



# Crown Lands Act 1851

1851 CHAPTER 42 14 and 15 Vict

An Act to make better Provision for the Management of the Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues of the Crown, and for the Direction of Public Works and Buildings. [1st August 1851]

## Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)
- C2 Preamble (which recites [Crown Lands Act 1829 \(c. 50\)](#), [Crown Lands Act 1832 \(c. 1\)](#), [Crown Lands \(Scotland\) Act 1832 \(c. 112\)](#) and [Crown Lands \(Scotland\) Act 1833 \(c. 69\)](#)) omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1892 \(c. 19\)](#)
- C3 Functions of Commissioners of Woods now exercisable by Crown Estate Commissioners: S.R. & O. 1924/1370 (Rev. V, p. 443: 1924, p. 228), art. 2, [Crown Estate Act 1956 \(c. 73\)](#), [s. 1\(1\)](#) and [Crown Estate Act 1961 \(c. 55\)](#), [s. 1\(1\)](#)
- C4 Functions of Commissioners of Works, except under s. 22 in relation to Kew Gardens, now exercisable by Secretary of State: S.R. & O. 1945/991 (Rev. XV, p. 232: 1945 I, p. 1414), art. 1, [S.I. 1962/1549](#), [art. 2](#), [1969/383](#), art. 2 and [1970/1681](#), art. 2

## Commencement Information

- II Act wholly in force 10.10.1851 by s. 41 (now repealed)

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## Textual Amendments

- F1 [Ss. 1–14, 16–20, 24–41](#) repealed by [Crown Estate Act 1961 \(c. 55\)](#), [Sch. 3 Pt. II](#).

## 15 Appointment of ex-officio Commissioners of Works and Public Buildings.

Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the time being, and the President and Vice President for the time being of the Committee of Council appointed for the consideration of matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, shall by virtue of

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their respective offices be Commissioners of Works <sup>F2</sup> . . . , and shall <sup>F2</sup> . . . be styled “The Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Works and Public Buildings.”

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**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Words repealed by S.I. 1970/1681, art. 5(3), **Sch. 4**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F3** Ss. 1–14, 16–20, 24–41 repealed by Crown Estate Act 1961 (c. 55), **Sch. 3 Pt. II.**

**21 Commissioners of Works, &c. to perform the duties formerly performed by Surveyor General.**

All the duties and powers which would have been performed and exercised by the Surveyor General of Her Majesty’s Works and Public Buildings if the <sup>M1</sup>Crown Lands Act 1832 had not been passed, and the exemptions and privileges which would have been enjoyed by the said Surveyor General if such Act had not been passed, so far as such duties and powers, exemptions and privileges, are not inconsistent with the enactments of this Act, shall be performed, exercised, and enjoyed by such Commissioners of Works; and all Acts of Parliament, deeds, and other instruments, in which the Surveyor General of Works and Public Buildings is mentioned, so far as the said deeds and instruments are now in force, and so far as the enactments of the said Acts are not inconsistent with the enactments of this Act, shall apply to the Commissioners of Works, as if such Commissioners of Works had been originally named or mentioned in such Acts of Parliament, or named or mentioned in or made parties to such deeds and instruments respectively, instead of such Surveyor General.

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C5** S. 21: by Parliamentary Corporate Bodies Act 1992 (c. 27), **s. 7(5)** and S.I. 1992/902, **art.2**, it is provided (1. 4. 1992) that s. 21 shall cease to have effect in relation to the Palace of Westminster.

S. 21: power to delegate functions conferred (E.W.S.) (10.2.1998) by S.I. 1998/215, **art. 2**

**C6** S. 21 restricted (1.4.2012) by Sovereign Grant Act 2011 (c. 15), **ss. 11, 15(1)** (as continued (11.9.2022) by The Sovereign Grant Act 2011 (Duration of Sovereign Grant Provisions) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/954), arts. 1, **2**

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**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1832 c. 1

**[<sup>F4</sup>22 Duties of Commissioners of Woods, &c. in relation to royal parks, &c., and under the Acts in schedule, vested in Commissioners of Works.**

The Commissioners of Works shall perform and exercise the duties and powers of management, and all other duties and powers which, if this Act had not been passed, would have been performed and exercised by the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s

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Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, of and in relation to the royal parks, gardens, and possessions herein-after mentioned; that is to say,

Saint James's,  
Hyde, and Parks,  
Green  
Kensington Gardens,  
Chelsea Garden,  
The Treasury Garden,  
Parliament Square Garden,  
Regent's Park,  
Primrose Hill,  
Victoria Park,  
Battersea Park,  
Greenwich Park,  
Kew Gardens, Pleasure Grounds, and Green,  
Kew and Richmond Roads,  
Hampton Court Gardens, Green, and Road,  
Hampton Court Park,  
Richmond Park and Green,  
Bushey Park,<sup>F5</sup> . . . and  
Holyrood Park;

<sup>F6</sup> . . . . .]

**Textual Amendments**

- F4** S. 22 repealed (N.I.) by [Minerals \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1959 \(c. 17\)](#), **Sch. 4**
- F5** Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1875 \(c. 66\)](#)
- F6** Words in s. 22 repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\)](#), **Sch. 1 Pt. XIII**.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C7** S. 22 modified by [Crown Lands Act 1906 \(c. 28\)](#), **s. 7**; extended by [Crown Estate Act 1961 \(c. 55\)](#), **s 7(1)**
- C8** Functions of Commissioners of Works in relation to Kew Gardens now exercisable by Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food: S.R. & O. 1903/287 (1903 Rev. IX, Parks, p. 1), [Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Act 1903 \(c. 31\)](#), **s. 1(1)**, [Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Act 1919 \(c. 91\)](#), **s. 1(1)** and S.I. 1955/554 (1955 I, p. 1200), art. 3
- C9** S. 22 amended (1.10.2000) by [1999 c. 29, ss. 384\(6\)](#), 425(2); S.I. 2000/801, **art. 2(3)**
- C10** S. 22 amended (16.7.2003) by [The Contracting Out \(Functions in relation to the Management of Crown Lands\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1908\)](#), **art. 2**

**23 Powers as to parts of the parks preserved to Commissioners of Woods &c. under this Act.**

Provided always, that all such houses, gardens, and portions of ground within any of the royal parks herein-before mentioned, as are now leased or agreed to be leased, shall be under the management of the Commissioners of Woods; and all the powers of leasing such parts of Victoria Park and Regent's Park respectively as, if this Act

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had not been passed, might from time to time be leased by the Commissioners of her Majesty’s Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, and all powers in relation to the parts so to be leased, which would have been vested in or might have been exercised by such last-mentioned Commissioners, shall be vested in and may be exercised by the Commissioners of Woods.

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C11** Functions of Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works and Buildings (except those of the First Commissioner) were transferred to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests and Land Revenues by [Crown Lands Act 1851 \(c. 42\), s. 1](#); their title was later shortened to “Commissioners of Woods” by [Crown Lands Act 1885 \(c. 79\), s. 2](#) (repealed)

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**Textual Amendments**

**F7** Ss. 1–14, 16–20, 24–41 repealed by [Crown Estate Act 1961 \(c. 55\), Sch. 3 Pt. II.](#)

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**Textual Amendments**

- F8** Entries repealed by [Crown Estate Act 1961 \(c. 55\), Sch. 3 Pt. II.](#)
- F9** [Sch.](#) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\), Sch. 1, Pt. XIII.](#)

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