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### CHAPTER ccxxxviii.

An Act to authorise the acquisition of a Site in Bow Street A.D. 1876.  
for the erection of a new Police Court and Police Station  
and offices. [15th August 1876.]

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to erect a new police court and police station and offices on certain lands in Bow Street, in the parishes of St. Martin in the Fields and St. Paul, Covent Garden, in the county of Middlesex :

And whereas duplicate plans describing the situation of the said lands, with the houses and buildings thereon (in this Act referred to as the "prescribed lands"), with a book of reference thereto, containing the names of the owners and lessees, or reputed owners and lessees, and of the occupiers thereof, have been deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county of Middlesex, at his office at the Sessions House, Clerkenwell, and at the office of the Metropolitan Board of Works, and with the vestry clerk of the parish of St. Martin in the Fields, at the Vestry Hall of the said parish, and with the clerk of the Strand District Board of Works :

And whereas an agreement dated the tenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six has been made between the Most Noble Francis Charles Hastings, Duke of Bedford, and the trustees of the will of the late Most Noble Francis seventh Duke of Bedford (in this Act referred to as the lessors), of the one part, and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings (in this Act referred to as the Commissioners of Works) of the other part, for the granting by the lessors, subject to the passing of this Act and the fulfilment of the conditions mentioned in the said agreement, to the Commissioners of Works of a lease of the prescribed lands, or of the greater part thereof, for the term of ninety-nine years, from the twenty-fifth day of December one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six :

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And whereas the estates and interests of persons other than the lessors in the prescribed lands cannot be acquired without the authority of Parliament:

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Bow Street Police Court (Site) Act, 1876."

Acquisition of site for and erection of police court and station at Bow Street.

2. The Commissioners of Works may purchase, take, and use, as necessary for the public service, all or any of the prescribed lands, and may remove the buildings thereon and sell or dispose of the materials thereof, and erect thereon a police court and police station, and offices and buildings connected therewith, and make such approaches and widenings and alterations of thoroughfares, and do such other acts and things as may be deemed necessary or convenient for carrying this Act into effect.

Incorporation of Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts, 1845, 1860, and 1869.

3. The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts, 1845, 1860, and 1869, in this Act referred to as the Lands Clauses Acts, shall be incorporated with this Act, with the exceptions and additions and subject to the provisions herein-after contained; that is to say,

1. There shall not be incorporated with this Act sections one hundred and twenty-seven to one hundred and thirty-three, both inclusive, of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, with respect to the sale of superfluous land, and to making good land tax and poor's rate; or the provisions relating to access to the special Act; and
2. In the construction of the Lands Clauses Acts for the purposes of this Act the special Act shall be construed to mean this Act, and the promoters of the undertaking shall be construed to mean the Commissioners of Works; and
3. The bond required by section eighty-five of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, shall be under the common seal of the Commissioners of Works, and shall be sufficient without the addition of the sureties in the said section mentioned; and
4. Where the person claiming compensation from the Commissioners of Works under this Act or the Lands Clauses Acts has no greater interest than as tenant for a year, or from year to year, in the lands in respect of which the compensation is claimed, such claim shall be determined in manner pro-

vided by section one hundred and twenty-one of the Lands A.D. 1876.  
Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845.

4. Upon the purchase or acquisition by the Commissioners of Works of the prescribed lands or any part thereof, or of the estates and interests therein of all persons other than the lessors, all rights of way and water, and rights of laying down or of continuing any pipes, sewers, or drains on, through, or under, and all other public or private easements or rights in or affecting such lands or the part thereof so purchased or acquired (whether absolutely or for a limited interest), shall be extinguished in perpetuity, and all the site and soil of such ways and the property in the pipes, sewers, or drains shall vest in the Commissioners of Works and their successors in fee simple, subject to the rights of the lessors under the said recited agreement, and subject to this provision, that all persons and bodies of persons, corporate and unincorporate, may recover from the Commissioners such compensation (if any) as they may be entitled to under the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts, or any of them, for any rights or property of which they may be deprived in pursuance of this section, the amount of such compensation to be determined in manner provided by those Acts.

Extinction  
of rights of  
way and  
other ease-  
ments.

5. All buildings erected on the prescribed lands by or under the direction of the Commissioners of Works shall be exempt from the operation of the Metropolitan Buildings Act, 1855.

Exemption  
from Metro-  
politan  
Buildings  
Act.

6. The Commissioners of Works may appropriate such part of the prescribed lands, and the buildings erected thereon, as they think fit for the purpose of a police station and offices and buildings connected therewith, and may assign, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same to the Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District.

Arrangement  
with Re-  
ceiver of  
Metropolitan  
Police as to  
police  
station.

Such portion of the expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Works under this Act as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury and one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State may determine to have been incurred for the purposes of the police station, and offices and buildings connected therewith, shall be repaid to the Commissioners of Works by the Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District, out of moneys in his hands as part of the expenses of the Metropolitan Police Force, and shall be so repaid by a capital sum in one payment, or in instalments, or by way of rent, or otherwise in such manner and at such times as may be determined by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

7. The police court, police station, and offices to be erected on the prescribed lands shall respectively be substituted for the present

Substitution  
of new police  
court, police  
station, and

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offices for  
present  
police court  
and station.

police court, police station, and offices in Bow Street, and be deemed for all purposes to be the police court and police station in Bow Street.

Lands to con-  
tinue subject  
to land tax.

8. Such of the prescribed lands as at the time of the passing of this Act are subject to land tax shall continue liable thereto.

Authentica-  
tion of  
notices, &c.

9. Every notice or other document required for the purposes of this Act to be given or signed by or on behalf of the Commissioners of Works shall be valid if signed by the secretary or assistant secretary for the time being of those Commissioners.

Sales, &c.  
subject to  
15 & 16 Vict.  
c. 28.

10. Every purchase, sale, or lease by the Commissioners of Works of the prescribed lands or any part thereof, whether under the provisions of this Act or otherwise, shall be deemed to be a purchase, sale, or lease under the Act of the session of the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter twenty-eight;

Provided that it shall not be necessary for any vendor, purchaser, lessor, or lessee to ascertain that the assent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to the purchase, sale, or lease by the Commissioners of Works has been given.

Expenses of  
Commis-  
sioners and  
disposition  
of moneys  
received  
under Act.  
Saving for  
the lessors.

11. All expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Works under this Act shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament, and all moneys received under this Act by the Commissioners of Works shall be paid into the Exchequer.

12. Nothing in this Act shall authorise the Commissioners of Works to take, otherwise than by agreement, any estate or interest of the lessors, or shall be deemed or construed to prejudice or affect the rights and interests of the lessors under the said recited agreement or otherwise.

Saving as to  
Bow Street.

13. Nothing in this Act shall authorise the Commissioners of Works to reduce the width of Bow Street.