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## Cap. cxii.

An Act to enable the Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge* to build a temporary Bridge across the River *Thames* from *Bridge Street* in the City of *Westminster* to the opposite Shore in the County of *Surrey*.  
[14th August 1850.]

**W**HEREAS an Act was passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Second, 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 an Act was passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His said 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 an Act was passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His said Majesty, intituled *An Act for building a Bridge cross the River Thames from the Wool Staple, or thereabouts, in the Parish of Saint Margaret in the City of Westminster, to the opposite Shore in the County of Surrey*: And whereas

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9 G. 2. c. 29.  
10 G. 2. c. 16.  
11 G. 2. c. 25.



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- an Act was passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His said  
 12 G. 2. c. 33. Majesty, intituled *An Act to enlarge the Powers of the said Commissioners for building a Bridge cross the River Thames from the Wool Staple, or thereabouts, in the Parish of Saint Margaret 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 an Act was passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign  
 13 G. 2. c. 16. of His said 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 an Act was passed in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign  
 14 G. 2. c. 40. of His said 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 an Act was passed in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of the Reign of His said  
 15 & 16 G. 2. c. 26. 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 an Act was passed in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty,  
 17 G. 2. c. 32. 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 an Act was passed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty,  
 18 G. 2. c. 29. 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*  
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*better enabling them to finish the said Bridge and to perform the other Trusts reposed in them: And whereas an Act was passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said 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 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 and James King with regard to a Lease taken by their late Father from the said Commissioners: And whereas an Act was passed in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty, intituled *An Act for enabling the Commissioners for building Westminster Bridge to widen the Street or Avenue leading from Cockspur Street to the Passage in Spring Garden near St. James's Park: And whereas an Act was passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled *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: And whereas under or by virtue of the Powers in the said recited Acts or some of them contained, the Bridge commonly called or known as Westminster Bridge has been constructed, and the Streets, Ways, Passages, and Approaches thereto have been made, widened, or otherwise improved, and the said Commissioners have become and now are seised of or otherwise well entitled to divers Pieces of Land, Messuages, Buildings, and Hereditaments for an Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple, the Rents, Profits, and Produce whereof are to be applied for the Purposes of the said recited Acts, or some or one of them: And whereas the said Bridge is in such a State that it may be necessary either to make very extensive Repairs of the present Bridge, or to erect a new Bridge; and whereas it may be expedient to provide temporary Accommodation for crossing the River whilst any Works for either of the above Purposes shall be in progress: And whereas, according to the Opinion of a practical Engineer, a sufficient Accommodation for the Public may be afforded during the Time such Works shall be going on by means of a temporary Bridge to be erected near to the present Bridge: And whereas the said Commissioners are willing at their own Costs and Charges as such Commissioners, and with and out of the said Hereditaments so vested in them and of Funds possessed by them as such Commissioners as aforesaid, to make such temporary Bridge, but they are****

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advised that they have not under the said recited Acts, or any of them, Power to make the same, nor to apply any Part of their Funds for the Purposes thereof: And whereas the Lands on either Side of the said River *Thames* from which the said temporary Bridge is proposed to be made belong to the said Commissioners, and it is not proposed that any other Lands should be taken for the Purposes of such temporary Bridge, except so far as respects the Use of the Bed of the River for the Purpose of making proper Supports for the said Bridge, but inasmuch as it may happen that the said temporary Bridge may, during the Time of its Construction and after the Completion thereof, cause Obstruction to Easements enjoyed by Persons in respect of Premises in the Neighbourhood of the said proposed Works, it is expedient that the said Commissioners should be empowered to agree with such Persons relative to the Compensation for such Obstruction (if any); but inasmuch as the several Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament; May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen'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 Clauses in the "Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," with respect to the Purchase of Lands by Agreement, with respect to the Purchase Money coming to Parties having limited Interests or prevented from treating or not making Title, and with respect to Conveyances of Lands, shall be incorporated with this Act, so far as and as to such of the same Clauses as shall be applicable to the Purposes of this Act, and the same Clauses shall to the Extent aforesaid be read and construed herewith accordingly; and the Undertaking hereby authorized shall be deemed and considered for the Purpose of such Incorporation to be an Undertaking within the Intent and Meaning of the same Act; and any Easements enjoyed by Persons in respect of Premises in the Neighbourhood of the Works proposed to be effected under this Act shall, for all Purposes of Compensation in respect of such Obstruction, be deemed to be Hereditaments within the Meaning assigned by the said "Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," to the Word "Lands;" and this Act shall be deemed and considered a special Act, referred to by the said "Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845."

Certain  
Provisions of  
8 & 9 Vict.  
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this Act.

Short Title  
of Act.

II. And be it enacted, That in citing this Act in other Acts of Parliament, and in legal and other Proceedings and Instruments, it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "*The Westminster Bridge Act, 1850.*"

Powers, &c.  
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III. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal, alter, prejudice, or affect the



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the Powers, Authorities, Clauses, and Provisions in the said recited Acts, or any or either of them contained, but all the same Powers, Authorities, Clauses, and Provisions, or such of them as are now in force, shall remain, continue, and be as good, valid, and effectual as if this Act had not passed, and that all the said Powers, Authorities, Clauses, and Provisions, or such of them as are now in force and are applicable to the Purposes of this Act, or any of them, (save and except such of the said Powers, Authorities, Clauses, and Provisions as relate to the Purchase of Lands and Hereditaments,) shall be applicable to this Act and the Purposes thereof as fully as they are applicable to the Purposes of the said recited Acts, and shall accordingly be read and construed with this Act as if the same were expressly repeated and made Part of this Act, and were by the said recited Acts expressly made applicable to the Purposes of this Act.

be affected by this Act, and to be applicable to this Act, except as to the Powers to purchase Lands.

IV. And whereas Plans and Sections showing the Situation of the proposed temporary Bridge, and the Number, Heights, and Width of the Arches and Dimensions and Situations of the Piers, together with Books of Reference to the said Plans, have been deposited with the Clerks of the Peace for the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Surrey*: Be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners and their Successors, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, to make and construct, or cause or procure to be made and constructed, on the North Side of the said present Bridge, a temporary Bridge, from the Land belonging to the said Commissioners adjoining the Abutment of the present Bridge in the Parish of *Saint Margaret Westminster* in the County of *Middlesex* to the Land belonging to the said Commissioners adjoining the Abutment of the said present Bridge in the Parish of *Saint Mary Lambeth* in the County of *Surrey*, such temporary Bridge to be built in the Situation or within the Line of Variation, and with such Number of Piers and Arches, and of such Height and Dimensions, as are shown and described in the said Plans and Sections, and from Time to Time, and at all Times during so long as the said temporary Bridge shall remain or be required to remain, to maintain, support, preserve, repair, and keep in repair such temporary Bridge and all Works connected therewith, and to make and enter into any Contract or Contracts with any Person or Persons, Corporation or Corporations, for the making, doing, or executing of all or any of the several Acts, Matters, and Things herein-before authorized to be made, done, and executed, or to be caused or procured to be made, done, and executed by the said Commissioners as aforesaid, and to make, do, and execute, or cause or procure to be made, done, and executed all such other Acts, Matters, and Things as may be necessary or convenient for carrying into effect the Objects and Purposes aforesaid, or any of them.

Commissioners empowered to make a temporary Bridge, the Abutments thereof at each End to be on their own Land, and Power to repair and maintain the same.



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A free Passage for Water to be left under temporary Bridge, and at all Times a convenient Passage for the Navigation, with Plying Places for Watermen.

V. And to the Intent that the Navigation of the said River *Thames* may receive no Prejudice, be it enacted, That when the said temporary Bridge is built across the said River, there shall remain a free and open Passage for the Water to pass and repass through the Arches or Passages under the said temporary Bridge of at least as great united Sectional Area as the Arches or Passages for Water under the said present Bridge; and that there shall be at all Times a convenient Passage for the Navigation of the said River *Thames*, and that there shall remain or be constructed on each Side of both Ends of the said temporary Bridge convenient Stairs and Plying Places for the Accommodation of the Public and of the Watermen plying at the present Bridge.

When present Bridge is repaired, or a new Bridge opened, the temporary Bridge to be removed, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That as soon as the said present Bridge shall have been fully repaired, or a new Bridge shall have been opened for the Passage, the said Commissioners or their Successors shall remove or cause to be removed any temporary Bridge authorized to be erected under this Act, and all the Materials thereof, and all the Works connected therewith, and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners and their Successors to enter into any Contract or Contracts with any Person or Persons for the Purposes last aforesaid, or any of them.

Power to dispose of Materials, and apply the Purchase Money for the Purposes of the recited Acts and this Act.

VII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, if they shall think fit, to sell and dispose of the Materials of the said Bridge or any of them; and in case of such Sale all the Monies shall be applied by the said Commissioners for the Purposes of the said recited Acts and this Act, or such of them as shall remain to be performed, as fully as by the said recited Acts and this Act, or any other Act or Acts, they are authorized to apply any Monies for the Purposes of the same Acts, or any of them, with full Power to invest the same or any Part thereof in Government or public Securities.

Bridge over the Thames to be built according to Plan approved by the Corporation of London.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the said temporary Bridge shall be constructed, as to its Site and in all other respects, according to the Plan deposited in the Office of the Town Clerk of the City of *London*, and approved by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London* in Common Council assembled; and that the clear Height from High Water, *Trinity* Standard, to the centre Point of the said temporary Bridge shall not be less than Twenty-five Feet; and that the Traffic on the said River *Thames* shall not be interrupted more than may be absolutely necessary in the Erection of the said temporary Bridge and in the Performance of the said Works.

Plan of Bridge to be first ap-

IX. And whereas it is expedient that the said Bridge should not be erected until the Plan, Design, and Elevation thereof shall have been



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been first sanctioned by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings: Be it enacted, That, notwithstanding the Clauses and Provisions herein-before contained, it shall not be lawful for the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge* to construct any Bridge over the said River, the Plan, Design, and Elevation of which Bridge shall not have been approved in Writing by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, or some Two of them, previously to the Commencement of the Construction of the said Bridge.

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sioners of  
Woods, &c.

X. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to authorize the said Commissioners to erect any Works within or upon the Water or Bed of the said River *Thames* (except for the Construction of the said temporary Bridge) without the Consent in Writing of the Commissioners for the Time being of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, or some Two of them, on behalf of Her Majesty, and of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, under the Hand of the Town Clerk of the said City, first had and obtained.

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Woods, &c.  
and the Cor-  
poration of  
London.

XI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prejudice or derogate from the Estates, Rights, Interests, Liberties, Privileges, or Franchises of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or their Successors, or the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or to prohibit, defeat, alter, or diminish any Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction, which at the Time of passing this Act the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, or the said Lord Mayor for the Time being as Conservator of the said River *Thames*, or otherwise, did or might lawfully claim, use, or exercise.

Saving  
Rights of the  
Corporation  
of London.

XII. And be it enacted, That when any of the intended Works to be done under or by virtue of this Act may pass over, through, under, or by the Side of, or in any other Manner so as to interfere with any Sewer, Drain, Watercourse, or Works under the Management or Control of the Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers, the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge* shall not proceed therein until the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge* shall have given to the said Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers Seven Days previous Notice in Writing of their Desire, and a full particular Plan or Plans of the Works so affecting any Sewers, Drains, Watercourses, or Works as aforesaid, and until the said Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers shall have sanctioned and approved the Mode of crossing, passing, or interfering with such Sewers, Drains, Watercourses, or Works; and the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge* shall and they are hereby

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hereby required to adhere to and comply with such Orders and Regulations as they the said Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers may make with reference to the Premises, the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge* providing, by new, altered, or substituted Works, for the proper Drainage of and the preventing Injury to the Sewerage of the District, and for guarding against any Impediment to the Drainage of the District or Districts through which any of the intended Works shall pass, and also saving harmless the said Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers against any Damage, Loss, or Expense arising from any Works of the Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge*; and all such Works as may be so required shall be done under the Direction and Control of the Surveyor or other Officer or Officers of the said Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers to be appointed for that Purpose; and when any new, altered, or substituted Sewers, Drains, Watercourses, or Works as aforesaid, or any other Works connected with Sewage, shall be constructed by the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge* under the Provisions of this Act, the same shall be as fully and completely under the Direction, Control, and Management of the said Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers as any other Sewers, Drains, Watercourses, and Works now in force under the Statutes in that Case made and provided are or may be, and all the Rights and Powers, Privileges, and Authority of the said Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers shall remain in full force and virtue with reference to all such Sewers, Drains, Watercourses, and Works, for all Purposes, and as the same now are vested in the Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers under and by virtue of the Acts 11 and 12 Vict. c. 112, and 12 and 13 Vict. c. 93, and shall not be prejudiced or affected by this Act.

Saving  
Rights of the  
Crown.

XIII. And be it enacted, That nothing contained in this Act or in the Acts herein recited or referred to shall extend or be construed to extend, either directly or by Implication, to prejudice or affect any Right of Property or Title belonging to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in or to the Ground or Soil and Bed of the River *Thames*, or the Shores thereof, or to authorize the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge* or any other Persons to encroach upon, take, or use any Ground or Soil belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Crown, without the Consent in Writing of the Commissioners for the Time being of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, or some Two of them, first had and obtained for that Purpose, or to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Privileges, Powers, or Authorities vested in or enjoyed by Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors.

Temporary  
Bridge to be  
extra-paro-

XIV. And whereas by the said recited Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Second it is enacted,  
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that the Bridge authorized to be erected and built under the same Act shall not be rated or assessed for or towards the Land Tax, the Repairs of Highways, Poor's Rate, Churchwardens, or any other Parish Rate whatsoever, nor shall the said Bridge or any Part thereof be deemed or looked upon to belong to or be within any Parish, but be extra-parochial to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and by the same Act it is enacted and declared that the said Bridge when built shall not be deemed or taken to be a County Bridge, so as to subject the Counties of *Surrey* and *Middlesex*, or either of them, to the repairing or supporting the same: And whereas by the said recited Act of the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Second, after reciting amongst other Acts the said recited Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Second, it is enacted, that all the Powers and Authorities, Clauses, Provisions, Matters, and Things contained in the said former Acts then in force, and not thereby varied or otherwise explained, should remain, continue, and be in full force, and be applied to the Purposes of the said Act now in recital as amply and effectually as if the same were thereby re-enacted: Be it therefore enacted, That the Provisions last herein-before recited respecting the rating and Assessment of the said present Bridge and the Extra-parochiality thereof, and exempting the said Counties of *Surrey* and *Middlesex* from repairing and supporting the same, shall extend and be applied to the said temporary Bridge and every Part thereof, as well during the Construction as after the Completion, and during the Removal thereof, as fully as the same Provisions extend to and are applicable to the said present Bridge.

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XV. And whereas by the said recited Act of the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Second, after reciting that the Boundaries of the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Surrey* upon the said Bridge had not then yet been ascertained, and that by the said Acts, some or one of them, it was declared that the said Bridge should be deemed to be extra-parochial to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and that the same should not be deemed or taken to be a County Bridge, so as to subject the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Surrey*, or either of them, to the repairing or supporting the same, and that by means thereof many Doubts, Difficulties, Uncertainties, and Inconveniences might arise in case any Treasons, Murders, Felonies, Riots, Assaults, or other Misdeeds should be committed, or any Cause or Causes of Action should arise from the said Bridge, where and in what Place or County the Person or Persons guilty of such Crime or Crimes should be proceeded against and punished, and where such Action or Actions should be laid, and to whom the Goods of Fugitives and Felons and other Forfeitures should belong, or in case any Person or Persons should be found on the said

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minster and  
Lambeth,  
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Bridge reduced by any Casualty or otherwise to a Necessity of applying for parochial or other Relief, or should be found lying dead thereon, it was enacted, that so far as related to the said several Matters and Things only such Part of the said Bridge as extends from a certain Street called *Bridge Street*, in the Parish of *Saint Margaret* in the City of *Westminster*, Eastward to the Middle of the centre Arch of the said Bridge should to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever be deemed and taken to be and should be within and Part of the said Parish of *Saint Margaret* in the City of *Westminster* and County of *Middlesex*, and such other Part of the said Bridge as extends from the Crown or Middle of the centre Arch of the said Bridge to the easternmost End of the Abutment thereof on the *Surrey* Side of the River *Thames* should be deemed and taken to be and so should be within and Part of the Parish of *Lambeth* in the County of *Surrey*: Be it therefore enacted, That the Provisions in the said last-recited Act contained respecting the Boundaries upon the said present Bridge of the said respective Counties of *Surrey* and *Middlesex* shall, so far as relate to the said several Purposes, Matters, and Things in the said last herein-before recited Provisions mentioned or referred to, extend to and be applicable to the said temporary Bridge, as well during the Construction as after the Completion and during the Removal thereof, as fully as the same Provisions extend to and are applicable to the said present Bridge.

Commissioners may apply Monies vested in them for the Purposes of this Act.

XVI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners and their Successors, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, to pay and apply all or any of the Monies or Funds which may now or hereafter be in their Hands, or be vested in them as such Commissioners as aforesaid, in or towards the Purposes of this Act.

Expenses of Act.

XVII. And be it enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of obtaining and passing this Act, and all other Costs, Charges, and Expenses relating to the same or incidental thereto, shall be paid by the said Commissioners and their Successors out of any Monies or Funds for the Time being in their Hands applicable to the Purposes of the said recited Acts and this Act, or either of them.

Public Act.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.

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