

**CHAPTER x.**

An Act for extending and completing the buildings of the University of Edinburgh; the acquisition of lands; and other purposes. A.D. 1886  
[16th April 1886.]

**W**HEREAS the buildings of the University of Edinburgh, founded by His Majesty King James in the year one thousand five hundred and eighty-two, having, in consequence of the large and continuous increase in the number of its students, become wholly inadequate to its necessities, a scheme for the extension thereof was promoted in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four:

And whereas in the said last-mentioned year a public meeting of the citizens of Edinburgh and others interested in the said University was held, at which certain resolutions were passed in support of the said scheme, and a Committee was appointed for the prosecution thereof:

And whereas the said Committee, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, presented a memorial to the Lords of the Treasury, praying their Lordships to propose that Parliament should confer a grant in aid of the said scheme which provided for the erection of new buildings for the Medical School of the University of Edinburgh, and of a University Hall in which to conduct examinations and confer degrees, and for other University purposes and ceremonies, upon inter alia the lands shown on the deposited plan and described in the deposited book of reference herein-after mentioned:

And whereas the said Committee has, by means of a grant of eighty thousand pounds given by Parliament in aid of the said scheme in response to the said memorial, and of public subscriptions which have amounted to upwards of one hundred and forty-eight thousand pounds, erected the greater part of the buildings contemplated by the said scheme for the use of the said University, upon an area of ground situated in Park Place and Teviot Row, Edinburgh, immediately adjoining the lands after mentioned, but the proposed University

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And whereas, since the said year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, the number of students attending the said University has increased from about one thousand nine hundred to upwards of three thousand four hundred :

And whereas it is necessary, in order to provide for the proper and convenient accommodation of the University, that the said scheme should now be completed :

And whereas certain portions of the said lands have been acquired on behalf of the said Committee for the purposes of the said scheme :

And whereas it is necessary, for the purposes aforesaid, to acquire the remainder of the said lands :

And whereas the completion of the said scheme will effect a public improvement by widening the roadway at Park Street and Teviot Row :

And whereas certain additional funds have been already voluntarily subscribed for the erection of the University Hall :

And whereas the said Committee, at a meeting held on the sixteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, resolved to apply to Parliament for powers to enable the said purposes to be carried out :

And whereas it is expedient to incorporate Trustees for carrying out the said objects and purposes, and to confer on them the powers herein-after mentioned :

And whereas a plan of the lands to be acquired and taken for the purposes of this Act, and a book of reference containing the names of the owners and lessees, or reputed owners and lessees, and of the occupiers of such lands, were duly deposited with the principal sheriff clerks of the county of Edinburgh and of the county of the city of Edinburgh respectively, and are herein-after respectively referred to as the deposited plan and book of reference :

But the aforesaid objects and purposes 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, as follows :

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the *Edinburgh University Buildings Extension Act, 1886.*

Incorporation of Acts.

2. The *Lands Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1845*, and the *Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act, 1860*, shall,



except in so far as they authorise the purchase or conveyance of lands in consideration of an annual feu duty or ground annual, be incorporated with and form part of this Act. A.D. 1886.

**3.** The following persons, namely, Sir William Muir, K.C.S.I., D.C.L., Principal of the University of Edinburgh, William McEwan, Sir William Turner, Knt., M.B., L.L.D., and John Christison, and the survivors and survivor of them, and such other person or persons, being members of the said Committee, as may from time to time be assumed by the said Trustees, or the survivors or survivor of them, shall be and are hereby incorporated as Trustees for the purposes of this Act, by the name of the Edinburgh University Buildings Extension Trustees, and by that name shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and with power to purchase, take, hold and dispose of lands and other property for the purposes of this Act. The Edinburgh University Buildings Extension Trustees are herein-after referred to as "the Trustees." Trustees in-  
corporated.

**4.** Subject to the provisions of this Act the Trustees may acquire, enter upon, take, hold and use all or such of the lands shown on the deposited plan and described in the deposited book of reference, as may be required for the purposes of this Act, and may erect buildings on the said lands, or any part thereof, in connexion with and for the use and accommodation of the University of Edinburgh, substantially in conformity with the buildings already erected, but subject to such modifications or alterations as the Trustees may consider necessary or desirable. The said lands are the following (that is to say):— Power to  
acquire  
lands, &c.

{ Certain lands, houses and other property, situate, lying and being within an area, marked "A, A, A, A," on the said plan, bounded by a line commencing at the north-east corner of the iron railing fronting the areas of the dwelling-houses on the west side of Park Street, Edinburgh, and running southward along the east boundary of the said areas and entrances to the said dwelling-houses in said street to the south-east corner of the said iron railing; thence westward along the north side of the footpath on the north side of the roadway now forming an access to the new educational buildings of the said University of Edinburgh, and now or formerly known as Park Place, to the south-west corner of the western boundary of the back greens attached to the dwelling-houses on the west side of Park Street; thence northward along the line of the said last-mentioned boundary to the footpath of Teviot Row; and thence eastward along the southern boundary of the said footpath to



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the north-east corner first before mentioned, being the point from which said line commenced; which lands include dwelling-houses and pertinents, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Park Street, and 1A, Teviot Row, and which area, bounded as aforesaid, is situate in the parish of St. Cuthbert's, royal burgh, city, county of the city, and county of Edinburgh.

Portions of land to be thrown into public streets.

5. The Trustees, when they have completed the buildings, or at the expiration of twelve years from the passing of this Act, whichever shall first happen, shall throw into Park Street and Teviot Row such parts of the said area as are coloured pink on a plan signed in duplicate by the Right Honourable the Earl of Redesdale, Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, one of which duplicate plans is deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, and the other with the Secretary to the Senatus Academicus of the University.

Trustees may acquire lands, &c., by agreement.

6. The Trustees may contract and agree with the owners and other parties interested in the said lands for the purchase and acquisition by the Trustees of such lands, and for the purchase and commutation or extinction of any servitudes, duties, customs or other payments and rights and privileges which may affect or be affected by the use of the said lands; and may execute all agreements, contracts, conveyances, and other deeds necessary for these purposes, or any of them: Provided always that all such agreements, contracts, conveyances, and other deeds shall be duly stamped.

Raising and application of funds.

7. The Trustees may raise money by public or private voluntary contributions for carrying the objects and purposes of this Act into effect, and may apply to any or all of these purposes, or any other purpose incidental to the objects of this Act, the funds already voluntarily subscribed for the erection of the University Hall.

Transfer to University.

8. Upon the completion of the buildings to be erected on the said lands, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and on the complete fulfilment and discharge of all obligations undertaken by the Trustees in connexion therewith, the Trustees shall convey and transfer the same to the University of Edinburgh, or to the Senatus Academicus of that body, for behoof of the University, or to any other body duly authorised on its behalf to accept and maintain the same; and thereupon the Edinburgh University Buildings Extension Trustees shall cease to exist as a corporate body.

Period for compulsory purchase of lands.

9. The powers of the Trustees for the compulsory purchase of lands for the purposes of this Act shall not be exercised after the expiration of three years after the passing of this Act.



10. If any omission, mis-statement or erroneous description shall have been made of any lands required for the purposes of this Act, or of the owners, lessees or occupiers of any such lands, in the deposited plan or book of reference, the Trustees may, after giving ten days notice to the owners, lessees and occupiers of the lands affected by such proposed correction, apply to the sheriff of the Lothians and Peebles for the correction thereof; and if it shall appear to such sheriff that such omission, mis-statement or erroneous description arose from mistake, he shall certify the same accordingly, and he shall in such certificate state the particulars of any such omission, and in what respect any such matter shall have been mis-stated or erroneously described, and such certificate shall be deposited with the sheriff clerk for the county of Edinburgh, and such certificate shall be kept by such clerk, along with the other documents to which it relates, and thereupon the deposited plan or book of reference shall be deemed to be corrected according to such certificate, and the Trustees may take any lands required by them in accordance with such certificate.

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Omissions,  
&c., in  
plan, &c.,  
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corrected.

11. The Trustees shall not under the powers of this Act without the consent of the Secretary for Scotland purchase or acquire in any district within the meaning of the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867, ten or more houses which after the passing of this Act have been or on the fifteenth day of December last were occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class as tenants or lodgers. The expression "labouring class" includes mechanics, artisans, labourers, and others working for wages, hawkers, costermongers, persons not working for wages, but ~~working at some trade or handicraft~~ without employing others except members of their own family, and persons other than domestic servants whose income does not exceed an average of thirty shillings a week, and the families of any such persons who may be residing with them.

Restriction  
on displacing  
persons of  
labouring  
class.

12. All the costs, charges and expenses of and incident to the preparing for, obtaining and passing of this Act, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall be paid by the Trustees out of money raised or to be raised by them for the purposes of this Act.

Costs of  
Act.

