy conveying the Waters of the said District towards their general Outfall; which Doors shall be made, continued, and kept in Repair, by and at the Expence of the Commissioners of *Littleport and Downham* District, and remain under the Controul and Direction of the Superintendant, or other Officer of the Corporation of the *Bedford Level*: Provided also, that no such Doors shall be made, erected, or continued, without or against the Consent of the said Corporation of the *Bedford Level*.

For erecting a Pair of pointing Doors near the Vicar's Dolver in the Parish of Witchford

VII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, so as to authorize the said Commissioners to make any Cut or Work, for the Discharge of the Waters out of the Washes into the River *Ouse*, otherwise than by a Cut to be made through a certain Wash called the *Long Wash*, from *Welmore Lake* to the said River *Ouse*, in a parallel Direction with the New *Bedford River*: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to authorize the said Commissioners to make any Cuts, Drains, Dams, Tunnels, or Outlets, through any Part of the embanked Lands of certain Farms called *The Willow Row Farm*, formerly belonging to *John Parteriche* Esquire, or of a certain Farm called *The Chain Farm*, formerly belonging to *John Pike* Esquire, which Lands are now the Property of the Right Honourable the Earl of *Hardwicke*, and of *William Burleigh*, or to erect any Work or Engine thereupon, or upon any Part thereof, without the Consent of the said Earl, or of the said *William Burleigh* respectively, or their respective Heirs or Assigns.

Commissioners not to intermeddle with certain Farms

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or the Majority of them, (such Majority being not less than Seven) assembled at any such Meeting or Meetings as last aforesaid, or any Adjournment of the same, to make, and to give Orders for the making of a Tunnel under the River *Ouse*, leading from the said District into a certain Cut or Drain called *Saint John's Eau*, or *Downham Eau*, for the Purpose of discharging the Waters from the said District, into the said last-mentioned Cut or Drain: Provided always, that no

And also to make a Tunnel under the River Ouse for the Purpose of draining into Saint John's Eau.

Cut shall be made across the said Wash, called the *Long Wash*; nor shall any Tunnel be made, placed, or laid down under the *River Ouse*, unless the Consent of the said Corporation of the *Bedford Level* shall have been previously obtained for that Purpose.

Notice to be given when any new Work is proposed to be made.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Commissioners to make any new Cut, Catchwater, or other Drain, Tunnel, Outlet, or other Work, unless an Order shall be made at some General or Special Meeting, for making the same by the Majority of Commissioners present at such Meeting (such Majority to be not less than Seven), nor unless Notice of the Time and Place of holding such Meeting, signed by Seven or more of the said Commissioners, specifying the Work or Works proposed to be done, shall be advertised Three Times previously to such Meeting, in the *Cambridge Chronicle*, or some other Country Newspaper usually circulated in the County of *Cambridge*.

Commissioners may enter upon and agree for the Purchase of Lands or Satisfaction of Damages.

Bodies Politick, &c. may contract for Sale of Lands or Compensation for Damages.

X. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall have full Power and Authority to enter upon the Lands of any Person or Persons adjoining or near to any of the Cuts, Drains, Tunnels, Outlets, or other Works, which they the said Commissioners are hereby directed or authorized to make or do, and to take and dig Earth therefrom, and to do such other Acts as may be necessary to carry into Effect the Purposes of this Act, making Satisfaction to the Party or Parties injured thereby; and for that Purpose the said Commissioners are hereby empowered to agree with the Proprietors of, and Persons interested in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which they the said Commissioners shall judge necessary to be dug, cut, taken, used, or entered upon, for making any Cuts, Drains, Tunnels, Outlets, or other Works, hereby directed or authorized to be made or done, for the Purchase of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments; or for the Recompence to be made to such Proprietors and Persons interested for the Damages they may sustain thereby, and also to settle and ascertain in what Proportion the Sum or Sums so agreed for, shall be paid to the several Persons interested in the Premises; and it shall be lawful for all Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, and Feoffees in Trust, Committees, Executors, Administrators, and all other Trustees whatsoever, not only for and in Behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on Behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue yet unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Females Covert, or other Person or Persons who are or shall be seised or interested in their own Rights, and to and for all and every other Person and Persons whomsoever, who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to contract for, sell, and convey unto the said Commissioners, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for the Purposes aforesaid; or to agree with the said Commissioners for any Recompence or Compensation to be made for the Damages which may be done to any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, by the Means aforesaid; and all such Contracts, Sales, Conveyances, and Agreements, shall be valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding, and all Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate



giate, and all Persons whosoever, are hereby indemnified for what they or any of them shall lawfully do in pursuance of this Act; but if it shall happen that any such Body Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, Trustee or Trustees, or other Person or Persons interested or concerned as aforesaid, shall, for the Space of Forty Days after Notice in Writing given to the principal Officer or Officers of such Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, or to such Trustee or Trustees, Person or Persons respectively, or left at his, her or their Place or respective Places of Abode, or at the House of the Tenant or Tenants, Occupier or Occupiers, of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, neglect or refuse to treat, or shall not agree with the said Commissioners, or by Reason of Absence shall be prevented from treating, then and in every such Case the said Commissioners may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, Fourteen Days at least before any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden for the said *Isle of Ely*, or the said County of *Norfolk* as the Case may require, within Twelve Calendar Months after such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall have been taken or used, or such Damage done, to give, or cause to be given, to the Party or Parties whose Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall have been taken or used, or who shall have sustained such Damage or Injury, or to leave, or cause to be left, at his, her, or their last usual Place or Places of Abode respectively, or at the Place of Abode of the Tenant or Tenants in Possession of the Premises, a Notice in Writing, purporting that the Value of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and the Amount of the Damage or Injury sustained, will be adjusted and settled by a Jury at the said Sessions; and the Justices, at their said Sessions, or any Adjournment thereof, shall charge, and they are hereby authorized and required to charge, the Jury which shall attend at such Sessions, or some other Jury of Twelve honest and substantial Men, to be then and there impaneled, and returned by the Chief Bailiff of the said *Isle of Ely*, or the Sheriff of the said County of *Norfolk*, as the Case may require, and to cause them to be sworn well and truly on their Oaths, to assess the Value of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and the Recompence to be given for the same, or for any Damage or Injury sustained as aforesaid, to the respective Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, having any Interest therein, or to the Owner or Owners thereof, according to their respective Interests, to which said Juries, the said Commissioners, and all Parties interested, shall have their lawful Challenges when they come to be sworn; and the Clerk of the Peace for the said *Isle of Ely*, or for the said County of *Norfolk*, as the Case may require, is hereby empowered and required, upon Application made to him by any of the Parties interested, by Subpœna or Summons under his Hand to call before the Justices at such Sessions, or any Adjournment thereof, any Person or Persons who shall be thought proper to be examined, touching or concerning the Premises, and the said Jury, upon their Oaths (which Oaths, and also the Oaths to be taken by the Persons who shall appear or be summoned to be examined and give Evidence as aforesaid, the said Justices, at their said Sessions, are hereby empowered and required to administer), shall ascertain and award the Recompence to be given for such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Damage or Injury which shall have been done as aforesaid, to the respective Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, or Owner or Owners thereof, and the said Justices

Commissioners may apply to the Sessions to ascertain the Value of Lands and Amount of Damages.

The Justices to cause the Jury to assess Damages.

Witnesses to be summoned



Justices to  
give Judgment;

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tices shall and may give Judgment according to the Verdict of the said Jury, and the Judgment thereupon declared and pronounced by the said Justices, shall finally bind and be conclusive to the said Commissioners and all Persons and Parties interested in the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and shall be entered and kept among the Records of the Quarter Sessions of the said *Isle of Ely* and County of *Norfolk* respectively, and the same, or a true Copy thereof, being signed by the Clerk of the Peace for the said *Isle of Ely*, or for the said County of *Norfolk*, as the Case may require, shall be deemed and taken as good Evidence in all Courts of Law or Equity, and all Persons may have Recourse thereto, or take Copies thereof, or Extracts therefrom, on paying the usual Fees paid in Cases of the like Nature.

Expences of  
the Jury and  
Witnesses by  
whom to be  
paid,

and settled by  
the Justices.

XI. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Verdict shall be given for any greater Sum or Recompence than shall have been offered by or on the Behalf of the said Commissioners, before the Notice of the intended Application to be made to the said Sessions, for or in respect of any of the Matters aforesaid, that then all the Expences of such Application (including the Charges of Witnesses) shall be paid by the said Commissioners out of the Rates and Taxes to be raised by virtue of this Act; but if any Verdict shall be given for no more, or for a less Sum than shall have been so previously offered by or on the Behalf of the said Commissioners, then and in every such Case, such Expences shall be paid by the Owners of, or Persons interested in the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, upon or in respect of which such Application shall have been made; all which Expences shall be regulated, settled, and allowed by the Justices in Sessions, before whom the Matter shall be heard and determined: Provided always, that in all Cases where any Person shall, by Reason of Absence, have been prevented from treating, such Costs and Expences shall be borne and paid by the said Commissioners out of the Monies to be raised or received under or by virtue of this Act.

Application  
of Compensation where  
exceeding  
£200.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed, or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, purchased, taken, or used, by virtue of the Powers of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Corporation, Femes Covert, Infant, Lunatick, or Person or Persons under any other Disability or Incapacity as herein mentioned, such Money shall (in case the same shall exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds) with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privy of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the said Commissioners, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or Part thereof, affecting the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, standing settled therewith, to the same or the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested under the like Direction and Approbation of  
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the said Court, in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be so purchased, taken, or used, as aforesaid, stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking Effect; and in the Meantime, and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, on the Request of any Seven or more of the said Commissioners in Writing, signed by them, and without any Order of the Court of Chancery, be invested by the said Accountant General, in his Name, in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated, or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court of Chancery to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities, shall, from Time to Time, go and belong to the Person or Persons who would, for the Time being, have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, that if any Money, so agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, purchased, taken, or used, for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall not exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, nor be less than Twenty Pounds, then, and in all such Cases, the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, (in case of Infancy or Lunacy) to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General, to be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in Manner hereinbefore directed, or otherwise the same shall be paid at the like Option to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by Seven or more of the said Commissioners, (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties) in order that such Money may be applied in any Manner hereinbefore directed, so far as the Case be applicable, without obtaining, or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the Court of Chancery.

Application where Compensation does not exceed £200. nor is less than £20.

XIV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where such Money, so agreed or awarded to be paid as next before is mentioned, shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be paid to the Person or Persons who would, for the Time being, have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, so purchased, taken, or used, for the Purposes of this Act, or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

Application where the Money is less than £20.



In case of not  
making out  
Titles.

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Persons can-  
not be found,  
Purchase  
Monies to be  
paid into the  
Bank,

Subject to the  
Order of the  
Court of  
Chancery on  
Motion or  
Petition.

XV. And be it further enacted, That in case the Person or Persons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be awarded for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased by virtue of this Act, shall refuse to accept the same, or shall not be able to make a good Title to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, or in case the Person or Persons to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so awarded as aforesaid, cannot be found, or if the Person or Persons entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, be not known or discovered, then, and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, to order the said Sum or Sums of Money, so awarded as aforesaid, to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privy of the aforesaid Accountant General, to be placed to his Account, to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, [*describing them*] subject to the Order, Controul, or Disposition of the said Court of Chancery; which said Court of Chancery, on the Application of any Person or Persons making Claim to such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, shall be, and is hereby empowered, in a summary Way of Proceeding, or otherwise as to the same Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the publick Funds, and to order Distribution thereof, or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the respective Estate or Estates, Title or Interest of the Person or Persons making Claim thereunto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England*, who shall receive such Sum or Sums of Money, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums of Money, mentioning and specifying for what and for whose Use the same is or are received, to such Person or Persons as shall pay any such Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforesaid.

When any  
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sion.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise, touching or concerning the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privy of the said Accountant General, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest, in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Chancery, and the Dividends and Interest of the Bank Annuities, to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made to appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons, was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

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XVII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That where, by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation, entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the Court of Chancery, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful to and for the said Court of Chancery to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Commissioners out of the Monies to be received by virtue of this Act, who shall, from Time to Time, pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

The Court of Chancery may order reasonable Expences of Purchases to be paid by the Commissioners.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, (such major Part not being less than Seven) assembled at their first Meeting to be holden after the passing of this Act, or at any general Half-yearly Meeting, or any Adjournment of the same, and they are hereby empowered, from Time to Time, to borrow any Sum or Sums of Money to be applied for the Purposes of this Act, upon the Credit of the several Rates and Taxes by this Act directed or authorized to be imposed, not exceeding the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds on the Credit of the said Tax, not exceeding One Shilling and Sixpence an Acre, nor exceeding the Sum of Five thousand Pounds on the Credit of the said Tax, not exceeding Two Shillings an Acre, and by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to assign over the said last-mentioned Rates and Taxes respectively, as a Security for the Repayment of the Sum and Sums of Money borrowed thereon respectively, with lawful Interest for the same, to the Person or Persons who shall advance and lend the same, or to his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns; and all and every Person and Persons to whom any such Mortgage or Assignment shall be made, shall, in proportion to the Sum or Sums therein mentioned, be Creditors on the said last-mentioned Rates and Taxes respectively, in equal Degree one with another, and shall have no Preference in respect to the Priority of advancing any such Sum or Sums of Money; and every such Mortgage or Assignment shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk to the said Commissioners, and the Costs and Charges of every such Mortgage or Assignment, shall be paid by the said Commissioners out of the Monies to arise by virtue of this Act.

Commissioners may borrow Money.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That every Person to whom any Assignment of the said last-mentioned Rates and Taxes respectively shall be made, shall have full Power, from Time to Time, to assign and transfer the same to any Person or Persons whomsoever, and such Assignment or Transfer shall be entered in a Book, to be kept by the Clerk to the said Commissioners for that Purpose, (which Entry their Clerk is hereby required to make upon the Production of any such Assignment or Transfer, and on Payment of Two Shillings and Sixpence for the Entry) and after such Entry made, such Assignment or Transfer shall entitle such Assignee or Assignees, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to the said Principal Sum, and all Interest due and becoming due thereon; and such Assignee or Assignees

Security may be assigned.



nees, and every other Assignee and Assignees shall and may in like Manner assign and make over such Mortgage or Security so assigned as aforesaid, and so *toties quoties* as Occasion shall require.

Taxes charged with the Principal Monies and vested in the Creditors.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the said last-mentioned Rates and Taxes shall be, and they are hereby made charged and chargeable with the Payment of the Principal Monies to be respectively borrowed thereon by the said Commissioners as aforesaid, and with the Interest of such Monies from Time to Time, and shall respectively vest in the Creditors, upon Default of Payment of such Principal Monies and Interest, until the same and every Part thereof shall be fully paid and satisfied, together with the Costs and Charges occasioned by the Non-payment thereof; and the said Creditors, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, respectively, shall have the same Powers, Rights, and Privileges, of recovering the said last-mentioned Rates and Taxes respectively, for or in respect of such Principal Monies and Interest in case of Default in Payment, as the said Commissioners, and their Collectors and Receivers, could have had in case such Principal Monies and Interest had been regularly paid: Provided always, that so long as any Monies which shall be borrowed upon the Credit of the said last-mentioned Rates and Taxes respectively shall remain due upon any such last-mentioned Security or Securities, they the said Commissioners shall in no Case reduce either of the said last-mentioned Rates or Taxes; and that they the said Commissioners shall lay and impose, and they are hereby required yearly and every Year, so long as any such Monies shall remain due on the Credit of either of the said last-mentioned Rates or Taxes respectively, to lay and impose a Rate or Tax of One Shilling and Sixpence an Acre, and Two Shillings an Acre, as the Case may be, at least on the said Lands and Grounds respectively in respect of the Rate or Tax upon the Credit of which any such last-mentioned Monies shall remain due and payable, until the whole of such last-mentioned Monies, with the Interest thereof, shall be fully paid and satisfied.

Taxes not to be reduced so long as any Monies borrowed thereon shall remain due.

Commissioners may borrow Money on either of the Taxes hereby imposed for temporary Purposes, and pay the same out of the ensuing Year's Tax, and may lay such Tax themselves.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, until they shall be able to borrow Money under the Powers and Authorities herein contained, and also when all the Monies which shall have been so borrowed by them, with the Interest thereof, shall have been repaid, at any General or Special Meeting, or any Adjournment of the same, from Time to Time, as to them shall seem meet, to borrow and take up any Sum or Sums of Money at their Discretion, by way of temporary Loan, for the Purposes of this Act, upon the Credit of either of the Rates or Taxes hereby directed or authorized to be laid and imposed, as to them shall seem meet; and any Seven or more of the said Commissioners are hereby authorized to give a written Undertaking, or their own personal Security, for Re-payment of such last-mentioned Sum or Sums of Money, together with lawful Interest for the same, out of the Rates or Taxes, in respect of which such Sum or Sums of Money shall be respectively borrowed, arising during the Year next ensuing the Year in which such last-mentioned Monies shall be so borrowed; and any Seven or more of the said Commissioners, or the said Commissioners giving such Undertaking or Security as aforesaid, are hereby authorized and required, at the usual Time in the then next succeeding Year, to lay and impose such a Rate or Tax, not exceeding One Shilling and Sixpence per Acre, or Two Shillings per Acre, (as the Case may require) as will repay the said Sum or Sums of Money so borrowed respectively, together



together with lawful Interest for the same; and no Part of either of such last-mentioned Rates or Taxes shall be applied to any of the Purposes of this Act, until the whole of such temporary Loan, together with lawful Interest for the same, shall be repaid: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to authorize the laying of more than One of each of the said Taxes of One Shilling and Sixpence an Acre, and Two Shillings an Acre, on the said Lands and Grounds, in Addition to the Taxes imposed or authorized to be raised by virtue of the said recited Acts in any One Year.

No more than One of each of the said last mentioned Taxes to be laid in any One Year.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That all such Monies as shall be advanced and paid by any Person or Persons whomsoever, in Discharge of the Fees and other Expences in obtaining and passing this Act, shall be, in the first Place, repaid and satisfied by the said Commissioners, with lawful Interest for the same, out of the first Monies to be raised by them by virtue of this Act.

Monies advanced for obtaining this Act to be repaid with Interest.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That separate Accounts shall be kept of the different Taxes and Rates to be levied in pursuance of the Powers and Provisions herein contained, distinct from each other, and from the several Rates and Taxes imposed or authorized to be raised by virtue of the said former Acts, and that the additional Tax, not exceeding One Shilling and Sixpence an Acre, hereby granted upon all the Fen Lands and Low Grounds within the said District, called Taxable Lands, shall in nowise be subject to the Payment of the Monies already borrowed by the said Commissioners in pursuance of the Powers contained in the said former Acts, or either of them.

Taxes of former Acts and this to be kept distinct, and the Taxes hereby granted not to be subject to former Debt.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the additional Rates and Taxes, by this present Act directed or authorized to be raised, shall be paid to the Receiver or Receivers, Collector or Collectors, appointed or to be appointed by the said Commissioners for the Time being, at such certain Place in the Town of *Ely* as the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall direct and appoint for that Purpose, and that the first additional Rate or Tax on the Fen Lands and Low Grounds within the said District called Taxable Lands, shall be at and after the Rate of One Shilling and Sixpence per Acre, on all the said Fen Lands and Low Grounds, and the same shall be charged and imposed at the first Meeting of the said Commissioners to be holden after the passing of this Act, or some Adjournment thereof, and shall become due and be payable as follows, (that is to say) one Moiety or Half-part thereof on the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* now next ensuing, and the other Moiety or Half-part thereof on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* now next ensuing; and that the Second additional Rate or Tax on the said last-mentioned Fen Lands and Low Grounds, shall also be at and after the like Rate of One Shilling and Sixpence per Acre on all the same Fen Lands and Low Grounds, and shall become due and payable as follows, (that is to say) one Moiety or Half-part thereof on the Twentieth Day of *September*, which will be in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eleven, and the other Moiety or Half-part thereof on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, which will be in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twelve, and that all future Payments of the said Rate or Tax, not exceeding One Shilling and Sixpence an Acre, shall be made half-yearly, and shall become due and payable on the

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Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, and the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* in every Year, and shall commence and be payable on the Twenty-ninth Day of *September*, which will be in the said Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twelve; and that the first additional Rate or Tax for outer Works, on all the Fen Lands and Low Grounds within the said District, as well those called Taxable Lands as those called Exempt Lands, shall be after the Rate of Two Shillings an Acre on all the said last-mentioned Lands and Grounds, and shall be charged and imposed at the First Meeting of the said Commissioners after the passing of this Act, or at some Adjournment of the same, and shall become due and payable as follows, (that is to say) One Moiety or Half-part thereof on the said Twenty-fifth Day of *December* now next ensuing, and the other Moiety or Half-part thereof on the said Twenty-fifth Day of *March* now next ensuing; and that the second additional Rate or Tax for outer Works shall also be at and after the like Rate of Two Shillings an Acre on all the said last-mentioned Lands, as well those called Taxable Lands as those called Exempt Lands, and shall become due and payable as follows, (that is to say) One Moiety or Half-part thereof on the said Twenty-ninth Day of *September*, which will be in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eleven, and the other Moiety or Half-part thereof on the said Twenty-fifth of *March*, which will be in the said Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twelve; and that all future Payments of the said Rate or Tax, not exceeding Two Shillings an Acre, shall be made half-yearly, and shall become due and payable on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, and the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* in every Year, and shall commence and be payable on the Twenty-ninth Day of *September*, which will be in the said Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twelve; and that publick Notice of the Times and Places appointed for the Payments of the respective Rates, Taxes and Assessments, hereinbefore granted or authorized to be laid, taxed, and assessed, shall be given in the *Cambridge Chronicle*, or some other Country Newspaper usually circulated in the said County of *Cambridge*, and also affixed upon the Market Cross, or Place usually appropriated to such Purposes in *Ely*, on Two several Market-days immediately preceding the Times of Payment thereof respectively; and in case of Non-payment of either of the said Taxes respectively, within Two Calendar Months after the Times hereinbefore prescribed for Payment thereof respectively as aforesaid, every Person so neglecting to pay the same shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Three Shillings and Fourpence for every Twenty Shillings due for such Taxes respectively and not paid as aforesaid, and so in proportion for every greater or less Sum than Twenty Shillings, to be recovered in the same Manner as the Taxes charged by the said former Acts, are by the said Acts, or either of them, directed or authorized to be recovered.

Exempt  
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not to be sub-  
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Tax.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to charge with the Payment of any of the additional Taxes hereby imposed and made payable, any of the Lands lying within the Limits aforesaid, called Exempt Lands, which were not at any Time since the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety-four flooded or inundated, so as the Party or Parties claiming any Exemption from the said Taxes, in respect of such Lands, shall prove, to the Satisfaction of any Seven or more of the said Commissioners, that the said Lands were not so flooded or inundated



dated at any Time since the said Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, out of the Rates, Taxes, and Assessments, by the said recited Act of the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or this present Act, or either of them, directed or authorized to, be raised and levied within the said District, for the Purpose of making or repairing outer Works, to advance and lend to the said Governor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, any Sum or Sums of Money to be laid out and expended by them in making, doing, or altering any outer Works for the Improvement of the said District, and to take the Bond or Bonds of the said Governor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, as a Security for the Repayment of such Sum and Sums of Money so lent and advanced, with lawful Interest for the same.

Power for the Commissioners to lend Money to the Bedford Level Corporation.

XXVII. And in order to obtain a fair and equal Taxation of the Lands and Grounds directed or authorized to be assessed, rated, taxed, or charged by virtue of the said recited Acts, or this Act, or either of them; be it further enacted, That the said Clerk to the said Commissioners shall, at such Time or Times as they the said Commissioners shall direct, give Notice to all or any of the Occupiers of Lands subject or liable to be so assessed, rated, taxed, or charged, to make Returns in Writing of the Number of Acres of all the Lands in their respective Occupations, lying within the District aforesaid, at the Time or Times specified in such Notice, describing the Situation thereof, and distinguishing what Part or Parts thereof is or are Exempt Land and what not, by delivering such Notice to such Occupier or Occupiers, or leaving the same at his, her, or their usual or last Place of Abode respectively; all which Returns shall be signed by the respective Parties making the same, and shall be delivered by such Parties respectively, to such Person or Persons, and at such Times and Places as shall be specified in such Notices respectively; and the Party or Parties making such Return shall, if required by any Seven or more of the said Commissioners, verify the same upon Oath, which Oath any one of the said Commissioners is hereby authorized and empowered to administer.

Clerk to Commissioners to give Notice to Occupiers of Lands liable to be taxed, to make Returns of all the Lands in their respective Occupations at the Time of the Returns, specifying what Lands are exempt and what not.

XXVIII. And in order to avoid the Inconvenience of making Returns where no Change of Occupation shall have taken place; be it further enacted, That until there shall be any such Change, the said Commissioners shall and may act upon any Return which shall have been delivered in as aforesaid; but the Clerk to the said Commissioners shall, at any Time or Times after such first Return shall have been made, as the said Commissioners shall direct, give Notice in Manner aforesaid, to all and every Person and Persons occupying any Lands within the District aforesaid, in respect of which any Change of Occupation shall have taken place, to make new Returns of the Lands in their respective Occupations, and every such new Return shall be made and delivered to the said Commissioners at the Time and in the Manner specified in such last mentioned Notice, and shall, if required by any Seven or more of the said Commissioners, be verified on Oath by the Parties making the same respectively (which Oath any One of the said Commissioners is hereby empowered to administer), and shall set forth and distinguish the Particulars of such new Occupation, and also the Particulars of the whole of the Lands which the Parties delivering the same shall respectively occupy within the District aforesaid, as fully and particularly as if no Return had been made.

Where no Change of Occupancy shall have taken place, Commissioners may act on the Return delivered in, and they may also require new Returns as often as any Change of Occupancy shall have taken place.

XXIX. And



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XXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Occupier of Lands subject or liable to be assessed, rated, taxed or charged by virtue of the said recited Act or this Act, or either of them, shall neglect or omit to make such Return as aforesaid within the Time specified in any such Notice as aforesaid, or shall in such Return wilfully omit or mis-state any Lands in his or her Occupation, whereby such Occupier would upon the Statement contained in any such Return appear to be liable to be assessed, rated, taxed or charged to a less Amount than he or she would under the Provisions contained in the said recited Acts or this Act, or either of them, be liable to pay upon a true Statement of the Lands in his or her Occupation, or if any such Occupier shall refuse to verify such Return upon Oath, when thereunto required by any Seven or more of the said Commissioners, then and in any of the said Cases every such Occupier so neglecting or omitting to make such Return as aforesaid, or omitting or mis-stating therein any Lands in his or her Occupation, or refusing to verify the same on Oath as aforesaid, shall and may on Discovery of any such Omission or Mis-statement as aforesaid, or on such Refusal as aforesaid, be at any Time afterwards assessed, rated and charged, by the said Commissioners, and shall be liable to pay for double the Quantity of Land in his or her Occupation liable to be assessed, rated, taxed or charged by virtue of the said recited Acts or this Act, or either of them, at the Date of such last mentioned Return; and the same shall be paid and recovered in the same Manner as if such Occupier had been assessed and charged for the actual Number of Acres in his or her Occupation, subject nevertheless to such Mitigation or Abatement as the said Commissioners shall in their Discretion think it proper and reasonable to make on Complaint of the Party so surcharged, and upon satisfactory Proof being produced to them of the Causes of such Omission or Mis-statement and that the Party is entitled to such Relief; and if it shall appear to the said Commissioners that there is any Cause to doubt the Correctness of any Return to be made in pursuance of this Act, or if any Person shall neglect or omit to make such Return as aforesaid, or to verify the same upon Oath as aforesaid, then the said Commissioners are hereby authorized to appoint some Person to enter upon and survey the Lands within the District aforesaid, in the Occupation of the Person neglecting or omitting to make or verify such Return as aforesaid, (which Surveyor is hereby authorized to enter upon and survey the said Lands or any Part thereof) and the Charges and Expences of making such Survey, shall be paid by the Person or Persons so neglecting or omitting to make or verify such Return as aforesaid, and shall be recovered by Distress and Sale of his or her Goods and Chattels in the same Manner as is directed by the said recited Acts or either of them for the Recovery of Taxes in Arrear; but where any Return shall have been made and verified within the Time and in Manner and Form before specified, and such Return shall upon such Survey be found to be correct, then the Charges and Expences of such Survey shall be paid by the said Commissioners, out of the Taxes raised by virtue of the said recited Acts or this Act or either of them.

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XXX. And whereas by the aforesaid Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Owners of certain embanked Lands therein particularly specified to maintain and continue the Banks then standing for the Preservation of their respective Lands, and also to work Mills or Engines thereon, in like Manner



Manner as they had theretofore done, and also for the Owners and Occupiers of such other Parts of the said Fen Lands comprized within the said District as were Arable and produced Winter Crops, or had actually been dug up into Turf, to erect Horse-Mills or other small Engines thereon in order to drain such Lands, so as to preserve the said Crops and to render the Lands so dug up useful, and for no other Purpose whatever; and whereas since the passing of the said last-mentioned Act several Tracts of Land within the said District have been embanked and Engine or Mills, commonly called Inside Mills, have been erected thereon for the Drainage of the same, and the said Mills have been found beneficial to the general Drainage of the said District, which would be further improved if the Remainder of the Lands within the said District, were in like Manner embanked and had Inside Mills erected thereon, to throw off the Waters from the same into the Main Drains of the said District; be it therefore further enacted, That so much of the aforesaid Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty as prohibits the Erection of Horse Mills or small Engines within the said District for any other Purpose than that of draining such Lands as are Arable and produce Winter Crops or as have actually been dug up into Turf, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said District as is now embanked and drained by Means of private Mills or Engines, shall and may remain and continue so embanked and drained, any Thing contained in the said recited Acts or either of them to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Lands now embanked and drained by Inside Mills, to remain so.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Owners of the several Farms, lying within so much of the said District, as is now embanked and drained by means of private Mills or Engines, to continue the Headings that are now made in the several Ditches, which run within or between their respective Farms, and in all Cases where there are not any such Headings, to make Headings in any such Ditches.

Owners of embanked Farms to continue the present Headings.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That such Parts of the Lands comprized within the said District, as are mentioned in the First Schedule to this Act, shall and may as soon as conveniently may be, after the passing of this Act, be embanked and divided into Interior Districts, and all such Districts shall be bounded in such Manner as is mentioned in the said Schedule, and shall be called respectively by such Names as are prefixed to each of the said Interior Districts respectively in the said Schedule.

Lands mentioned in the First Schedule to be divided into Interior Districts.

XXXIV. Provided, that nothing herein contained as to the Interior District shall prevent or take away the Power of the General Commissioners under this Act, from doing such general Works of Drainage in or through any of the said Interior Districts, as the said General Commissioners shall think necessary.

General Commissioners not to be restrained by Regulations for Interior Districts.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That if at any Time after the passing of this Act, the Owners or Proprietors of Two Third-parts of the Lands comprized in either of the Two Divisions or Boundaries set forth in the Second Schedule to this Act, shall be desirous of having the same embanked and made into an Interior District, and if such Owners or Proprietors

If the Owners of the Lands mentioned in the Second Schedule shall be desirous of



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prietors respectively, shall, by Writing under their Hands delivered to the Treasurer or Clerk to the said Commissioners, signify such their Consent and Desire to the said Commissioners, then they the said Commissioners are hereby required, as soon as conveniently may be after the Receipt of such Writing, to cause the Division or Boundary in respect of which such Consent and Desire shall be so signified as aforesaid, to be embanked and made into an Interior District, and the same shall accordingly be embanked, and shall become an Interior District as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been originally embanked and made an Interior District under the Authority of this Act.

Littleport  
and Down-  
ham District.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, the Fen Lands and Low Grounds or District so bounded and described, as in the before-mentioned Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty is mentioned, shall be called *Littleport* and *Downham* District, and that the Commissioners appointed or to be appointed under or by virtue of the before-mentioned Act of the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, shall be called The Commissioners for *Littleport* and *Downham* District.

No Waters  
to be thrown  
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terior Dis-  
trict or em-  
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Lands but  
into the Main  
Drains, &c.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That no Mill shall at any Time hereafter be erected in any Interior District or in any embanked Lands within the said District, called *Littleport* and *Downham* District, nor any Tunnel or Outlet be made in any such Interior District or embanked Lands, that shall throw or convey the Waters from any such Interior Districts or embanked Lands, otherwise than into the Main Drains of the said District, called *Littleport* and *Downham* District, nor shall any such Mill be built so as to throw its Waters within the Distance of Twenty Yards from any such Main Drain.

Restriction as  
to planting  
Trees or  
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ing Buildings  
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Ditches near  
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in Interior  
Districts.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Tree or Trees, or Holt or Holts, or Stack or Stacks of Hay, Fodder, Reed, or Turf, shall at any Time hereafter be planted or set, nor shall any Building or Buildings be placed, erected or built within any of the said Interior Districts, except by the Order or Permission of the Commissioners of such Interior District respectively, nearer to any Mill or Engine to be made or erected within any such Interior District under the Authority of this Act than Two hundred Yards, nor shall any Ditch, Drain or Pool hereafter to be made, above Eight Feet wide at the Top, be cut within Sixty Feet of the Centre of any Bank within the said Interior Districts respectively; and if any Tree or Trees, Holt or Holts, Stack or Stacks shall hereafter be planted or set, or any Building or Buildings made, erected or built, or any such Ditch, Drain or Pool made or cut within the said respective Distances, and if any such Tree or Trees, Holt or Holts, Stack or Stacks shall not be taken up and carried away, or such Building or Buildings pulled down and removed, or such Ditch, Drain or Pool filled up within the Space of Twenty-one Days after Notice for that Purpose shall be given, by Order of any Two of the Commissioners of the Interior District where the Offence shall be committed, to the Owner or Proprietor of the Land or Ground where such Tree or Trees, Holt or Holts, Stack or Stacks, Buildings, Ditches, Drains, or Pools respectively shall be, or left at his, her or their last or usual Place of Abode, or with or for the Tenant in Possession of the Premises; then, and in every such Case it shall be lawful  
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for any Two of such Commissioners respectively, to cause all such Trees, Holts and Stacks to be taken up and carried away, and all such Buildings to be pulled down and removed, and all such Ditches, Drains and Pools to be filled up immediately after the Expiration of the Notice so given for that Purpose, and the Costs and Expences thereby incurred shall be reimbursed to the said Commissioners respectively, by the Person or Persons who committed the Offence, and may be recovered by the Commissioners in such and the same Manner as the Taxes within such Interior District, hereby directed or authorized to be raised, are or may be recoverable.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Tree or Trees, or Holt or Holts, or Stack or Stacks of Hay, Fodder, Reed or Turf, shall at any Time or Times hereafter be planted or set, nor shall any Building or Buildings be placed, erected or built within any Part of the said District that is now embanked and drained by Means of Private Mills or Engines, except by the Order or Permission of the Owner or Owners of the Lands so embanked and drained respectively, nearer to any Mill or Engine to be made or erected within any such Lands than Two hundred Yards, nor shall any Ditch, Drain or Pool hereafter to be made above Eight Feet at the Top be cut within Sixty Feet of the Centre of any Bank within any such Lands; and if any Tree or Trees, Holt or Holts, Stack or Stacks, shall hereafter be planted or set, or any Building or Buildings made, erected or built, or any such Ditch, Drain or Pool made or cut within the said respective Distances, and if any such Tree or Trees, Holt or Holts, Stack or Stacks, shall not be taken up and carried away, or such Building or Buildings pulled down and removed, or such Ditch, Drain or Pool filled up, within the Space of Twenty-one Days after Notice for that Purpose shall be given by any such Owner or Owners, to the Owner or Proprietor of the Land or Ground where such Tree or Trees, Holt or Holts, Stack or Stacks, Buildings, Ditches, Drains or Pools respectively shall be, or left at his, her or their last or usual Place of Abode, or with or for the Tenant in Possession of the Premises, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for any such Owner or Owners respectively to cause all such Trees, Holts and Stacks to be taken up and carried away, and all such Buildings to be pulled down and removed, and all such Ditches, Drains and Pools to be filled up, immediately after the Expiration of the Notice so given for that Purpose, and the Costs and Expences thereby incurred shall be reimbursed to such Owner or Owners respectively by the Person or Persons who shall have committed any such Offence; and in case of Refusal to pay such Costs and Expences as aforesaid, the same may be levied and recovered by virtue of a Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any Two Justices of the Peace for the County or Place where such Offence shall have been committed (which Warrant such Justices are hereby required to grant on Proof of such Refusal or Neglect) by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender or Offenders, rendering the Overplus (if any) upon Demand to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels, after deducting such Costs and Expences, and also the Costs and Expences of such Distress and Sale.

Restriction as to planting Trees or Holts, erecting Buildings or cutting Ditches, near Engines or Banks within embanked Farms.

XL. And, for the Purpose of defraying the Expences of making, building, supporting and repairing the Banks, Mills, Drains and other Works necessary for the Drainage of the several Interior Districts hereby directed and

Commissioners for the Interior Districts.



and authorized to be made; be it further enacted, That the several Commissioners for the said several Interior Districts respectively shall be respectively qualified as follows: (that is to say)

- Commissioners for the First and Second Interior Districts.** Every Person who shall be seised, or possessed in his own Right, or in Right of his Wife, of Twelve Acres of Land lying within the First or Second Interior Districts shall be a Commissioner for such of the said Districts respectively within which his Land shall be situated, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for the said last-mentioned Interior Districts respectively shall be valid unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of such Commissioners respectively, nor unless there shall be at least Five of such Commissioners respectively present at such Meeting:
- Commissioners for the Third, Nineteenth, Twentieth, and Twenty-first Districts.** Every Person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Twelve Acres of Land lying within the Third, Nineteenth, Twentieth or Twenty-first Interior Districts respectively, shall be a Commissioner for such of the said Districts respectively within which his Land shall be situated, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for the said last-mentioned Interior Districts respectively shall be valid unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of such Commissioners respectively, nor unless there shall be at least Three of such Commissioners respectively present at such Meeting:
- Commissioners for the Fourth and Fifth Interior Districts.** Every Person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Eleven Acres of Land lying within the Fourth or Fifth Interior Districts shall be a Commissioner for such of the said Districts respectively within which his Land shall be situated, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for the said last-mentioned Interior Districts respectively shall be valid, unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of such Commissioners respectively, nor unless there shall be at least Five of such Commissioners present at such Meeting:
- Commissioners for the Sixth and Eighteenth Interior Districts.** Every Person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Eleven Acres of Land lying within the Sixth or Eighteenth Interior Districts, shall be a Commissioner for such of the said Districts respectively within which his Land shall be situated, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for the said last-mentioned Interior Districts respectively shall be valid unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of the said Commissioners respectively nor unless there shall be at least Three of such Commissioners respectively present at such Meeting:
- Commissioners for the Seventh and Eleventh Interior Districts.** Every Person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Fifteen Acres of Land lying within the Seventh or Eleventh Interior Districts shall be a Commissioner for such of the said Districts respectively within which his Land shall be situated, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for the said last-mentioned Interior Districts respectively shall be valid unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of such Commissioners respectively, nor unless there shall be at least Three of such Commissioners respectively present at such Meeting:
- Commissioners for the Eighth Interior District.** Every person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Seventeen Acres of Land lying within the Eighth Interior District shall be a Commissioner for the said District, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for such District shall be valid unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of such Commissioners, nor unless there shall be at least Five of such Commissioners present at such Meeting:
- Commissioners for the Ninth Interior District.** Every Person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Fourteen Acres of Land lying within the Ninth Interior District shall be a Commissioner



missioner for the said District, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for such District shall be valid unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of such Commissioners, nor unless there shall be at least Three of such Commissioners present at such Meeting:

Every Person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Nineteen Acres of Land lying within the Tenth Interior District shall be a Commissioner for the said District, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for such District shall be valid unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of such Commissioners, nor unless there shall be at least Five of such Commissioners present at such Meeting:

Commissioners for the Tenth Interior District.

Every person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Twenty-two Acres of Land lying within the Twelfth or Twenty-fifth Interior Districts shall be a Commissioner for such of the said Districts respectively within which his Land shall be situated, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for the said last mentioned Interior District respectively shall be valid unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of such Commissioners respectively, nor unless there shall be at least Five of such Commissioners respectively present at such Meeting:

Commissioners for the Twelfth and Twenty-fifth Interior Districts.

Every Person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Fourteen Acres of Land lying within the Thirteenth Interior District shall be a Commissioner for the said District, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for such District shall be valid unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of such Commissioners, nor unless there shall be at least Five of such Commissioners present at such Meeting:

Commissioners for the Thirteenth Interior District.

Every Person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Twenty-one Acres of Land lying within the Fourteenth Interior District, and the Treasurer for the Time being of the aforesaid Governors of the Lands and Possessions belonging to the Poor of the City or Town of *Ely*, shall be a Commissioner for the said District, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for such District shall be valid unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of such Commissioners, nor unless there shall be at least Five of such Commissioners present at such Meeting:

Commissioners for the Fourteenth Interior District.

Every Person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Twenty-one Acres of Land lying within the Fifteenth Interior District shall be a Commissioner for the said District, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for such District shall be valid unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of such Commissioners, nor unless there shall be at least Three of such Commissioners present at such Meeting:

Commissioners for the Fifteenth Interior District.

Every Person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Thirty-eight Acres of Land lying within the Sixteenth Interior District shall be a Commissioner for the said District, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for such District shall be valid unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of such Commissioners, nor unless there shall be at least Three of such Commissioners present at such Meeting:

Commissioners for the Sixteenth Interior District.

Every Person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Seventeen Acres of Land lying within the Seventeenth Interior District shall be a Commissioner for the said District, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for such District shall be valid unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of such Commissioners, nor unless there shall be at least Three of such Commissioners present at such Meeting:

Commissioners for the Seventeenth Interior District.

Every Person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Nine Acres of Land lying within the Twenty-second Interior District shall be a Commissioner for the said District, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for such District shall be valid unless the same shall be done

Commissioners for the Twenty-second Interior District.



Commissioners for the Twenty-third Interior District.

at some Meeting of such Commissioners, nor unless there shall be at least Two of the said Commissioners present at such Meeting :

Every Person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Twenty Acres of Land lying within the Twenty-third Interior District shall be a Commissioner for the said District, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for such District shall be valid unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of such Commissioners, nor unless there shall be at least Three of such Commissioners present at such Meeting :

Commissioners for the Twenty-fourth Interior District.

Every Person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Fifteen Acres of Land lying within the Twenty-fourth Interior District shall be a Commissioner for the said District, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for such District shall be valid unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of such Commissioners, nor unless there shall be Five of such Commissioners present at such Meeting :

Commissioners for the Twenty-sixth Interior District.

Every Person who shall be so seised or possessed as aforesaid of Thirty-eight Acres of Land lying within the Twenty-sixth Interior District shall be a Commissioner for the said District, and no Act done by any of the Commissioners for such District shall be valid unless the same shall be done at some Meeting of such Commissioners, nor unless there shall be at least Five of such Commissioners present at such Meeting.

Commissioners to proceed in Execution of Act.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the Majority of the Commissioners who shall be present at any Meeting to be holden by virtue of this Act for the said Interior Districts respectively, shall and may in all Cases proceed in the Execution of the Powers given to the said Commissioners by this Act.

Owners of Acres within the 24th Interior District to appoint Three Commissioners.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That every Person who shall be *bonâ fide* seised or possessed as aforesaid of Sixty Acres of Land lying within the said Twenty-fourth Interior District may appoint, and every such Person is hereby authorized to appoint by Writing under his or her Hand Three Commissioners for executing this Act within the said last-mentioned Interior District, and all such Commissioners so appointed as aforesaid may act as Commissioners within the said last-mentioned Interior District during the Pleasure of the Person so appointing, if the Person so appointing shall continue so seised or possessed as last aforesaid, and shall and may act at all Meetings of the Commissioners of the said last-mentioned Interior District: Provided always, that no more than Two of such Deputy Commissioners shall act at the same Meeting at which the Person appointing them shall be present.

Owners of 400 Acres within the 24th Interior District, to appoint Four Commissioners.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That every Person who shall be *bonâ fide* seised or possessed as aforesaid of Four hundred Acres of Land lying within the said Twenty-fourth Interior District, may appoint, and every such Person is hereby authorized to appoint by Writing under his or her hand Four Commissioners for executing this Act within the said last-mentioned Interior District, and all such Commissioners so appointed as aforesaid may act as Commissioners within the said last-mentioned Interior District during the Pleasure of the Person so appointing, if the Person so appointing shall continue so seised or possessed as last aforesaid, and shall and may act at all Meetings of the Commissioners of the said last-mentioned Interior District: Provided always, that no more than Three of such last-mentioned Deputy Commissioners shall act at the same Meeting at which the Person appointing them shall be present.

XLIV. And



XLIV. And be it further enacted, That no Person appointed as afore-  
 said shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner until he shall have deli-  
 vered in his Appointment, or a Notice or Certificate of his Appointment  
 in Writing under the Hand of the Person appointing him at some Meeting  
 of the Commissioners of the Interior District for which he shall have been  
 appointed, and that every such Appointment, or Notice or Certificate shall  
 be filed among the Proceedings of the Meeting at which the same shall be  
 delivered in, and a Minute thereof shall be entered by the Clerk attending  
 such Meeting, in the Book of the Commissioners for such Interior District  
 respectively, containing the Entry of such Proceedings.

No Person to  
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 his Appoint-  
 ment shall be  
 delivered in.

XLV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person  
 or Persons not being qualified as hereinbefore is prescribed, shall act as a  
 Commissioner or Commissioners in the Execution of this Act for either  
 of the said Interior Districts respectively, or if any Person or Persons not  
 being qualified as herein before is prescribed in that Respect, shall appoint  
 any Deputy or Deputies to act as a Commissioner or Commissioners in the  
 Execution of this Act, such Person or Persons shall for every such Offence  
 respectively forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be recovered, with  
 full Costs of Suit, by any Person or Persons who shall inform or sue for the  
 same in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in the  
 Court of Pleas to be holden within the said *Ile of Ely*, by Bill, Plaint, Suit,  
 or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege or Wager of  
 Law, nor more than one Imparance shall be allowed, and in any such  
 Action or Suit it shall be only necessary for the Plaintiff or Informer to  
 prove that the Defendant, or any Deputy Commissioner appointed by any  
 such Defendant, as the Case may be, acted as such Commissioner in the  
 Execution of this Act, and a Verdict shall be found against such Defendant,  
 unless he shall prove in his Defence, that he was at the Time of his so acting  
 properly qualified to act or to appoint such Deputy Commissioner, as the  
 Case may be, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Penalty on  
 acting or ap-  
 pointing a  
 Deputy, &c.  
 without being  
 qualified.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners for the said  
 Interior Districts respectively shall twice in every Year (to wit) upon the  
 First *Wednesday* after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* and the First *Wed-*  
*nesday* after the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* in every Year, and oftener  
 if they shall see occasion, meet at some Publick House or Inn in one  
 of the Parishes within which the Interior District to which the Meeting  
 shall relate shall be situated, and that Notice of all such Meetings shall  
 be given in Writing by affixing the same on the principal outer Door of  
 the Church or Chapel, Churches or Chapels of every Parish within which  
 such Interior District shall respectively lie, at least Eight Days previous to  
 every such Meeting; and that the First Meeting of the said respective  
 Commissioners shall be holden upon the Second *Wednesday* after the passing  
 of this Act, and that all Notices of special Meetings to be holden for  
 any of the said Interior Districts shall be signed by Two of the Commis-  
 sioners for the Interior District to which the same shall relate.

Commission-  
 ers for Interi-  
 or Districts  
 to hold Meet-  
 ings.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the  
 Commissioners of the said Interior Districts respectively assembled at any  
 general Half-yearly or other Meeting or any Adjournment of the same  
 (Notice of all which Meetings shall be given in Writing by affixing the  
 same on the principal outer Door of the Church or Chapel, Churches or  
 Chapels of every Parish within which such Interior District shall respec-  
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 Taxes.



tively lie at least Eight Days previous to every such Meeting) to assess rate, tax and charge all and every the respective Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers of the Lands lying within each such Interior District, respectively with an equal and proportionable Tax, not exceeding Twenty Shillings *per Acre* for each Year, to be applied by the said Commissioners in making, building, supporting, and maintaining the Banks, Mills, Drains, and other Works necessary for the better Drainage of each such Interior District respectively, and to limit and appoint such certain Days and Places for the Payment of such Tax to the Collector or Collectors, Receiver or Receivers, or other Person or Persons to be appointed as hereinafter-mentioned for the Purpose of receiving the same, as they the said last-mentioned Commissioners or any Two or more of them shall direct.

Taxes for: In-  
terior Dis-  
tricts to be  
over and  
above all  
other Taxes,  
&c.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said last-mentioned Rate or Tax shall be over and above and in Addition to all the other Rates and Taxes in and by the said recited Acts and this present Act respectively imposed or authorized to be levied, and shall from Time to Time be paid to such Collector or Collectors, Receiver or Receivers, or other Person or Persons, and at such Time and in such Proportions, Manner, and Form, as the said Commissioners for the said Interior Districts respectively shall from Time to Time direct or appoint for that Purpose (publick Notice of such Times and Places of Payment being first given in Writing, and affixed on the principal outer Door of the Church or Chapel, Churches or Chapels of any Parish within which such Interior Districts shall respectively lie, at least Twenty-one Days immediately preceding such respective Times of Payment); and in case of Non-payment of the said Taxes respectively within Two Calendar Months after the Times so prescribed for Payment thereof respectively, every Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Three Shillings and Fourpence for every Twenty Shillings due for such Taxes respectively, and not paid as aforesaid, and so in proportion for any greater or less Sum than Twenty Shillings to be recovered and applied as hereinafter mentioned.

Penalty on  
Non-pay-  
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First Pay-  
ment of  
Taxes in In-  
terior Dis-  
tricts.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That the first Tax, Rate or Assessment for each of the said Interior Districts respectively, shall be laid by the Commissioners of such Interior Districts respectively at the Meeting at which they shall respectively make an Order for beginning the Works of such Interior Districts respectively, and shall become due and payable within Two Calendar Months after the Date of such Order.

No beneficial  
Lessee to be  
allowed to  
deduct any of  
the Taxes.

No Tenants  
at Rack Rent  
having Five  
Years to  
come in their  
Lands to de-  
duct the  
Taxes in re-  
spect of Lit-  
tleport and  
Downham  
District.

L. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Lessee or Tenant of any Lands or Grounds charged with any Rates or Taxes imposed or to be imposed by virtue of this Act, who shall hold the same by virtue of or under any beneficial Lease from any Bishop, or Collegiate Church or College, or any Corporation Sole or Aggregate, shall be allowed to deduct any of the Rates or Taxes hereby directed or authorized to be laid, nor shall any Lessee or Tenant of any such Lands or Grounds who shall hold the same under or by virtue of any Lease or Agreement of which at the Time appointed by the Commissioners of *Littleport* and *Downham* District, for the Payment of the Rates and Taxes imposed by them for any Year, there shall be Five Years or upwards to come and unexpired, be entitled to deduct any of the Rates or Taxes hereby directed or authorized to be laid by the said last-mentioned Commissioners, or any Part thereof for such Year, out of the Rent received or payable by any such Lease



Lease or Agreement: Provided always, nevertheless, that in all Cases where any Tenant shall hold any Lands lying within either of the said Interior Districts respectively, under or by virtue of any Lease or Agreement of which at the Time of the passing of this Act there shall not be more than Three Years unexpired, every such Tenant shall be allowed, and he and she is hereby allowed to deduct out of his or her Rents all such Sum and Sums of Money as he or she shall pay or cause to be paid for or on Account of any Rates or Taxes which shall be rated or imposed on or in respect of such last-mentioned Lands, by the Commissioners for the Interior District wherein such last-mentioned Lands shall lie, during the Continuance of such Lease or Agreement; and that every Tenant holding any such last-mentioned Lands by virtue of or under any Lease or Agreement of which at the Time of passing this Act there shall be more than Three Years unexpired, shall be allowed to deduct all such last-mentioned Rates or Taxes as shall be rated or assessed on or in respect of such Lands within the first Three Years after the passing of this Act, but that all future Assessments of such last-mentioned Rates or Taxes shall be charged upon and shall be paid and borne by such Tenants respectively.

All Tenants at Rack Rent to be allowed to deduct the first Three Years Taxes in respect of such Interior District.

LI. And be it further enacted, That where any Person or Persons, being Tenant or Tenants for Life or Lives of any Part of the Lands or Grounds liable to be rated or taxed by virtue of this Act, who shall have paid any of the Rates or Taxes to be assessed, rated, taxed, or charged by virtue of this Act, in respect of such Lands or Grounds, shall die before the Expiration of Four Years from the Time appointed for Payment of such Rates and Taxes respectively for any Year, then it shall be lawful for him, her or them, by his, her or their last Will and Testament or last Wills and Testaments, respectively to charge such Lands and Grounds with the Payment of so much of such Rates and Taxes as shall have been paid by such Tenant or Tenants for Life or Lives within the Space of Four Years previously to the Death of such last-mentioned Tenant or Tenants, and to direct and appoint the same to be paid to such Person or Persons as he, she or they shall think fit; and in Default thereof the same shall be a Charge on the said Lands and Grounds, and shall within Six Calendar Months after the Death of such Tenant or Tenants for Life or Lives, be paid by the Person or Persons entitled to the Reversion or Remainder immediately expectant on the Death of such Tenant or Tenants for Life or Lives, together with lawful Interest for the same from the Death of such Tenant or Tenants for Life or Lives respectively, and shall and may be recovered by Action of Debt in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or in the Court of Pleas for the said *Isle of Ely*.

For relieving Tenants for Life from the Taxes paid by them in case of Death within Four Years.

LII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons to pay all or any Part of any of the Taxes directed or authorized by the said recited Acts or this Act or either of them to be levied and raised on his, her or their Lands for One Year or for Two or more Years in advance, and all such Persons shall be allowed Discount or Interest, at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, from the Time or Times such Payment or Payments shall be made to the Time or Times when the Tax or Taxes respectively so paid in advance shall become payable, and the Receipt and Receipts of the Receiver or Treasurer, Receivers or Treasurers of the several and respective Commissioners hereinbefore mentioned, or other Person or Persons authorized by them respectively to receive the same, for the Sum or Sums so paid in advance, shall be a Dis-

Persons paying Taxes in Advance to be allowed Interest on the Sums advanced.

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charge to such Person or Persons for his, her or their Tax or Taxes when the same shall be rated and become payable.

Commissioners to pay their own Expences.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, at all Meetings of the several and respective Commissioners of the said District called *Littleport* and *Downham* District, and of the said several Interior Districts, all the said Commissioners respectively shall bear and defray their own Expences.

Commissioners of Interior Districts may appoint Officers.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the said Interior Districts respectively, at any of their Meetings, to appoint such Treasurers, Clerks, Collectors, Receivers and other Officers as they shall respectively think proper, and to allow and pay them out of the Rates or Assessments collected within their respective Interior Districts such Yearly Salaries or other Remuneration as they the said Commissioners shall respectively think reasonable; and also at their Wills and Pleasures to remove and displace all such Treasurers, Clerks, Collectors, Receivers or other Officers, and to choose and appoint others in their Room and Stead as occasion shall require; and all such Collectors and Receivers shall, before they act in the Execution of their several Offices, give such Security for the due Execution of such their respective Offices and for performing the several Trusts to them committed, as the said Commissioners respectively or any Two or more of them shall think proper.

Collectors to give Security.

Commissioners for Interior Districts may make Cuts, &c.

LV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for each of the said Interior Districts respectively shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time, at their free Wills and Pleasures, to make such Cuts, Drains, Dams, Tunnels and Outlets through the Lands lying within their said Interior Districts respectively, and to erect such Banks, Mills and Engines, and other Works thereupon for draining and conveying the Waters from the same, as they shall think necessary.

Making Satisfaction to Parties, &c.

LVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for each of the said Interior Districts respectively, shall pay such reasonable Satisfaction to the Person or Persons who hath or have a Right to the Land through which any such last-mentioned Cut, Drain, Dam, Tunnel or Outlet shall be made, or whereupon any such last-mentioned Work or Works, Engine or Engines shall be erected, for the Damages such Person or Persons shall or may sustain thereby, as shall be agreed upon between the said Commissioners respectively and the Person or Persons having such Right as aforesaid; and if the said Commissioners and such Person or Persons cannot agree about the Amount of such Damage, then the same shall be settled, assessed and determined by a Jury to be summoned and called in Manner as hereinbefore directed, and the Expences attending the summoning and calling such Jury shall be paid, borne and defrayed in such and the same Manner as the Expences attending the summoning and calling of the said Jury are hereinbefore directed to be paid, borne and defrayed.

Commissioners for Interior Districts may purchase any Mills that are now standing.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the said Interior Districts respectively, to contract and agree with the Owner or Owners of any inside Mill or Mills, Engine or Engines, now standing within the Boundaries of any such Interior Districts respectively for the Purchase of any such Mill or Mills, Engine or Engines, by and out of the Rates and Taxes to be raised and collected within any such Interior



terior Districts respectively, and to apply such Mill, or Engine, Mills or Engines, for the Use of such Interior Districts respectively. within their respective Districts.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners for the said Interior Districts respectively, shall in all Cases of Non-payment of the Taxes, Rates, and Assessments by them respectively laid, assessed, and imposed within their said Interior Districts respectively in pursuance of this Act, or of the Penalties incurred for Non-payment thereof, have such and the like Powers and Remedies for recovering such Rates, Taxes, and Penalties as are given and reserved to the Commissioners of the said District called *Littleport* and *Downham* District, for Recovery of the several other Rates, Taxes, and Penalties imposed or authorized to be laid by virtue of the said recited Acts and this Act, or either of them; and all Penalties to be incurred for Non-payment of any Rates or Taxes to be laid or assessed by any of the Commissioners for the said Interior Districts respectively, shall be applied by such Commissioners respectively for the Benefit of the Interior District wherein the Rates or Taxes shall have been laid, assessed or imposed in respect whereof such Penalties shall respectively have been incurred or become payable. Remedies for recovering Taxes &c. within Interior Districts.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the Commissioners of the said District, called *Littleport* and *Downham* District, to apply any Part of the Taxes to be raised by them by virtue of the said recited Acts or of this Act, or either of them, in the making or doing of any Work or Works for the exclusive Benefit of any Interior District or Districts. *Littleport and Downham District restricted as to the Application of the General Taxes.*

LX. And be it further enacted, That the Schedules to this Act annexed shall be taken and considered to be and they are hereby declared to be Part of this Act. Schedules to be Part of this Act.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time hereafter, maliciously cut, break down, burn, demolish, or destroy any Bank, Bridge or Work, which shall at any Time hereafter be erected, supported, or maintained by the Commissioners of the said Interior Districts respectively, for answering any of the Purposes of this Act, every Person so offending and being thereof convicted, shall be subject and liable to the like Pains and Penalties as in Cases of Felony; and the Court by or before whom any such Person shall be tried, shall have Power and Authority to cause such Person to be punished in like Manner as a Felon is directed to be punished by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, or in Mitigation of such Punishment, such Court may in its Discretion award such Sentence as the Law directs in Cases of Petit Larceny; and if any Person or Persons shall at any Time hereafter, wilfully damage, stop, obstruct or dam up any such Bank, Bridge, or Work, or shall wilfully hinder or obstruct any of the said last-mentioned Commissioners respectively, or any of their Officers, or any of the Servants, Workmen, or Labourers employed by any of the said last-mentioned Commissioners or any of their Officers, in scouring out any Drains or Watercourses, or in making or repairing any Work or Works hereby directed or authorized to be done, every Person or Persons offending in any or either of the Cases aforesaid, and being thereof convicted before any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County or Place wherein such Offence shall be committed, (which Justices are hereby required to hear and determine the same) Punishment for destroying Works of Interior Districts.



**Commissioners may bring Actions or prefer Bill of Indictment against Persons destroying or damaging any of their Works.**

### Form of Con- viction of Of- fenders.

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 • [or, County of  
 • Norfolk, as  
 • the Case may  
 • be] to wit.

in the Year of our Lord  
A. B. is duly convicted  
of His Majesty's

Given under my Hand and Seal ' [or,



‘ [or, our Hands and Seals, *as the Case may be*] the Day and Year first above written.’

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases wherein Cognizance is given to any Justice or Justices of the Peace by the said recited Acts or by this Act, or either of them, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices of the Peace to administer an Oath to any Person or Persons for his or their more certain Information in the Matter then depending, and it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace to act as such in the Execution of the said recited Acts and of this Act, notwithstanding his being a Commissioner for the said District called *Littleport and Downham* District, or for either of the said Interior Districts: Provided always, that no Person shall act as a Justice of the Peace in the Execution of the said recited Acts or of this Act, or either of them, in any Case where he shall be personally interested.

Justices may administer an Oath, &c.

Justices not to act where interested.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That in all Actions, Prosecutions, Informations, Causes and Proceedings whatsoever relating to or concerning the Execution of the said recited Acts or of this Act, or either of them, no Person or Persons shall be prevented from giving his, her, or their Evidence, or be deemed or taken to be an incompetent Witness or Witnesses on account of his, her, or their being an Owner or Owners, or an Occupier or Occupiers of or otherwise interested in any of the Lands or Grounds taxed or to be taxed by virtue of the said recited Acts or this Act, or either of them.

Evidence of Persons being Owners of taxable Land to be admitted.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for *Littleport and Downham* District, and also the said Commissioners for the said Interior District respectively, may and shall in all Cases sue and be sued in the Names of their respective Treasurers or Clerks; and no Action, Suit, Indictment, Information, or Proceeding, which shall or may be brought, commenced, preferred, or filed, or prosecuted by or against any of the said Commissioners respectively, by virtue or on account of any Thing done under or in pursuance of this Act in the Name of any such Treasurer or Clerk, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of any such Treasurer or Clerk or by the Act of any such Treasurer or Clerk without the Consent of the said Commissioners respectively, but the Treasurer or Clerk for the Time being to the said Commissioners respectively shall always be deemed Plaintiff and Prosecutor, or Defendant in such Action, Suit, Indictment, Information, or Proceeding, as the Case may be: Provided always, that every such Treasurer and Clerk, in whose Name any Action, Suit, Indictment, or Proceeding shall be commenced, preferred, prosecuted, or defended in pursuance of the said recited Acts or of this Act or either of them, shall always be reimbursed, and paid, out of the Taxes to be raised by virtue of the said recited Acts or of this Act within the District for which such Treasurers and Clerks shall be appointed, all such Costs, Charges, and Expences as he shall be put to or become chargeable with, by reason of his being made Plaintiff, Prosecutor, or Defendant therein.

Commissioners may sue and be sued in the Name of their Treasurer or their Clerk.

who are to be reimbursed their Expences.

LXVII. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to invalidate, lessen, diminish, alter or take away any of the Rights, Powers, Preserving Rights of the Corporation of Bedford Level.

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Powers, or Authorities vested in the aforesaid Governor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the Company of Conservators of the Great Level of the Fens called *Bedford Level*, or in the said Governor, Bailiffs, and Conservators by virtue of an Act made in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled, *An Act for settling the Draining of the Great Level of the Fens called Bedford Level*, or by virtue of any other Act or Statute whatsoever, but that all Rights, Powers, and Authorities whatsoever, which by virtue of the said Act of the Fifteenth Year of King *Charles* the Second, or of any other Act or Statute whatsoever, now are vested in the said Governor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, or in the said Governor, Bailiffs, and Conservators, or any of them, shall for ever hereafter remain, continue, and be in the said Governor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, and in the said Governor, Bailiffs, and Conservators, and every of them, as fully and amply to all Intents and Purposes, as if this Act had never been made.

Extending  
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LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Provisions, Penalties, Exemptions, Matters, and Things contained in or prescribed or appointed by the said recited Acts of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, and the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or either of them, not hereby taken away, altered or repealed, shall be of full Force and Effect, and shall extend and be applicable to this Act, and to the several Rates, Taxes, and Assessments hereby granted, or authorized to be laid and imposed, and to the Penalties for Non-payment thereof, and to the Remedies for Recovery of the said Taxes, Rates, Assessments, and Penalties, and to all other the Provisions, Penalties, Exemptions, Matters, and Things herein contained, and shall be executed with this Act as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same were herein repeated and re-enacted.

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LXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all such Right or Rights as any Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of any Manor or Manors, Liberties, Hundred, or Half-hundred, have heretofore had within his, her, or their respective Manor or Manors, Liberties, Hundred or Half-hundred, within or without the said Boundaries, Waifs, Estrays, Felon's Goods, Privileges of Arrests, Escheats, and all Royalties not prejudicial to draining, be hereby saved to them, their Heirs, Successors, and Assigns severally and respectively; any Thing in this or the said recited Acts, or either of them, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Publick Act.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Publick Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.



The First SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Act refers.

*The First Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by the River Ouse towards the East, by the High Lands of Littleport towards the South, by the Croft River and Part of Mow Fen Drain towards the West, and by Mow Fen Drain towards the North,

*The Second Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by the Croft River aforesaid towards the North and East, by Black Lake Drove towards the South, and by Dulcimer Drain towards the West.

*The Third Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by the said River Ouse towards the East, by Mow Fen Drain aforesaid and the Croft River towards the South, by a publick Drain called the New Twelve Feet Drain (and which divides this Interior District from the Fifth Interior District) towards the West, and by Willow Row Drove towards the North.

*The Fourth Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by the Willow Row Farms towards the East, by a publick Drove called Rack Fen Drove (and which lies between this Interior District and the Fifth Interior District) towards the South, by so much of the aforesaid New Twelve Feet Drain as runs northwardly from Rack Fen Drove aforesaid to the South-west Corner of Hale Fen Farms towards the West, by so much of the same Drain as runs from the said South-West Corner of Hale Fen Farms aforesaid by and along part of the said Hale Fen Farms eastwardly to Crouchmere Farm and by and along the said Farm to Willow Row Farms aforesaid towards the North.

*The Fifth Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by the aforesaid New Twelve Feet Drain (and which divides this Interior District from the Fourth Interior District) and part of Hale Fen in part towards the East and in part towards the North, by the aforesaid New Twelve Feet Drain (and which divides this Interior District from the Third Interior District) in other part towards the East, and by the Croft River aforesaid (and which divides this Interior District from the Sixth Interior District) in other part towards the North and towards the South and West, and by a publick Drain between this Interior District and the Sixth Interior District towards the West, and by Hale Fen Drove towards the North and East.

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*The Sixth Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by Hale Fen Farms towards the North, by a publick Drain called The Main Croft Drain (and which divides this Interior District from the Fifth Interior District, in part towards the East, by Hale Fen Drove aforesaid in part towards the East and South, by the Croft River aforesaid South, by the embanked Farms of William Webb and Jos-yh and John Little, towards the Northwest, and by the Lands belonging to the Feoffees of Welney towards the West.

*The Seventh Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by the Croft River aforesaid towards the North, by a publick Drain which lies between this Interior District and Apeshall Farm towards the East, by a publick Drain which divides this Interior District from the Ninth Interior District towards the South, and by the embanked Farm of Charles Leeds towards the West.

*The Eighth Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by Dulcimer Drain in part, and Grunty Fen Drain in other part, toward the East, by Grunty Fen Drain aforesaid in part towards the South, by so much of the Boundary Ditch between the Parish of Littleport and the Parish of Downham as runs from Grunty Fen aforesaid to the New Grand Drain in other part towards the South, by so much of the said New Grand Drain as runs from the said Boundary Ditch to Apeshall Farm aforesaid towards the West, and by an embanked Farm belonging to the Right Honourable the Earl of Hardwicke, called Cuttau's Farm towards the North.

*The Ninth Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by the aforesaid Grand Drain in part and Part of Head Fen Drove in other part towards the East, by the aforesaid Boundary Ditch between the Parish of Littleport and the Parish of Downham on the South and in part on the West, by the embanked Farm of Abraham Bodger in other part on the West, and by a publick Drain which runs between this Interior District and the Seventh Interior District on the North.

*The Tenth Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by a publick Drain which runs between this Interior District and the Eleventh Interior District in part towards the East, by a Drain which divides this Interior District from the Ninth Interior District in other part towards the East, by a publick Drain which runs between this Interior District and the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Interior Districts towards the South, by a Drain which divides this Interior District from divers embanked Farms towards the North, and by the Hundred-Foot Bank towards the West.

*The Eleventh Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by the  
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aforesaid Grand Drain towards the East, by a publick Drain which runs between this Interior District and the Fifteenth Interior District towards the South, and in part towards the West, by a publick Drain which runs between this Interior District and the Tenth Interior District in other part towards the West, and by the aforesaid Boundary Ditch between the Parishes of Littleport and Downham towards the North.

*The Twelfth Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by Grunty Fen Drain aforesaid towards the South-east, by Fodder Fen Common towards the South-west, by the aforesaid Grand Drain towards the West, and by the aforesaid Boundary Ditch between the Parishes of Littleport and Downham towards the North.

*The Thirteenth Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by the Turnpike Road leading from Ely to Littleport in part and Wood Fen Drove in other part towards the East, by the High Lands of Wood House Farm towards the South, by Corfey Drove and part of Grunty Fen Drain aforesaid towards the West, and by the Knowle Lots and Wood Fen Drove aforesaid towards the North.

*The Fourteenth Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by Corfey Drove aforesaid towards the East, by the High Lands of Downham towards the South and West, and by Grunty Fen Drain aforesaid towards the North-east.

*The Fifteenth Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by the aforesaid Grand Drain towards the East and South-east, by a publick Drain called the New Drain which runs between this Interior District and the Seventeenth Interior District towards the West, and by a publick Drain which runs between this Interior District and the Tenth and Eleven Interior Districts towards the North.

*The Sixteenth Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by that Part of the aforesaid publick Drain called the New Drain which divides this Interior District from the Fifteenth Interior District towards the East, by other part of the said New Drain and by Pymore Drove and by a certain Ditch which runs from Streight Furlong Drove towards the Hundred-foot Bank in a westwardly Direction and divides this Interior District from the Seventeenth Interior District towards the South, by the Hundred Feet Bank towards the West, and by a Drain which divides this Interior District from the Tenth Interior District in part, and a Drain called Westmoor Mill Drain which runs between this Interior District and the Eleventh Interior District in other part towards the North.

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*The Seventeenth Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by so much of the aforesaid Drain called New Drain as runs between this Interior District and the Fifteenth Interior District towards the East, by a publick Drain called the Main Drain, which runs between this Interior District and the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Interior Districts and Westmoor Common towards the South, by a certain Drain called the Twenty-feet Drain, which divides the Parish of Downham from the Parish of Coveney on the South-west, by the Hundred-feet Bank on the West, by the aforesaid Drove called Pymore Drove and the Ditch which runs from Streight Furlong Drove aforesaid towards the Hundred-feet Bank in a westwardly Direction, and divides this Interior District in part from the Sixteenth Interior District towards the North.

*The Eighteenth Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by the embanked Farm belonging to George Grant Esquire towards the East, by Grunty Fen Drain towards the South, by Westmoor Common aforesaid towards the South-west, and by so much of the aforesaid publick Drain called Main Drain as runs between this Interior District and the Fifteenth and Seventeenth Interior Districts towards the North.

*The Nineteenth Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by Grunty Fen Drain towards the South and in part towards the East, by the aforesaid Drain called the Twenty-feet Drain towards the South, by so much of the last-mentioned Drain as divides this Interior District from the Seventeenth Interior District towards the West, and by Westmoor Common aforesaid in part towards the North and in other part towards the East.

*The Twentieth Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by the High Lands of Downham and by Ely Common towards the East, by the Crooked Ditch in part and Grunty Fen Drain aforesaid in other part towards the South and West, and by Downham Fields towards the North.

*The Twenty-first Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by a certain Drove called Long Drove towards the East, by the High Lands and Open Fields of Witchford towards the South, by Wentworth Parts towards the West, and by a certain publick Drain which divides this Interior District from the Adventurer's Lands in the Parish of Witchford aforesaid towards the North.

*The Twenty-second Interior District :*

To comprize certain Lands in the Parish of Denver bounded as follows, (that is to say) by the River Ouse towards the East, by a publick Drain called the Mill Drain towards the South, by the Hundred-feet Bank towards the West, and by certain Exempt Lands belonging to John Flatt towards the North.

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*The Twenty-third Interior District:*

To comprize certain Lands bounded as follows, (that is to say) by the River Ouse aforesaid towards the East, by a publick Drain which divides this Interior District from the Twenty-fourth Interior District towards the South, by the aforesaid Grand Drain in part on the West, and by Willow Row Farms towards the North.

*The Twenty-fourth Interior District:*

To comprize certain Lands in the Parish of Hilgay bounded as follows, (that is to say) by the River Ouse aforesaid towards the East, by Modney Court Drain towards the South, by the Grand Drain towards the West, by certain Lands belonging to Sir Edward Hamilton towards the South-west, and certain Lands belonging to Robinson and a Drain which runs between this Interior District and the Twenty-third Interior District towards the North-west and North.

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The Second SCHEDULE to which the foregoing ACT refers.

## FIRST DIVISION OR BOUNDARY:

To be called the *Twenty-fifth Interior District*, and to comprize certain Lands bounded in part towards the North, by the Twenty-feet Drain aforesaid and by Grunty Fen Drain aforesaid in other part towards the North and in part towards the East, by certain Lands belonging to Elijah Chambers and James Bridgeman in other part towards the East and North, by Witchford Sedge Fen in other part towards the East, the High Lands and Fields of Wentworth Coveney and Witcham towards the South and South-east, by Old Lyng Drove towards the South-west, by Byal Fen Drove and Drain towards the North-west, and by so much of a publick Drain as runs between this Interior Division or Boundary and the next mentioned Interior Division or Boundary towards the South-west.

## THE SECOND DIVISION OR BOUNDARY.

To be called the *Twenty-sixth Interior District*, and to comprize certain Lands bounded by the aforesaid Drain called the Twenty-feet Drain towards the North, by the aforesaid publick Drain which runs between this Interior Division or Boundary and the last-mentioned Interior Division or Boundary in part on the East and in other part on the North, by Byal Fen Drove and Drain towards the North-east, by Old Lyng Drove aforesaid towards the East, by the High Lands of Witcham towards the East and South by the High Lands of Sutton and by Mepal Common towards the South, and South-west and by the Hundred-feet Bank towards the West.



