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# GEORGII III. REGIS.

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## Cap. 132.

An Act for vesting in the Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge* the legal Estate in Fee Simple of certain Estates vested in *Thomas Prickard*, an Infant Trustee, and others; and for confirming a Sale made by the said Commissioners, and for making them a Corporation, and giving them further Powers of selling and leasing. [17th June 1814.]

**W**HEREAS an Act of Parliament was passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled *An Act for building a Bridge cross the River Thames*, 9 G. 2. from the New Palace Yard, in the City of Westminster, to the opposite Shore, in the County of Surrey: And whereas One other Act was passed, in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Second, intituled *An Act for explaining and amending an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled 'An Act for building a Bridge cross the River Thames, from the New Palace Yard, in the City of Westminster, to the opposite Shore, in the County of Surrey:'* And whereas One other Act was passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for building a Bridge cross the River Thames, from the Woolstaple, or thereabouts, in the Parish of Saint Margaret, in the City of Westminster, to the opposite Shore, in the County of Surrey:* And [Loc. & Per.] 27 H whereas 10 G. 2. 11 G. 2.



- 12 G. 2. whereas One other Act was passed, in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to enlarge the Powers of the Commissioners for building a Bridge cross the River of Thames, from the Woolstaple, or thereabouts, in the Parish of Saint Margarer, in the City of Westminster, to the opposite Shore, in the County of Surrey; and to enable them by a Lottery to raise Money for the several Purposes therein mentioned, and to enlarge the Time for exchanging Tickets unclaimed in the last Lottery, for the said Bridge, and to make Provision for Tickets in the said Lottery, lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed*: And whereas One other Act was passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to give further Powers to the Commissioners for building a Bridge cross the River Thames, from the City of Westminster, to the opposite Shore, in the County of Surrey; and to enable them to raise a further Sum of Money towards finishing the said Bridge, and to perform the other Trusts reposed in them*: And whereas One other Act was passed in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to enable the Commissioners for building a Bridge cross the River Thames, from the City of Westminster, to the opposite Shore, in the County of Surrey; to raise a further Sum of Money towards finishing the said Bridge, and to perform the other Trusts reposed in them; and for exchanging of Tickets unclaimed in the Westminster Bridge Lottery of the Twelfth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, and for making Provision for Tickets in the said Lottery, lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed*: And whereas One other Act was passed in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of the
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- 15 & 16 G. 2. Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better enabling the Commissioners for building a Bridge cross the River Thames, from the City of Westminster to the opposite Shore, in the County of Surrey, to finish the said Bridge, and to perform the other Trusts reposed in them; and for enlarging the Time for exchanging of Tickets, unclaimed in the said last Lottery, for the said Bridge, and to make Provision for Tickets in the said Lottery, lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed*: And whereas One other Act was passed in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to explain and make more effectual several Acts of Parliament, passed in the Reign of His present Majesty, for building a Bridge cross the River Thames, from the City of Westminster, to the opposite Shore, in the County of Surrey; and for the better enabling the Commissioners for building the said Bridge, to finish the same, and to perform the other Trusts reposed in them; as also for granting further Time for exchanging the Tickets, unclaimed in the last Lottery, for the said Bridge, and to make Provision for Tickets in the said Lottery, lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed*: And whereas One other Act was passed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for granting further Powers to the Commissioners for building a Bridge cross the River Thames, from the City of Westminster, to the opposite Shore, in the County of Surrey; and for the better enabling them to finish the said Bridge, and to perform the other Trusts reposed in them*: And whereas One other Act was passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to enable the Commissioners for building a Bridge cross the River of Thames, from the City of Westminster, to the opposite Shore, in the County of Surrey, to purchase Houses and Grounds, and to widen the Ways, and make more safe and commodious the Streets, Avenues, and Passages leading from Charing-Cross to the Two Houses of Parliament, Westminster Hall, and the Courts of Justice there, and Westminster Bridge; and to enable a less Number of Commissioners to execute the several Acts relating to the said Bridge than at present are required by Law; and for Relief of George*
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and James King, with regard to a Lease taken by their late Father from the said Commissioners: And whereas One other Act was passed in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to enable the Commissioners for building Westminster Bridge to widen the Street or Avenue leading from Cockspur Street to the Passage in Spring Garden, near Saint James's Park*: And whereas the Commissioners for building the said Bridge, or any Five or more of them, were, by the said Acts or some of them authorized and empowered to make, open, design, assign, and lay out such Ways, Streets, and Passages as they should find proper to make, open, and lay out, on each Side the River *Thames*, to and from the said Bridge, the Courts of Justice, both Houses of Parliament, and the Parts adjacent; and to agree for and purchase such Houses and Ground as they should find necessary for them to be possessed of, and to be removed, rebuilt, pulled down, or employed for that Purpose, comprised within certain Limits mentioned and described in the said Acts, or some of them; and likewise to let, sell, or dispose of such Piece or Pieces of Ground either together or in Parcels, as they might by means of such Purchases be possessed of, over and above what might be necessary for the opening and widening of the said Ways, Streets, and Passages, as they should find most advantageous and convenient to any Person or Persons who should be willing to contract, agree for, or purchase the same: And whereas by Indenture of Bargain and Sale inrolled, bearing Date the Sixteenth Day of *December* One thousand seven hundred and forty-three, and expressed to be made between the said Sir *Joseph Ayloffe* Baronet of the one Part, and *John Bowack* Gentleman, of the other Part, after reciting that divers Messuages and Hereditaments situate within the said Parishes of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John the Evangelist*, within the City of *Westminster*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and in the Parish of *Lambeth*, in the County of *Surrey*, had been purchased by the Commissioners and conveyed to the said Sir *Joseph Ayloffe* and *Thomas Lediard*, and their Heirs, in Trust for the said Commissioners, for the Purposes in the said Acts mentioned, and that the said *Thomas Lediard* was then lately dead; it is witnessed, that for the Considerations in the said Indenture of Bargain and Sale mentioned, the said Sir *Joseph Ayloffe*, by the Order of the said Commissioners, bargained, sold, and conveyed to the said *John Bowack*, his Heirs and Assigns, in Trust for the said Commissioners, all those several Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments situate in the respective Parishes of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John the Evangelist*, in the City of *Westminster*, and in the Parish of *Lambeth*, in the County of *Surrey*, which at any Time before the Twenty-second Day of *June* then last past, had been purchased by the said Commissioners, or by any Person by their Order, or in Trust for them, and which had been conveyed to the said Sir *Joseph Ayloffe* and *Thomas Lediard*, and their Heirs, in Trust for the said Commissioners: And whereas by Indenture of Bargain and Sale inrolled, bearing Date the Seventeenth Day of *December* One thousand seven hundred and forty-three, and expressed to be made between the said *John Bowack* of the one Part, and the said Sir *Joseph Ayloffe* and *Samuel Seddon* of the other Part, for the Considerations in the said Indenture of Bargain and Sale mentioned, the said *John Bowack*, by the Order of the said Commissioners, bargained, sold, and conveyed to the said Sir *Joseph Ayloffe* and *Samuel Seddon*, their Heirs and Assigns, in Trust for the said Commissioners, all those the said several Messuages, Lands, and Hereditaments situate in the respective Parishes of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John the Evangelist*, in the City of *Westminster*,

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*Westminster*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and in the Parish of *Lambeth*, in the County of *Surrey*, so conveyed to the said *John Bowack* as aforesaid, by the said last in Part recited Indenture of Bargain and Sale: And whereas by Indenture of Bargain and Sale inrolled, bearing Date the Sixteenth Day of *January* One thousand seven hundred and forty-nine, and expressed to be made between the said Sir *Joseph Ayloffe* and *Samuel Seddon* of the First Part, Seven of the said Commissioners therein named of the Second Part, and the said *John Bowack* of the Third Part, for the Considerations in the said Indenture of Bargain and Sale now in recital mentioned, the said Sir *Joseph Ayloffe* and *Samuel Seddon*, by the Direction of the said Seven Commissioners, bargained, sold, and conveyed unto the said *John Bowack*, his Heirs and Assigns, in Trust for the said Commissioners, all those several Pieces or Parcels of Ground, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments situate in the respective Parishes of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John the Evangelist*, in the City of *Westminster*, and in the Parish of *Lambeth*, in the County of *Surrey*, which at any Time before the Day of the Date of the reciting Indenture had been purchased by the said Commissioners, or by any Person or Persons by their Order, or in Trust for them, and which had at any Time before the Sealing and Delivery of the reciting Indenture been in any Manner conveyed unto the said Sir *Joseph Ayloffe* and *Samuel Seddon*, their Heirs or Assigns, in Trust for the said Commissioners, except such Parts of the said last-mentioned Premises as had at any Time theretofore been sold or conveyed by the said Sir *Joseph Ayloffe* and *Samuel Seddon*, or either of them, or to any other Person or Persons by the Direction of the said Commissioners: And whereas by Indenture of Bargain and Sale inrolled, bearing Date the Twenty-third Day of *January* One thousand seven hundred and forty-nine, and expressed to be made between the said *John Bowack* of the First Part, Seven of the said Commissioners of the Second Part, and the said *Samuel Seddon* and *Miles Cook* of the Third Part; the said *John Bowack*, for the Considerations in the said Indenture of Bargain and Sale mentioned, and by the Direction of the said Commissioners, bargained, sold, and conveyed unto the said *Samuel Seddon* and *Miles Cook*, their Heirs and Assigns, in Trust for the said Commissioners, all those the several Pieces or Parcels of Ground, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which by the said last in Part recited Indenture of Bargain and Sale, were sold and conveyed by them, the said Sir *Joseph Ayloffe* and *Samuel Seddon*, to the said *John Bowack*, in Trust for the said Commissioners as therein mentioned: And whereas by Indenture of Bargain and Sale inrolled, bearing Date the First Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred and fifty, and expressed to be made between the said *Samuel Seddon* of the First Part, Seven of the said Commissioners of the Second Part, and the said *John Bowack* of the Third Part, after reciting (among other Things) that the said *Miles Cook* died on or about the Twenty-sixth Day of *May*, then last past, by reason whereof the legal Estate of the said Trust Premises, conveyed by the said *John Bowack* to the said *Samuel Seddon* and *Miles Cook* as aforesaid, became by Survivorship solely vested in the said *Samuel Seddon* and his Heirs, in Trust for the said Commissioners, the said *Samuel Seddon* for the Considerations therein mentioned, and by the further Direction and Appointment of the said Seven Commissioners, bargained, sold, and conveyed unto the said *John Bowack*, his Heirs and Assigns, in Trust for the said Commissioners, all those several Pieces or Parcels of Ground, Houses, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments,

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Hereditaments, which by the said last in Part recited Indenture of Bargain and Sale, of the Twenty-third Day of *January*, One thousand seven hundred and forty-nine, were bargained, sold, and conveyed by the said *John Bowack* to the said *Samuel Seddon* and *Miles Cook*, their Heirs and Assigns, in Trust for the said Commissioners as aforesaid, except all such Parts or Parcels of the said last-mentioned Premises as had been theretofore conveyed by the said *Samuel Seddon* and *Miles Cook*, or either of them, to any other Persons or Person, by the Directions of the said Commissioners, and also all other the several Pieces or Parcels of Ground, Houses, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Estates whatsoever, belonging to the said Commissioners, which were then vested in the said *Samuel Seddon* and his Heirs: And whereas by Indenture of Bargain and Sale inrolled, bearing Date the Fourth Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred and fifty, and expressed to be made between the said *John Bowack* of the First Part, the said Seven Commissioners, who were Parties to the last recited Indenture, of the Second Part, and the said *Samuel Seddon* and *Thomas Wilkin* of the Third Part; the said *John Bowack*, for the Considerations therein mentioned, and by the Direction of the said Seven Commissioners, bargained, sold, and conveyed unto the said *Samuel Seddon* and *Thomas Wilkin*, their Heirs and Assigns, in Trust for the said Commissioners, all those the said several Pieces or Parcels of Ground, Houses, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments whatsoever, and all other Pieces or Parcels of Ground, Houses, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Estates whatsoever, which by the said in Part recited Indenture of Bargain and Sale of the First Day of *June* then instant, were sold and conveyed by the said *Samuel Seddon* to the said *John Bowack*, his Heirs and Assigns, in Trust for the said Commissioners as aforesaid: And whereas the said *Thomas Wilkin* departed this Life on or about the Twenty-ninth Day of *December* One thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven, leaving the said *Samuel Seddon* him surviving, whereby the legal Estate in Fee Simple of and in the said Trust Estates and Premises, comprized in the said last recited Indenture, became vested in the said *Samuel Seddon* solely by Survivorship: And whereas the said *Samuel Seddon* duly made, signed, and published his last Will and Testament, in Writing, bearing Date the Twentieth Day of *December* One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, and thereby, after reciting that the Freehold and Inheritance in Fee Simple of and in divers Pieces or Parcels of Grounds, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments situate in the Parishes of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John the Evangelist*, and in the Parish of *Saint Martin in the Fields*, within the said City and Liberty of *Westminster*, and in the Parish of *Lambeth*, in the County of *Surrey*, by virtue of several Deeds and Assurances, or by some other Means effectual in the Law, were then become legally vested in him in Trust for the Commissioners of the said Bridge, the said Testator gave and devised all and singular the said Pieces or Parcels of Ground, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so vested in him as aforesaid, and all other Pieces or Parcels of Ground, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments whatsoever, which were in any Manner vested in him, in Trust for the said Commissioners, and all his Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever, both legal and equitable therein, unto *Thomas Prickard* and *Morris Evans*, therein described, their Heirs and Assigns, upon Trust that the said *Thomas Prickard* and *Morris Evans*, their Heirs or Assigns, should, on the

June 4th,  
1750.

Thomas Wilkin's Death.

Samuel Seddon's Will.

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Samuel Seddon's Death.

Morris Evans's Death.

Thomas Prickard's Death.

Nathan Seddon Prickard's Death.

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5 Geo. 3.  
1765.

June 30, and  
July 1, 1768.

Request, and at the Nomination and Appointment, and at the Costs and Charges of the said Commissioners for the Time being, by any Deed or Deeds, Writing or Writings, Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, as Counsel should advise, grant, bargain, sell, release and convey, or otherwise join with a competent Number of the said Commissioners for the Time being, in granting, bargaining, selling, releasing, and conveying all and singular the said Pieces or Parcels of Ground, Messuages, Lands, Hereditaments, and Premises thereby given and devised to the said *Thomas Prickard* and *Morris Evans* as aforesaid, or any Part thereof, unto and to the Use of such Person and Persons, and his, her, and their Heirs and Assigns, upon the Trusts in the Acts of Parliament therein and herein-before referred to, expressed and contained as the said Commissioners or a competent Number of them should appoint: And whereas the said *Samuel Seddon* died on or about the Third Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, without having revoked or altered his said Will, and the same was afterwards duly proved in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of *Canterbury*: And whereas the said *Morris Evans* died on or about the Twentieth Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, leaving the said *Thomas Prickard* him surviving, whereby the legal Estate and Interest in Fee Simple of and in the said Trust Estates and Premises, which were so as aforesaid devised to the said *Thomas Prickard* and *Morris Evans* in Fee, in Trust, became vested in the said *Thomas Prickard* solely by Survivorship: And whereas the said *Thomas Prickard* died on or about the Eighth Day of *September* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, without having made any Disposition, either by Will or otherwise, of the said Trust Estates and Premises, leaving *Nathan Seddon Prickard* his only Son and Heir at Law, and thereupon and thereby the legal Estate and Interest of and in the same Premises became vested in the said *Nathan Seddon Prickard*, upon the Trusts in the said recited Will of the said *Samuel Seddon* declared and herein-before mentioned, of and concerning the same: And whereas the said *Nathan Seddon Prickard* died in or about the Month of *December*, in the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight, intestate, leaving *Thomas Prickard* an Infant now of the Age of Fourteen Years or thereabouts, his only Son and Heir at Law, and thereupon and thereby the legal Estate and Interest in Fee Simple of and in the same Premises became and is now vested in the said *Thomas Prickard* the Infant, upon the Trusts of the said recited Will of the said *Samuel Seddon* declared and herein-before mentioned concerning the same: And whereas by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *England*, dated the Twenty-fifth Day of *September*, in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, His said present Majesty, for the Considerations therein mentioned, did give and grant unto the said *Samuel Seddon* and to *John Simpson*, therein named, and to their Heirs and Assigns, several Pieces or Parcels of Ground, Messuages, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises, therein particularly described, situate, lying, and being in the Parish of *Saint Martin in the Fields*, in the said City of *Westminster* (subject to certain Leases which had, at the respective Times therein mentioned, been granted of Part of the same Hereditaments and Premises, by His then late Majesty King *George* the Second, by Letters Patent under the Exchequer Seal, and which are now expired), to hold the same Premises with their Appurtenances unto the said *Samuel Seddon* and *John Simpson*, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, in Trust, nevertheless for the said Commissioners: And whereas by Indentures of Lease and Release, bearing Date respectively the Thirtieth



Thirtieth Day of *June* and the First Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight, the Release being made or expressed to be made between *Hicks Wells*, Merchant, of the First Part, *Stephen Gaselee*, Surgeon, of the Second Part, *Richard Beach* Gentleman and *Ann* his Wife of the Third Part, and the said *Samuel Seddon* and *John Simpson* of the Fourth Part, for the Considerations in the same Release mentioned, the said *Hicks Wells* and *Stephen Gaselee* did bargain, sell, alien, releafe, and confirm, and the said *Richard Beach* and *Ann* his Wife did grant, bargain, sell, alien, releafe, and confirm unto the said *Samuel Seddon* and *John Simpson*, their Heirs and Assigns, several Messuages or Tenements, Pieces of Ground and Hereditaments, situate, lying, and being together, on the North Side of *Old Palace Yard*, in the Parish of *Saint Margaret*, in the said City of *Westminster* therein particularly mentioned, with their Appurtenances, to hold the same unto and to the Use of the said *Samuel Seddon* and *John Simpson*, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, in Trust for the said Commissioners, and for the Purposes expressed in the said recited Acts of Parliament, some or one of them: And whereas the said *John Simpson* died on or about the Twenty-second Day of *November* One thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, leaving the said *Samuel Seddon* him surviving, whereby the legal Estate and Interest of and in the said Trust Estates and Premises, which were so as aforesaid granted and conveyed to the said *Samuel Seddon* and *John Simpson* jointly, in Fee, in Trust by the before recited Letters Patent of the Twenty-fifth Day of *September* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, and Indentures of Lease and Release of the Thirtieth Day of *June* and First Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight, became vested in the said *Samuel Seddon* solely by Survivorship: And whereas, although the said *Samuel Seddon* died, as is before mentioned, without revoking or altering his aforesaid recited Will, whereby he devised the Estates which were vested in him as a Trustee to the aforesaid *Thomas Prickard* and *Morris Evans* deceased, in Fee, in Trust as aforesaid; yet the said Estates comprised in the said recited Letters Patent, and Indentures of Lease and Release, did not pass by the same Will, inasmuch as such Will was made during the Lifetime of the said *John Simpson*, who was co-joint Tenant in Fee, in Trust of the same Estates, with him the said *Samuel Seddon*, under the said Letters Patent and last mentioned Indentures, and he the said *Samuel Seddon* did not republish his said Will after the Death of the said *John Simpson*: And whereas the said *Samuel Seddon* died without Issue, leaving *Ann* a Daughter of the said Testator's Brother *John Seddon* deceased, (then the Wife of the said *Thomas Prickard*), *Samuel Evans* (the only Son and Heir at Law of *Elizabeth Evans* deceased, before her Marriage *Elizabeth Seddon* Spinster, another of the Daughters of the said *John Seddon* deceased, and which said *Elizabeth Evans* intermarried with the said *Morris Evans*), and *Wenzeslaus Skaritt* of the City of *Vienna*, in the *Austrian* Dominions of the Emperor of *Germany* (the only Son and Heir at Law of *Eleanor Skaritt* deceased, before her Marriage *Eleanor Seddon* Spinster, another of the Daughters of the said *John Seddon* deceased, and which said *Eleanor Skaritt* intermarried with *Wenzeslaus Skaritt* the elder), his the said *Samuel Seddon* the Testator's Coheirs at Law: And whereas the said *Ann Prickard* died on or about the Seventeenth Day of *February* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and two, intestate, leaving the said *Nathan Seddon Prickard* her only Son and Heir at Law, and thereupon and thereby the legal Estate and Interest in Fee Simple of and in an undivided Third Part or Share of and in the said

John Simpson's Death.

Recites that certain Estates did not pass by Samuel Seddon's Will.

Recites the Death of Samuel Seddon without Issue.

Ann Prickard's Death.



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said Premises so granted and conveyed to the said *Samuel Seddon* and *John Simpson* in Fee, in Trust, by the before recited Letters Patent, and the aforesaid Indentures of Lease and Release of the Thirtieth Day of *June* and First Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight, became vested in her Son and Heir, the said *Nathan Seddon Prickard*; and he the said *Nathan Seddon Prickard* dying, as aforesaid, intestate, leaving the said *Thomas Prickard*, the Infant, his only Son and Heir at Law, the legal Estate and Interest, in Fee Simple, of and in the said undivided Third Part or Share of and in the same Premises so granted and conveyed to the said *Samuel Seddon* and *John Simpson* in Fee, in Trust, by the same Letters Patent and Indentures of Lease and Release (except as to Part herein-after mentioned to have been sold to *Andrew Berkeley Drummond* Esquire) there-upon became and is now vested in the said *Thomas Prickard* the Infant: And whereas, by the Means aforesaid, the legal Estate of Inheritance of and in one other undivided Third Part of and in the said Premises, comprized in the said Letters Patent and last mentioned Indentures, is become vested in the said *Samuel Evans*: And whereas, by the Means aforesaid, the legal Estate of Inheritance of and in the remaining undivided Third Part of and in the said Premises, comprized in the said Letters Patent and last mentioned Indentures, is now vested in the said *Wenzeslaus Skaritt* (the Son) in Fee Simple (if he be living), but although diligent Enquiry hath been made as to that Fact, yet it cannot be discovered whether he be living, or not, and he hath not been heard of by his Family during the last Thirty-three Years: And whereas at a Board held by the said Commissioners, on the Second Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and four, the said Commissioners took the then State of their Affairs into Consideration; and it appearing that their yearly Income in the current Year would not be sufficient to defray the Expence required for the Repairs of the said Bridge, as reported by their Surveyor, to be immediately and indispensably necessary, and also to pay a Debt due to their late Treasurer, and the Amount of their ordinary annual Expences, they resumed the Consideration of an Application made to them by Messrs. *Drummond*, to purchase the Fee Simple and Inheritance of the Ground with the Buildings thereon, which were then held under a Lease from the said Commissioners; and it was there-upon resolved, that the Treasurer should forthwith treat with Messrs. *Drummond*, either for an Enlargement of the Term of their existing Lease, by an additional Term, reserving the same annual Ground Rent as was then paid and paying a proper Fine for the same, or for the absolute Purchase of the Fee Simple and Inheritance of the Premises they so held under the said Commissioners; and the Sum of One thousand five hundred Pounds being offered by Messrs. *Drummond* for the Purchase of the Fee Simple of the said Premises, and the same being reported to the said Commissioners to be a full and fair Price for the same, accordingly, by an Indenture of Bargain and Sale, enrolled, dated the Seventh Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and five, and made between the aforesaid *Nathan Seddon Prickard*, (therein mentioned to be the only Son and Heir at Law of the said *Thomas Prickard*, then deceased), of the First Part, Five of the said Commissioners therein named of the Second Part, the said *Andrew Berkeley Drummond* of the Third Part, and *John Clementson* Esquire, (therein mentioned to be the Treasurer of the said Commissioners), of the Fourth Part; it is witnessed, that in Consideration of One thousand five hundred Pounds, paid by the said *Andrew Berkeley Drummond* to the said Treasurer of the said Commissioners, by the Direction of the said Five Commissioners



Commissioners of the said Bridge, they the said Five Commissioners bargained and sold, and the said *Nathan Seddon Prickard*, by their Direction, bargained and sold to the said *Andrew Berkeley Drummond*, his Heirs and Assigns, a Piece of Ground, with a Messuage and Buildings thereon, situate in the aforesaid Parish of *Saint Martin in the Fields*, being also Part of the said Estates purchased in the Name of Trustees by the Commissioners of the said Bridge as aforesaid: And whereas it hath been doubted whether the Sale so made by the Commissioners of the said Bridge as aforesaid, was authorized by the aforesaid Acts, the Objection being that the Powers of Sale extended only to vacant Ground, and not to Ground with Messuages or Buildings thereon, although in other Respects such Sale was proper for the Purposes of the Trusts; and it is desirable for all Parties interested, and for the Purposes of the said Trusts, that the said Sale should be confirmed; and also that the like Objection should be removed in respect of any future Sales, and also in respect of any future Leases; and it is also desirable that the legal Estates of Inheritance so vested in the said Infant Trustee, and in the said *Samuel Evans*, and now or heretofore vested in the said *Wenzeslaus Skaritt* the Son, should be taken out of the Parties in whom the same are now vested, and should (except as to Two undivided Third Parts of the said Premises conveyed to the said *Andrew Berkeley Drummond* as aforesaid) be vested in the Commissioners of the said Acts, as a Corporation for the general Purposes of the aforesaid Trusts; and that the legal Estate of Inheritance of and in the said Two undivided Third Parts of the said Premises so conveyed to the said *Andrew Berkeley Drummond* as aforesaid, should be vested in him the said *Andrew Berkeley Drummond*, his Heirs and Assigns; but inasmuch as the Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it please Your Majesty therefore 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 the several Persons who are or shall be by or by virtue of the aforesaid Acts of Parliament, or any of them, appointed or elected Commissioners for putting the same in Execution, shall, from Time to Time, and at all Times from and after the passing of this Act, be Commissioners for the Purposes of this Act, and they and their Successors shall for those Purposes, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter be a Body Corporate and Politic, for ever to continue by the Name of "The Commissioners of *Westminster* Bridge;" and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal; and also by that Name shall and may sue and be sued in all Courts and Places within this Realm; and shall and may do all other Matters and Things whatsoever, in as full and ample Manner and Form, to all Intents and Purposes, as any other Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate within this Realm can or may as such lawfully do.

Commissioners.

II. And be it further enacted, That all and singular the Messuages, Buildings, Pieces of Ground and Hereditaments, which under and by virtue of the herein-before mentioned Conveyances and Assurances, or any of them, or otherwise, became vested in the said *Thomas Prickard* deceased, in Trust for the said Commissioners, and the legal Estate whereof descended upon and became vested in the said *Thomas Prickard* the Infant, as the Grandson and Heir at Law of the said *Thomas Prickard* deceased, and also all and singular the Messuages, Building, Pieces of Ground, and Hereditaments,

Bridge Estates vested in the Commissioners for the Purposes of former Acts and this Act.

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ments, and Parts and Shares of Messuages, Buildings, Pieces of Ground and Hereditaments, which under and by virtue of the herein-before recited Letters Patent of the Twenty-fifth Day of *September* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, and Indentures of Lease and Release of the Thirtieth Day of *June* and the First Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight, or otherwise, became vested in the said *Samuel Seddon* solely, in Trust for the said Commissioners, and the legal Estate whereof descended upon and became vested in the said *Thomas Prickard* the Infant, *Wenzeslaus Skaritt* the Son, and *Samuel Evans*, or any of them, as Co-heirs at Law of the said *Samuel Seddon*, (save and except the said Piece of Ground, Messuage, and Buildings, with the Appurtenances which are herein-before expressed to have been bargained and sold by Five of the said Commissioners of the said Bridge and the said *Nathan Seddon Prickard* to the said *Andrew Berkeley Drummond*, his Heirs and Assigns as aforesaid) shall, from and immediately after the passing of this Act, be vested in, and the same are accordingly hereby vested in the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge*, and their Successors, who shall and may hold the same, and also all other Messuages, Buildings, Pieces of Ground, and Hereditaments whatsoever, which shall or may hereafter be purchased by or conveyed to the said Commissioners or their Successors, for the Purposes of the aforesaid Acts of Parliament, or any of them, or this Act, upon and for the several Trusts, Intents, and Purposes to which the same are or would be subject or liable by virtue of the said several Acts, or any of them, or this Act; and that as well the said Estates hereby vested in the said Commissioners, as those which may be so hereafter purchased by them as aforesaid, shall be held and enjoyed by the said Commissioners and their Successors without any Licence or Writ of *ad quod damnum*, the Statute of Mortmain, or any other Statute or Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Sale  
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Drummond,  
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III. And be it further enacted, That the Sale so made to the said *Andrew Berkeley Drummond*, as herein-before is mentioned, shall be and the same is accordingly hereby ratified and confirmed, and that the aforesaid Indenture of Bargain and Sale of the Seventh Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and five, shall be and the same is accordingly hereby declared to be a valid and effectual Conveyance of the Piece of Ground, Messuage, Buildings, and Premises therein comprised and intended to be thereby conveyed as aforesaid, in the same Manner in all respects whatsoever as if such Sale and Conveyance had been expressly authorized by the aforesaid several Acts of Parliament; and that the legal Estate of Inheritance, in Fee Simple of and in the said Two undivided Third Parts or Shares which so descended upon or came to the said *Samuel Evans* and *Wenzeslaus Skaritt* (the Son) as aforesaid, of and in the same Piece of Ground, Messuage, Buildings, and Premises, shall from henceforth be, and the same is hereby vested in him the said *Andrew Berkeley Drummond* and his Heirs and Assigns for ever, to and for his and their absolute Use and Benefit.

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sell the Bridge  
Estates, &c.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners and their Successors to make Sale and dispose of, and convey the said Messuages, Buildings, and Pieces of Ground, hereby vested in the said Commissioners as aforesaid, and also all and every or any Messuages, Buildings, Pieces of Ground and Hereditaments which shall or may



may hereafter be purchased by or conveyed to them the said Commissioners and their Successors, either in Fee, or for Lives or Years, as aforesaid, and the Fee Simple thereof, or other their Estate or Interest therein, either entirely or in Parcels, and by Public Sale or Private Contract, unto any Person or Persons who shall be willing to become the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, for such Price or Prices as can be reasonably obtained for the same; and upon Payment of the Monies for which the same Premises, or any Part or Parts thereof, shall be sold to the said Commissioners or their Successors, then to convey and assure the same unto and to the Use of the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, and his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, respectively, or as he, she, or they shall direct or appoint, and also to give, sign, and execute proper and effectual Receipts and Acquittances for such Monies, which shall exonerate such Purchaser or Purchasers from all Responsibility with regard to the Application of the same Monies.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners and their Successors to demise and lease all and singular the Messuages, Buildings, Pieces of Ground, Parts and Shares, and Hereditaments, hereby vested in them the said Commissioners, (which Premises are particularly mentioned and comprised in the Schedule to this Act) and also all other Messuages, Buildings, Pieces of Ground, and Hereditaments hereafter to be purchased by or conveyed to them the said Commissioners for the Purposes of the aforesaid Acts, or any of them, or this Act, or any Part thereof, to any Person or Persons, for any Term or Terms of Years, at such yearly Rent or Rents, and under and subject to such Restrictions, Conditions, and Stipulations, as to them the said Commissioners or their Successors shall appear expedient and proper.

The Commissioners empowered to lease the Bridge Estates.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum of One thousand five hundred Pounds, produced by the aforesaid Sale, to the said *Andrew Berkeley Drummond*, or such Part thereof as hath not been applied or disposed of by the said Commissioners for any of the Purposes of the said Acts, and the Stocks, Funds, or Securities wherein the same Sum of One thousand five hundred Pounds, or such Part thereof as aforesaid is invested, and all and singular the Monies to arise by the Sale or Letting of the Messuages, Buildings, Pieces of Ground and Hereditaments hereby authorized to be sold and leased as aforesaid, shall (after defraying thereout the Expences of applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act) be applied and disposed of by the said Commissioners and their Successors, in such and the same Manner as in the said several herein-before mentioned Acts of Parliament, or any of them, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament is directed or authorized concerning the Monies to arise by the Sale or Letting of the Piece or Pieces of Ground thereby directed and authorized to be sold or let as aforesaid.

How Purchase Monies shall be applied.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all Powers, Authorities, Clauses, Provisions, Matters, and Things contained in the said former Acts now in force, and not hereby varied or otherwise explained, shall remain, continue, and be in full force, and shall be applied to the Purposes of this Act, as amply and effectually as if the same were hereby repeated and re-enacted.

All the Powers mentioned in the former Acts, not hereby varied, to be in force for the Purposes of this Act.

VIII. Saving



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VIII. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to all and every other Person and Persons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, his, her, and their Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, (other than and except the said *Thomas Prickard* the Infant, and the said *Samuel Evans*, and the said *Wenzeslaus Skaritt* the Son, if living, and the Heirs of them the said *Thomas Prickard* the Infant, *Samuel Evans*, and *Wenzeslaus Skaritt* the Son, being Heirs of the said *Thomas Prickard* deceased, and *Samuel Seddon* deceased, respectively), all such Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Claims, and Demands, of, in, and to the said Messuages, Buildings, Pieces of Ground, Parts and Shares, and Hereditaments hereby vested as aforesaid, or any of them, or any Part thereof, as they, every, or any of them had before the passing of this Act, or could or might have had or enjoyed in case this Act had not been made; but so as the said saving to the King's Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, shall not be construed to save and preserve to him and them the legal Estate in Fee Simple of and in the aforesaid undivided Third Part of the aforesaid Hereditaments, conveyed by the aforesaid recited Letters Patent and Indentures of Lease and Release, which descended upon the said *Wenzeslaus Skaritt* the Son, in case he the said *Wenzeslaus Skaritt* the Son hath died without an Heir.

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IX. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be printed by the several Printers to the King's most Excellent Majesty, duly authorized to print the Statutes of the United Kingdom, or some of them, and that a Copy thereof so printed, shall be admitted as Evidence thereof by all Judges, Justices, and others..



The SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Act refers.

*Saint Martin's Parish.*

No.	Street.	Description of Property.	Lessees' Names.
11	Spring Gardens	Messuage and Yard	Thomas Robinson
39	} Charing Cross	4 Do. Do.	Kemble Whately, Esq.
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50	Do.	1 Do. Do.	Sir Benjamin Tebbs
51	Do.	1 Do. Do.	William Harvey

*Saint Margaret's Parish.*

1	Whitehall	Messuage	Lieut. Col. George Wade
2	Parliament Street	Do.	James Mallors
3	Do.	Do.	Do.
6	Do. and King Street	Do. and Premises	Do.
7	Do. Do.	Do. Do.	Do.
8	Do. Do.	Do. Do.	Do.
11	Do. Do.	Do. and Yard	James Littlefear
18	} Parliament Street.	3 Messuages and Yards	} William Silver
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—	} King Street.	2 Do. Do.	} Elizabeth Hodges
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22	} Parliament Street	Do. Do.	} James Mallors
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27	Do.	Messuage and Yard	} Richard Hughes
39	Do. and Canon Row	Do. and Stables	
40	Do. Do.	Do. and Premises	
41	Do. Do.	Do. and Stables	
42	Do. Do.	Do. and small Messuage	
43	Do. Do.	Do. and Premises	} James Mallors
44	Do. Do.	Do. Do.	
45	Do. Do.	Do. Do.	
46	Do. Do.	Do. Do.	} Robert Hardcastle
4	Little Charles Street	Do. and Yard	
5	Do. Do.	Do. Do.	
6	Do. and King Street	Do. Do.	} Francis Bloodworth and Thomas Taylor
1	Bridge Street	Messuage, Swan Coffee House	
2	Do.	Do. and Premises	} James Mallors
3	Do.	Do. Do.	
4	Do.	Do. Do.	
5	Do.	Do. Do.	
6	Do.	Do. Do.	
7	Do.	Do. Do.	
8	Do.	Do. Do.	
9	Do. and Canon Row	Do. Do.	
45	Do. Do.	Do. and Auction Room	Benjamin Holmes

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No.	Street.	Description of Property.	Lessees' Names.
18	Abingdon Street	Messuage and Stables	William Barnard
19	Do.	Do. Do.	Joseph Barnard
20	Do.	Do. and Garden	Do.
21	Do.	Do. and Stables	Do.
22	Do.	Do. and Garden	Rev. Benjamin Barnard
23	Do.	Do. and Stables	Joseph Barnard
30	Do.	Do. and Yard	} Robert Hardcastle
31	Do.	Do. Do.	
32	Do.	Do. and Garden	John Groves.

*Saint John's Parish.*

Old Palace Yard	Alice's Coffee House	Henry Howard
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*Saint Mary's Parish, Lambeth.*

Bridge Road, North Side			
Coade's Row	{	Four Messuages and other Premises	{ Eleanor Coade
Bridge Road		Miller's Coffee House, Broker's Shop, Livery Stables, and other Premises	
Do.	{	Part of 12 Messuages and Lying-in Hospital	{ George Wyatt and Hannah Brent
Do. South Side		Seven Messuages, Livery Stables, Wharf, and Premises	

W<sup>m</sup>. SWINBURNE,  
Clerk to the Commissioners  
of Westminster Bridge.