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Cap. xciii.

An Act to enable the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, to provide convenient Courts of Justice in and for the said City.

[28th June 1815.]

WHEREAS the Sittings of His Majesty's Courts of *King's Bench* and *Common Pleas*, in and for the City of *London*, are now held in certain Apartments in the *Guildhall* of the said City, which are inconvenient for those Purposes: And whereas the Court of Requests in and for the said City is now held in *Guildhall Chapel*, formerly called *The Chapel of Saint Mary Magdalen*, or *All Saints*, situate on the East Side of *Guildhall Yard*, in the said City, and adjoining on the North West Corner thereof to the *Guildhall* aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient that convenient Buildings should be provided for the Sittings of the said Courts of *King's Bench* and *Common Pleas*, in and for the said City, and for a Court of Requests for the said City, and Part of the Sites of *Guildhall Chapel* aforesaid and *Blackwell Hall*, on the East Side of *Guildhall Yard* aforesaid, will be a convenient Situation for the Erection of such Buildings: And whereas the said Chapel is much decayed, and Divine Service hath not been performed therein for many Years: And whereas *Blackwell Hall* aforesaid is a Market for Cloths, and hath been regulated by the several Acts of Parliament herein-after mentioned, (that is to say) 4 and 5 Ph. and Mary, c. 5. an Act made and passed in the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of King *Philip* and Queen *Mary*, intituled *An Act touching the making of Woollen Cloths*; another Act made and passed in the Thirty-ninth Year of 39 Eliz. c. 20. the

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the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, intituled *An Act against the deceitful stretching and tentering of Northern Cloths*; another Act made and passed in the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary, intituled *An Act to restore the Market at Blackwell Hall to the Clothiers, and for regulating the Factors there*; and another Act made and passed in the First Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the First, intituled *An Act to make an Act of the Tenth Year of Her late Majesty, intituled 'An Act for regulating, improving, and encouraging of the Woollen Manufacture of mixed or medley Broad Cloth, and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein,' more effectual for the Benefit of Trade in general; and also to render more effectual an Act of the Seventh Year of Her said Majesty's Reign, intituled 'An Act for the better ascertaining the Lengths and Breadth of Woollen Cloths made in the County of York:'* And whereas the said Market at Blackwell Hall hath been entirely discontinued for many Years, and the Warehouses and Buildings belonging thereto are falling into Decay: And whereas Guildhall Chapel and Blackwell Hall aforesaid, or such Parts thereof as belong to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the said City, together with all other the Markets, Lands and Hereditaments of the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, are charged with the Payment of certain large Annual Sums of Money towards the Fund called *The Orphans' Fund*, for Payment of the Orphans and other Creditors of the City of London, by the several Acts of Parliament herein-after mentioned, (that is to say), an Act made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary, intituled *An Act for the Relief of the Orphans and other Creditors of the City of London*; another Act made in the Seventh Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for completing the Bridge cross the River Thames, from Blackfriars in the City of London to the opposite Side in the County of Surrey, and the Avenues thereto on the London Side; for redeeming the Tolls on the said Bridge and on London Bridge; for rebuilding the Gaol of Newgate in the said City; for repairing the Royal Exchange within the same; for embanking Part of the North Side of the said River within certain Limits, and for further continuing towards those Purposes the Imposition of Sixpence per Chaldron or Ton of Coals or Culm imported into the Port of the said City, established by an Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary, and also for carrying on the new Pavements in the City and Liberties of Westminster and Parishes adjacent, and in the Town and Borough of Southwark, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; Ten other Acts made in the Eighteenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for empowering the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, to raise upon the Credit of the Surplusses to arise out of a certain Fund, commonly called the Orphans' Fund, the Sum of Forty thousand Pounds towards the discharging the Debt incurred in rebuilding the Gaol of Newgate and a Sessions House adjoining, and for completing the said Gaol, and building an Infirmary thereto, and other the Purposes therein mentioned*; *An Act for applying the Sum of One thousand Pounds, to arise out of the Surplusses of a certain Fund, commonly called the Orphans' Fund, for the Purpose of opening Communications between Wapping Street and Ratcliff Highway, and between Old Gravel Lane and Virginia Street, within the Parishes of Saint George and Saint John of Wapping, in the County of Middlesex*; *An Act for applying the Sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, to arise out of the Surplus of a certain Fund, commonly called the Orphans' Fund, for the Purpose of widening certain Avenues leading into Goodman's Fields, in the County*

of Middlesex; *An Act for applying the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds, to arise out of the Surplusses of a certain Fund commonly called the Orphans' Fund, towards completing the Paving of the Town and Borough of Southwark, and certain Parts adjacent, in the County of Surrey; An Act for authorizing the Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex to sell the present Session House for the said County, and for enabling them to build another Session House in a more convenient Situation, and to keep the same in Repair, and for applying the Sum of Eleven thousand Pounds (to be borrowed upon the Credit of the Surplusses of a certain Fund, commonly called the Orphans' Fund), towards defraying the Expence of building the said Session House; An Act for empowering the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, to make a Street or Opening from Moorfields, opposite Chiswell Street, towards the East, into Bishopsgate Street, and also from the East End of Chiswell Street Westward into Barbican, and to raise upon the Credit of the Surplusses to arise out of a certain Fund, commonly called the Orphans' Fund, the Sum of Sixteen thousand five hundred Pounds for such Purpose; An Act for erecting a Building for holding the Courts, and exercising the Jurisdiction of the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter in Westminster, within the City and Liberty of Westminster, and for holding the Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and transacting the other Public Business of the said City and Liberty, and for appropriating Part of the Surplusses of the Orphans' Fund towards defraying the Expence thereof; An Act for paving the High Street, or Road leading from Aldersgate Bars, in the Parish of Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London, to the Turnpike near the End of Goswell Street, in the County of Middlesex, and for applying the Sum of Five thousand Pounds to be raised upon the Credit of the Surplusses to arise out of a certain Fund, commonly called the Orphans' Fund, for such Purpose; An Act for applying the Sum of Nine thousand Pounds, to arise out of the Surplusses of a certain Fund, commonly called the Orphans' Fund, for the Purpose of making a Passage for Carriages from Spital Fields to Bishopsgate Street, in the County of Middlesex: and An Act for widening and improving a certain Avenue, called Dirty Lane, and Part of Brick Lane, leading from Whitechapel to Spital Fields, in the County of Middlesex, and for paving Dirty Lane, and also the East Side of Petticoat Lane, from Whitechapel High Street to Wentworth Street, the said Avenue called Wentworth Street, from thence in one continued Line through Old Montague Street, Chapel Street, and Prince's Row, to Baker's Row inclusive, and the several Streets and Passages leading into the same, and for removing all Obstructions and Incroachments therefrom, and preventing the like for the future; Two other Acts, made in the Thirty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for widening and improving the Entrance into the City of London, near Temple Bar, for making a more commodious Street or Passage at Snow Hill, and for raising on the Credit of the Orphans' Fund a Sum of Money for those Purposes; and An Act for repairing the Common Sewer in New Bridge Street, Blackfriars, in the City of London, or making a new Sewer instead of the defective Part or Parts thereof, and for maintaining and cleansing the same; another Act made in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for raising a further Sum of Money for carrying into Execution Two several Acts passed in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-eighth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, for widening and improving the Entrance into the City of London near Temple Bar, for making a more commodious Street or Passage at Snow Hill, and for raising on the Credit of the Orphans' Fund a Sum***

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44 G. 3. c. 27. a Sum of Money for those Purposes, and for explaining and amending the said Acts; another Act, made in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for raising an additional Sum of Money for carrying into Execution several Acts for widening the Entrance into the City of London near Temple Bar, for making a more commodious Street at Snow Hill, and for raising on the Credit of the Orphans' Fund certain Sums of Money for those Purposes, and also for enlarging the Powers of the said Acts*; another Act, made and passed in the Fifty-first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for raising an additional Sum of Money for carrying into Execution the several Acts for widening the Entrance into the City of London near Temple Bar, for making a more commodious Street at Snow Hill, and for raising Money on the Credit of the Orphans' Fund for these Purposes, and for extending the Powers of the said Acts*; and Three other Acts, made and passed in the Fifty-second Year of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for increasing the Fund for watching, lighting, cleansing, watering, and repairing Blackfriars Bridge*; *An Act for building a new Prison in the City of London, for removing thereto Prisoners confined under Civil Process in the Gaol of Newgate and the Two Compters of the said City, and also the Prison of Ludgate, and for converting the Building now containing the said Two Compters and Ludgate into a Gaol for Criminals in the said Two Compters, and into a House of Correction for the said City of London*; and *An Act for enabling the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London, to improve and grant Building Leases of the Ground in Moorfields, also to sell all the Ground comprized in such Leases when improved, and to apply the Produce thereof towards increasing the Orphans' Fund*: And whereas the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens are desirous to be empowered to purchase such Parts of *Guildhall Chapel* and *Blackwell Hall* aforesaid as do not now belong to them, and to erect and provide convenient Buildings for the Sittings of the Courts of *King's Bench* and *Common Pleas* in and for the said City of London, and for a Court of Requests for the said City, upon Part of the Scites of *Guildhall Chapel* and *Blackwell Hall* aforesaid, and to be empowered, for defraying Part of the Costs and Expences thereof, to grant Building Leases of any Part or Parts of the said Scites which may not be required for the aforesaid Purposes; to sell the Ground Rents to be reserved by such Leases and the Reversion and Inheritance in Fee Simple of the Premises to be therein respectively comprized, freed, and discharged from the said Annual Payments towards the said Fund, called *The Orphans' Fund*: But inasmuch as the same cannot be done without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it 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, the said Acts of the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of King *Philip* and Queen *Mary*, the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and the First Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, shall, so far only as relates to the said Market of *Blackwell Hall*, and the Scite thereof, but not further or otherwise be, and the same are, hereby repealed; and the said Market, and the Office of Keeper thereof, and the Tolls and Profits of the same, and all the public and common Uses and Purposes to which the Scite of the said Market, or any Part thereof,

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Acts relating
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is now subject by virtue of the said Acts of Parliament, or by Law, Prescription, or Usage, or otherwise howsoever, shall cease, determine, and be utterly void, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Corporation empowered to purchase all Blackwell Hall, Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, in Common Council assembled, and they are hereby empowered, in the Name of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, to treat and agree for the Purchase of *Guildhall Chapel* and *Blackwell Hall* aforesaid, and the Warehouses, Buildings, and Hereditaments thereunto belonging, and of any subsisting Leases, Terms, Estates, and Interests therein or Charges thereupon, or such Parts thereof respectively (not belonging to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens) as the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall think proper.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants in Tail or for Life, Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Purposes, Committees, Executors, and Administrators, and all other Trustees and Persons whomsoever, not only for and on Behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on all Behalf of their Cestuique Trusts or Wards, whether Infants, Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons whomsoever; and to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seized, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, or entitled to Dower or Interest therein, and to and for all and every other Person or Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seized, or possessed of, or interested in *Guildhall Chapel* or *Blackwell Hall* aforesaid, or any Part or Parts thereof, or any Term, Estate, Rent-charge, or Interest therein, which or Part of which, by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall be thought proper to be purchased, to contract for, sell, and convey the same, and every or any Part thereof, to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and that all Contracts, Agreements, Bargains, Sales, Conveyances and Assurances, Acts and Deeds, which shall be made by such Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Trustee or Trustees, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall be valid and effectual in the Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, and all Persons whomsoever, so contracting or conveying, as aforesaid, are hereby indemnified for or in respect of any such Sale which he, she, or they, or any of them, shall respectively make by virtue or in pursuance of this Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Trustee or Trustees, and other Person or Persons herein-before capacitated to contract for, sell, and convey *Guildhall Chapel* and *Blackwell Hall*, or such Part or Parts thereof, or any such Tenements, Rents, Estates, or Interests therein as aforesaid, and any other Owner or Owners thereof, may accept and receive such Satisfaction or Recompence for the Value thereof as shall be agreed upon between them respectively and the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, in Common Council assembled.

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V. And be it further enacted, That the Conveyances of the Estate or Interest of any Feme Covert to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens by Indenture or Indentures of Bargain and Sale, sealed and delivered by such Feme Covert in the Presence of and attested by Two credible Witnesses and duly acknowledged, and to be inrolled in the Court of Hustings of the City of *London* or in the High Court of Chancery, within Six Calendar Months after the making thereof, shall as effectually and absolutely convey the Estate and Interest of such Feme Covert in the Premises as any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, would or could do if levied and suffered thereof in due Form of Law; and further, that all Bargains and Sales whatsoever to be made of *Guildhall Chapel* or *Blackwell Hall* aforesaid, or any Part or Parts thereof, or any Terms, Estate, Rent or Interest therein which shall be purchased or taken by virtue of and for the Purposes of this Act, and enrolled as aforesaid, shall have the like Force, Effect and Operation in the Law to all Intents and Purposes as any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries whatsoever would have had if levied or suffered by the Bargainor or Bargainors, or any Person or Persons seized of any Estate in Trust for such Bargainor or Bargainors in any legal Manner or Form whatsoever.

Application
of Compensation,
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VI. And be it further enacted, That if there shall be any Money to be paid for any Hereditaments or Premises, purchased by virtue of the Powers of this Act, which shall belong to any Lunatic, Idiot, Feme Covert, or Cestuique Trusts, or to any Person whose Hereditaments are limited in strict or other Settlement, or to any Body Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, such Money shall in case the same shall amount to the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, 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, Body or Bodies, who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Premises, in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land Tax, or Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid affecting the same Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, or affecting other Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments standing settled therewith, to the same or the like Uses, 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 the said Court in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or 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 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 mean Time and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court of Chancery, upon Application thereto, 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 mean

mean Time and until the Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court 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, be paid by Order of the said Court to the Person or Persons, Body or Bodies, 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.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if there shall be any Money to be paid for any Hereditaments or Premises belonging to any Corporation or any Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, which shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and which shall exceed or be equal to the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons, Body or Bodies, for the Time being, entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Houses, Buildings, 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 to be paid in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in Manner herein-before directed or otherwise, the same shall be paid at the like Option to Two Trustees to be nominated by the Person or Persons, Body or Bodies making such Option and be approved of by the said Lord Mayor for the Time being, (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties) in order that such Principal Money and the Dividends arising thereon may be applied in any Manner herein-before directed so far as the Case be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction and Approbation of the Court of Chancery.

Application where the Compensation shall be less than Two hundred Pounds, and exceed Twenty Pounds.

VIII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That where such Money so to be paid as aforesaid, shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases, the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons, Body or Bodies, who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Premises so purchased as aforesaid, in such Manner as the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall think fit; or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then such Money shall be paid 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 shall be less than Twenty Pounds.

IX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Body or Bodies, Trustee or Trustees, or other Person or Persons entitled to any Hereditaments or Premises to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of 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 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

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

of such Expences as the said Court shall deem it reasonable, to be paid by the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Common Council empowered to pull down Guildhall Chapel and Blackwell Hall.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, by themselves, their Deputies, Agents, Officers, Servants, and Workmen, to pull down, or cause to be pulled down, *Guildhall Chapel* aforesaid, and *Blackwell Hall* aforesaid, or the Warehouses and Buildings thereunto belonging (or such Parts thereof as belong to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, or shall be purchased as aforesaid), or such Part thereof respectively, as the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall think necessary or proper to be pulled down.

Common Council empowered to build new Courts of Justice and Public Buildings on the Sites of Guildhall Chapel and Blackwell Hall.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, by themselves, their Deputies, Agents, Officers, Servants, and Workmen, to erect, finish, and complete on the East Side of *Guildhall Yard* aforesaid on such Part of the Sites of *Guildhall Chapel* and *Blackwell Hall* aforesaid, belonging to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, or to be purchased as aforesaid, as they shall judge most convenient, proper Buildings and Apartments for the Sittings of His Majesty's Courts of *King's Bench* and *Common Pleas* in and for the said City of *London*, and for a Court of Requests in and for the said City, with necessary and convenient Rooms and Offices thereto respectively, according to such Plan and in such Manner as the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall judge proper; and also to erect such other Buildings for transacting any Public Business of the said City of *London*, and to make such Avenues, Ways, or Streets, in, upon, or over the said Sites, or any Part thereof, as to them the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall seem expedient.

Two Monuments in Guildhall Chapel, to be removed to the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Two Monuments or Tombs erected or placed on or against the Walls in *Guildhall Chapel* aforesaid, shall be removed from the said Chapel into and be placed and fixed in the Parish Church of *Saint Lawrence Jewry*, in the said City of *London*, at the Expence of the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, in such Manner as the Lord Bishop of *London* for the Time being, or such Person as he shall appoint for that Purpose, shall direct, and that the Sum of Twenty Pounds shall be paid by the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens to and accepted by the Churchwardens of the said Parish of *Saint Lawrence Jewry* as and for the Fees or Dues for putting up the said Monuments or Tombs in the said Church.

The Pavement and Walls of Guildhall Chapel not to be disturbed.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Stone Pavement or Floor extending all over the internal Part of *Guildhall Chapel* aforesaid, and the Grave Stones contained therein or forming Parts thereof, and also such Parts of the Walls of the said Chapel or the Foundations thereof as lie below the Level of the said Pavement, shall not, nor shall any of them, or any Part thereof respectively, be taken away or removed for the Purpose of digging Foundations or making Drains or Sewers, or any

any other Cause or Thing whatsoever, it being hereby expressly declared, that the Graves and Vaults under the Pavement of the said Chapel shall not be opened or disturbed, and that all the Works by this Act authorized to be done upon the Site of the said Chapel shall be executed upon, over, or above the said Pavement.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the said City of London, and they are hereby authorized and required at any Time or Times after the passing of this Act, by an Indenture or Indentures under their Common Seal, to demise and lease any Part or Parts of the Sites of *Guildhall Chapel* and *Blackwell Hall* afore said, now belonging to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, or to be purchased as afore said, which shall not be required for the Purposes afore said, or any of them, and which the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall think proper to be sold (freed and discharged from the said Annual Sums of Money payable thereout towards the Orphans' Fund afore said), either altogether or in Parcels, to any Person or Persons who shall erect and build, or covenant and agree to erect and build on the same, such Houses, Erections, and Buildings, of such Rate or Class, or respective Rates or Classes of Buildings, upon such Plan and Elevation, or respective Plans and Elevations, of such Height or respective Heights, and with such Stories, and to lay out and appropriate such Part of the Premises to be comprised in any such Demise or Lease, as and for a Yard or Yards, Garden or Gardens, to any House or Houses, or other Buildings, or for a Way or Ways, Sewer or Sewers, for the Convenience of the Lessee or Lessees, or other Tenants or Occupiers of the same Premises, as the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall fix and agree upon, and shall be mentioned in such Demise or Lease respectively, for any Term or Number of Years, to determine within Ninety-nine Years from and after the passing of this Act, so as there be reserved in every such Demise or Lease such Yearly Rent or Rents to be incident to the immediate Reversion of the Premises therein comprised as to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall appear reasonable, so that in every such Demise or Lease there be contained a Covenant for the Payment of the Rent thereby to be reserved, and such other Covenants on the Part of the Tenant or Lessee therein to be named, as the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, in Common Council assembled, or their Counsel in the Law shall reasonably advise or require; and also a Clause in the Nature of a Condition of Re-entry on Non-payment of the Rent thereby to be reserved by the Space of Thirty-one Days, or on Non-performance of the Covenants therein to be contained on the Part of the Tenant or Lessee, and the Tenant or Lessee shall give such good and sufficient Security for the erecting, finishing, and completing of every House, Erection, and Building which he shall covenant or agree to erect within the Time in which he shall have contracted to finish the same, as the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall order and direct.

Corporation empowered to grant Building Leases of any Part of the Residue of the Sites.

XV. And be it further enacted, That as soon as conveniently may be after the Houses, Erections, and Buildings, to be erected and built as lastly herein-before is mentioned, or any of them, shall be finished and

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Corporation empowered when the Houses are built to sell

the Ground
Rents and
Reversions.

completed, the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall, and they are hereby authorized to sell and dispose of, or cause to be sold and disposed of, the Ground Rents to be reserved by the Lease or Demise, or Leases or Demises, in pursuance of or in consideration of which the same Houses respectively shall have been erected and built, and also the Reversion and Inheritance thereof, in Fee Simple in Possession (subject to such Lease or Demise, or Leases or Demises) of the Pieces or Parcels of Ground therein demised, and such Houses and other Buildings thereon, either altogether or in Parcels, by Public Auction or Private Contract, to any Person or Persons, for such Price or Prices, or Sum or Sums of Money, as they the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall think reasonable; and the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens shall, and they are hereby empowered and required, at the Request, Costs and Charges of the Purchaser or Purchasers of the same Premises respectively, upon Payment of the Sum or Sums of Money agreed to be given for the same respectively to the Chamberlain for the Time being of the said City of London, to convey and assure the Piece or Parcel of Ground, or Pieces or Parcels of Ground, so purchased by such Purchaser or Purchasers respectively, together with the Houses, Erections, and Buildings then erected and built thereon respectively, and the Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof, with the Appurtenances, to the Purchaser or Purchasers respectively, his or their Heirs and Assigns respectively, as he or they respectively shall in that Behalf order or direct, free from the Annual Sums payable towards the Orphans' Fund aforesaid, and all other Incumbrances whatsoever (except the Building Lease or Leases to be granted by virtue of this Act); and that upon and after Payment of the Purchase Monies of the said Premises respectively into the Chamber of the said City, the Receipt or Receipts in Writing of the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being, or his known Deputy or Clerk, shall be sufficient and effectual Discharge, or sufficient and effectual Discharges, to such Purchaser or Purchasers for the Purchase Monies in such Receipt or Receipts expressed or acknowledged to be received, and that the Purchaser or Purchasers, to whom the same respectively shall be given, shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for the Misapplication or Non-application, or in anywise obliged to see to the Application of the Money in such Receipt or Receipts respectively acknowledged to be received.

Common
Council
empowered
to use or sell
old Materials.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons in Common Council assembled, shall and may use such of the old Materials of *Guildhall Chapel*, and of the Warehouses and Buildings of *Blackwell Hall*, or such Part thereof as aforesaid, to be pulled down as aforesaid, in and about the Erection of such New Buildings as aforesaid, or shall and may sell, or cause to be sold, all or any Part of such Materials as to them shall seem meet.

Money arising
from the
Sales, Rents,
and old Ma-
terials to be
applied to-
wards the
Expences of
the new
Buildings.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Sum and Sums of Money which shall be received by the said Chamberlain for the Sales herein-before directed to be made, and also the Rents (if any) which shall be received from the said Pieces or Parcels of Ground so to be demised as aforesaid, or any of them, until the same shall be sold; and also all the Sum and Sums of Money (if any) to arise from the Sale of old Materials as aforesaid, shall be applied in or towards the Erection and Completion of such

such Buildings, Apartments, and Offices as herein-before are mentioned, or in or towards reimbursing the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens the Sum or Sums of Money which they shall have expended in erecting, finishing, and completing the same Buildings, Apartments, and Offices.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, from Time to Time to appoint One or more Committee or Committees to manage and transact all or any of the Matters or Purposes which they the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, are hereby required to do, execute, or perform, which Committee or Committees, so to be appointed, shall have such or so much of the Powers and Authorities by this Act given to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, as the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall think fit or proper to delegate to such Committee or Committees. Mayor, &c.
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to appoint
Committees.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices and other Persons without the same being specially pleaded. Public Act.

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