



## CHAPTER cxviii.

An Act to empower the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues to convey certain Lands and Premises to the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital; and for other purposes relating thereto. A.D. 1875.

[19th July 1875.]

**W**HEREAS certain of the lands and premises now used or occupied as and for the Royal Hospital for Soldiers at Chelsea for the purposes of the said institution, or belonging or appertaining thereto, and certain other lands adjoining or near thereto, described in the schedule to this Act annexed, are now the property of Her Majesty, and under the management of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues (in this Act called the "Commissioners of Woods"), or one of them; and it is expedient that the Commissioners of Woods, or one of them, should be empowered to convey the same to the Commissioners of the said hospital in trust for the benefit of the said hospital for ever and for the purposes of the said institution:

And whereas by The Thames Embankment (Chelsea) Act, 1868, it was provided that it should "be lawful for Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, or the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or any lessees or tenants under Her Majesty, to construct any vaults or cellars under the embankment or roadway to be constructed upon the land coloured brown upon the Crown plans" (therein described), "and also to have access to and make any openings into such roadway from the land coloured red on the said Crown plans:"

And whereas the said land coloured red on the said Crown plans (excepting a small portion thereof containing about three hundred and fifty square feet which has been thrown into the roadway on the said embankment) is a part of the lands which the Commissioners of Woods, or one of them, are or is intended by this Act to be authorised to convey to the Commissioners

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And whereas it is expedient to empower persons to grant, give, and appoint property to be held for the benefit of the said hospital and for the purposes of the said institution, and to authorise the Commissioners of the said hospital to hold and manage the same :

Be it therefore 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, as follows; (that is to say,)

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Chelsea Hospital (Lands) Act, 1875."

Power for Commissioners of Woods to convey.

2. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Woods, or either of them, and they or he are and is hereby empowered to grant and convey all the lands and premises described in the schedule to this Act annexed, and the inheritance thereof in fee simple, unto and to the use of the Commissioners of the said hospital for the time being and their successors, subject to all leases of the same existing at the time of such grant and conveyance, and to all rights of way and other rights affecting the same at such time as aforesaid, in trust for the benefit of the said hospital and for the purposes of the said institution; and such grant and conveyance shall be valid and sufficient to pass all the estate, right, and interest of Her Majesty, her heirs or successors, in and to the said lands and premises to the Commissioners of the said hospital for the time being and their successors for the estate, to the use, upon the trusts, and for the intents and purposes herein-before mentioned.

Power for Commissioners of hospital to make vaults, &c.

3. Upon the execution of a grant and conveyance by the Commissioners of Woods, or one of them, of the said lands and premises to the Commissioners of the said hospital under the provisions of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the said hospital for the time being and their successors, or for any lessees or tenants under them, at any time thereafter to construct any vaults or cellars under the embankment or roadway constructed or to be constructed upon the lands coloured brown on the Crown plans referred to in The Thames Embankment (Chelsea) Act, 1868, and deposited at the Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments as directed by the said Act, and also to have access to and to make any openings into such roadway from so much of the land coloured



red on the said Crown plans as shall be included in the said grant and conveyance; and upon such execution as aforesaid all powers by the said Thames Embankment (Chelsea) Act, 1868, conferred upon Her Majesty, her heirs or successors, or the Commissioners of Woods, or either of them, or any lessees or tenants under Her Majesty, with respect to the said embankment or roadway, shall absolutely cease and determine.

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4. Any person may, notwithstanding any statute passed or to be passed restraining alienation in mortmain or dispositions for charitable uses, by deed or testamentary grant give or appoint any property for any estate or interest for which he is empowered to dispose thereof, to be held for the benefit of the said hospital and for the purposes of the said institution, and the same (according to the nature and quality of such property) shall be held by the Commissioners of the said hospital for the time being and their successors in trust for the benefit of the said hospital and for the purposes of the said institution.

Devises, &c.  
for hospital,  
and manage-  
ment of  
property.

The Commissioners of the said hospital and their successors shall, as to lands granted or given to them under the authority of this section, have full power and authority to let, sell, or exchange the same or any part of the same, at such rents, for such considerations, and in such manner as they shall deem most beneficial for the said hospital and institution, and for such purpose to make and execute all acts, deeds, matters, and things requisite or necessary; and the Commissioners of the said hospital and their successors shall, as to personal property held by them under the authority of this section, have full power from time to time to lay out or invest the same or any part of the same in the purchase of any bank annuities, or in or on any stocks, funds, or securities, the principal or interest whereof is charged on or payable, by way of guarantee or otherwise, out of the revenues of the United Kingdom or of India, or on mortgage of freehold lands in the United Kingdom, or, with the approval in each instance of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in or on any other stocks, funds, or securities, or, with the like approval, in the purchase of lands.

Lands taken in exchange or purchased by the said Commissioners under the authority of this section shall be conveyed to the Commissioners of the said hospital for the time being and their successors, and the same shall be held in the same manner, and with and under and according to the same powers, restrictions, and provisions, as lands granted or given to the said Commissioners under the authority of this section.

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General saving.

5. Saving always to all persons, bodies politic or corporate, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, (other than Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, and the Commissioners of Woods,) all such estates, rights, titles, claims, and demands whatsoever as they respectively have at the passing of this Act, or might or could have had if this Act had not passed.

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SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Act refers.

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All those several pieces or parcels of land with the buildings thereon situated in or adjacent to the parishes of St. Luke, Chelsea, and St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, containing together about 43½ acres, and coloured pink upon a plan which has been signed by the Honourable Charles Alexander Gore, a Commissioner of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and Major General George Hutt, secretary of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and is deposited in the Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments.