



ANNO DECIMO TERTIO & DECIMO QUARTO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

Cap. 3.

An Act to authorize the Purchase by the *Prussian* Minister of a Residence in *England* for the Use of the *Prussian* Legation, and to regulate the future holding of the same. [15th July 1850.]

WHEREAS the Mansion Number 9, *Carlton House Terrace*, with the Coach-house and Stabling in *Carlton Mews*, both in the City of *Westminster*, held therewith, and other the Appurtenances thereto belonging, have been for some Time past used for the Residence of his Excellency the Chevalier *Christian Charles Bunsen*, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the King of *Prussia*, and for the Purposes of the *Prussian* Legation in this Country, such Premises being Leasehold Property held of the Crown of *England* for certain long Terms of Years existing therein, and granted to the late *James Alexander* Esquire: And whereas the said Mansion and Premises with the Fixtures and Furniture therein, and also the Right to certain Pews in *Saint Philip's* Church, usually attached to the said Mansion, having been recently offered for Sale, the said *Christian Charles Bunsen*, for and on behalf and by the Command of His said Majesty the King of *Prussia*, has entered into Negotiations and Arrangements

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Power to the
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for purchasing the same, in order that such Mansion and Premises may continue to be held and used for the Purposes to which the same are now and have been applied in manner aforesaid, and the said *Christian Charles Bunsen* is desirous that such Mansion, Hereditaments, and Premises should be assured to and vested in him, or other the Nominee or Nominees for the Time being of His said Majesty, in trust for such Purposes as aforesaid and otherwise as herein-after mentioned: And whereas the said *Christian Charles Bunsen* is not a natural-born Subject of Her most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and such contemplated Purchase and Assurance cannot therefore legally take place and be made so as to effect the Purposes aforesaid 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 it shall be lawful for the said Chevalier *Christian Charles Bunsen*, or other the Person or Persons for the Time being nominated and appointed by His Majesty the King of *Prussia*, His Successors or Assigns, in that Behalf as herein-after mentioned, forthwith, or at any Time or Times hereafter, to purchase and take of and from the legal Representatives or Representative of the late *James Alexander* Esquire, and their or his Mortgagees or Mortgagee, or other the Persons or Person, Bodies Politic and Corporate, competent and willing to sell and assure the same, all that Messuage or Mansion situate and being Number 9, *Carlton House Terrace*, in the City of *Westminster*, with the Ground, Outbuildings, Rights of Way, and other Rights and Appurtenances thereto belonging, and all other (if any) the Premises comprised in and demised by a certain Indenture of Lease dated on or about the Third Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, and expressed to be made between the King's most Excellent Majesty of the First Part, the Right Honourable *John William Ponsonby*, commonly called Viscount *Duncannon*, *William Dacres Adams* Esquire, and Sir *Benjamin Charles Stephenson*, Major General in His Majesty's Army and Knight Commissioner of the Royal *Hanoverian Guelphic* Order, (Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings,) of the Second Part, and the said *James Alexander*, described as of *Carlton House Terrace*, within the Liberty of *Westminster* in the County of *Middlesex*, Esquire, of the Third Part, whereby the same Premises were expressed to be demised to the said *James Alexander*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, from the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, for the Term of Ninety-nine Years thence next ensuing, at the yearly Rents payable to the King's Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the same, and subject to the Covenants and Provisions

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Provisions therein contained, and on the Part of the Lessee or Assignee thereunder to be observed and performed; and also all those Coach-houses, Stables, and other Buildings situate and being in *Carlton Mews* in the said City of *Westminster*, with the Ground and Rights of Way, and other Rights and Appurtenances thereto belonging, and which said last-mentioned Premises are and have been usually occupied and enjoyed with the said Messuage or Mansion, and all other (if any) the Premises comprised in and demised by a certain Indenture of Lease dated on or about the Fifth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, and expressed to be made between the King's most Excellent Majesty of the First Part, the Right Honourable Sir *John Cam Hobhouse* Baronet, the said Sir *Benjamin Charles Stephenson* and *Alexander Milne* Esquire, as such Commissioners as aforesaid, of the Second Part, and the said *James Alexander* of the Third Part, whereby the last-mentioned Premises were demised to the said *James Alexander*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, from the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty, for the Term of Ninety-six Years and the Half of another Year thence next ensuing, at the yearly Rents payable to the King's Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the same, and subject to the Covenants and Provisions therein contained, and on the Part of the Lessee or Assignee thereunder written to be observed and performed, and also all or any Fixtures, Fittings, and Furniture in or about the said respective Premises, and also all those Three several Pews in the Gallery of the Church of *Saint Philip* now and usually occupied and enjoyed together with the said Messuage or Mansion, with the Rights and Appurtenances thereto belonging, or any Part or Parts of the same several Hereditaments and Premises, and all and every or any Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand whatsoever in and to the said several Hereditaments and Premises so hereby authorized to be purchased as aforesaid, at or for the Price or Sum of Seventeen thousand Pounds, the present arranged Purchase Money for the same, or otherwise as can or shall be arranged with reference to such Purchase, and also to take an Assignment or Assignments, or other Assurance or Assurances, of the same purchased Hereditaments and Premises to the said *Christian Charles Bunsen*, or other such Person or Persons so nominated and appointed as aforesaid, his or their respective Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, according to the Nature and Tenure thereof respectively, for all or any Estate, Term or Terms of Years, or other Interest subsisting therein, and to enter into and give, and also to receive and take, all usual and necessary Covenants, Provisoes, and Agreements relative thereto, with full Benefit thereof, both at Law and in Equity.

II. And be it enacted, That all and singular the Hereditaments and Premises to be purchased and acquired in pursuance of the Power in that

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that Behalf hereby given shall be held thereafter by the Person or Persons in whom the same shall become vested pursuant to this Act in trust for His Majesty the King of *Prussia*, His Successors and Assigns, and to be disposed of as He or They shall direct, but nevertheless to be in the meantime held and used as a Residence for the Envoy, Ambassador, Chargé des Affaires, or other accredited Minister for the Time being of or from His said Majesty or His Successors to the *British* Court, and for the Purposes of the *Prussian* Legation in this Country, and for the Enjoyment, Convenience, and carrying out of such Residence and Purposes.

Power to
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Premises for
others, to be
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III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for such Person or Persons in whom the said Hereditaments and Premises, or any Part thereof, shall become vested pursuant to this Act, from Time to Time, or at any Time or Times, by the Direction of His said Majesty, to exchange the said Hereditaments and Premises so hereby authorized to be purchased, or any Part or Parts thereof, for any other Hereditaments and Premises in *England*, of the same or any other Tenure, to be vested and held in the like Manner, and for the like Trust and Purposes, and subject to the like Powers as herein expressed and declared of and concerning the Hereditaments and Premises so hereby authorized to be given in exchange: Provided always, that any such Hereditaments and Premises so hereby authorized to be taken in exchange shall be, in the Judgment of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs for the Time being, signified by Writing under his Hand, fit and proper to be held upon such Trust and for such Purposes as aforesaid.

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Power to sell
the Premises.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for such Person or Persons in whom any Hereditaments and Premises hereby authorized to be taken and held as aforesaid shall be vested pursuant to this Act, at any Time or Times, by the Direction of His said Majesty, to make Sale and dispose of the same Hereditaments and Premises, or any Part or Parts thereof, either together or in Lots, and either by public Auction or private Contract, for such Price or Prices, and under and subject to such Conditions and Stipulations as to Title, Assurance, or otherwise, as such Person or Persons may think proper with reference to the Circumstances of the Case, with full Power to him or them to buy in the same or any Part or Parts thereof at any Sale by Auction, and to rescind or vary any Contract for the Sale thereof, and afterwards to re-sell the same in manner aforesaid, and also to commence, prosecute, make, enter into, and execute all such Actions, Suits, Contracts, Assurances, Covenants, and Stipulations as may be necessary or deemed expedient for enforcing and carrying into effect any such Sale,

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Sale, and assuring the Property thereby sold, and otherwise with reference thereto.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Person or Persons in whom the same Property shall be vested as aforesaid, during any Suspense of, or in the Application and carrying into effect of, the Trusts and Purposes herein-before contained and declared concerning the same, and until such Sale thereof shall have been made as aforesaid by such Direction as herein-before mentioned, to demise or agree to demise all or any Part of the said Property for any Term or Terms of Years, or by the Year, or for any shorter Period, and either with or without taking any Fine or Premium, and for such Rent or Rents, and upon such Terms and Conditions, as he or they shall think expedient, and afterwards to sell the same Property, subject to such Demise or Demises or Agreement or Agreements in manner herein-before mentioned.

Power to lease the same whilst not actually used for Purposes aforesaid.

VI. And be it enacted, That upon any such Sale or Demise herein-before authorized to be made the Purchase Money, Fine, Premium, Rents, and Profits to arise thereby shall, after Payment of all Expenses incidental to such Sale or Demise, and the Recovery and Receipt of such Monies, and other the Purposes of the Trust, be held in trust for His said Majesty the King of *Prussia*, His Successors and Assigns, and be paid and disposed of as He or They shall direct.

All Monies arising therefrom to be in trust for the King of *Prussia*.

VII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for His said Majesty the King of *Prussia*, His Successors or Assigns, from Time to Time or at any Time or Times hereafter, to nominate and appoint any Person or Persons whom He or They may think fit, in whom the said Property or any Part thereof shall be vested, in manner, upon the Trust, and for the Purposes aforesaid, and that upon any such Nomination and Appointment the Person or Persons in whom such Trust Property shall be then invested shall forthwith thereafter assign, assure, or make over the same to the Person or Persons so nominated and appointed as last aforesaid, to the Intent that such last-mentioned Person or Persons may hold the same thenceforth upon Trust and for the Purposes herein-before mentioned, and that such last-mentioned Person or Persons shall thereafter have and exercise all the Powers and Authorities hereby given and conferred respecting the Trust Property to or on the Person or Persons in whom the same shall be vested for the Time being as aforesaid.

Power to appoint Trustees of Premises from Time to Time.

VIII. And be it enacted, That every Direction, Nomination, and Appointment to be given or made by His said Majesty the King of *Prussia*, His Successors or Assigns, pursuant to this Act, shall or may be so made or given under His or Their Sign Manual, or in such other Manner as He or They shall from Time to Time think fit, but that no

Nomination, &c. to be given under Sign Manual, but not so as to prejudice Parties dealing with the Property.

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Purchaser or Lessee of the Trust Property or any Part thereof under this Act, or other Party dealing with the Person or Persons in whom such Property or any Part thereof shall for the Time being be vested under this Act, shall be bound to ascertain or inquire whether any such Direction, Nomination, or Appointment shall have been made or given as aforesaid, or be affected or prejudiced, although the same shall not have been so made or given.

Receipts of Trustees under this Act to be good Discharges.

IX. And be it enacted, That the Receipt or Receipts of the Person or Persons in whom the said Trust Property or any Part thereof shall for the Time being be vested in manner aforesaid shall be a good and effectual Release and Discharge for all and singular the Purchase or other Monies, Rents, and Profits which shall come to their or his Hands by virtue of or under this Act, or the Trusts, Powers, or Authorities herein declared, contained, or given, or for so much of such Monies, Rents, and Profits as in such Receipt or Receipts shall be acknowledged to be received; and that the Person or Persons paying any such Monies, Rents, and Profits, and taking such Receipt or Receipts for the same as aforesaid, shall not afterwards be obliged to see to the Application, or be in anywise answerable or accountable for the Misapplication or Nonapplication thereof, or of any Part thereof, notwithstanding any Trust or other Matter herein declared or contained.

Trustees to be indemnified from Expenses in execution of Trusts.

X. And be it enacted, That the Trustees or Trustee under this Act for the Time being shall be answerable for their own respective Acts, Receipts, Neglects, and Defaults only, and not for any Loss or Damage which may happen in the Execution of any of the aforesaid Trusts or Powers, or in relation thereto, unless the same shall happen by or through their own wilful Neglect or Default respectively; and also that they respectively shall and may, by and out of the Monies which shall come to their respective Hands under the Trusts or Powers aforesaid, retain to and reimburse themselves respectively, and allow to their Co-trustee or Co-trustees, all Losses, Costs, Damages, and Expenses which they respectively shall sustain, expend, or be put unto on account or in consequence of the Trusts or Powers hereby or hereunder in them or him reposed, or the Management and Execution thereof, or otherwise howsoever relating thereto.

Deeds transferring the Property under this Act to be enrolled in Chancery.

XI. And be it enacted, That every Deed whereby the Property hereby authorized to be purchased and held as aforesaid, or any Part thereof, shall become vested in any Person or Persons pursuant to this Act in trust and for the Purposes aforesaid shall be enrolled in Her Majesty's High Court of Chancery within Six Calendar Months next after the Date thereof, or otherwise shall be void to all Interests and Purposes whatsoever.

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XII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said *Christian Charles Bunsen*, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, or other the Person or Persons in whom the said Mansion, Ground, Buildings, Effects, and Premises, or other the Hereditaments and Premises hereby authorized to be purchased or taken in Exchange, or any Part thereof, shall be or become vested pursuant to the Provisions of this Act, to take, hold, and lawfully use and enjoy the same in trust and for the Purposes aforesaid, although he or they or any of them is or are or shall be an Alien or Aliens, and not a natural-born Subject or natural-born Subjects of Her Majesty or Her Successors, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes, and with the same Rights, Remedies, Exemptions, and Privileges, except the Right to vote at Elections for Members of Parliament, as if he or they were a natural-born Subject or natural-born Subjects of the United Kingdom, and without incurring, sustaining, or being subject to any Escheat, Forfeiture, Penalty, or other like Proceeding, or any Process to enforce the same, thereby or in consequence thereof, the Prerogatives of the Crown, or any Law, Custom, or Usage of the Realm, in anywise notwithstanding.

Aliens to be competent to accept Trusts under this Act.

XIII. Saving always to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and to all and every other Person or Persons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, his, her, and their Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, all such Estate, Right, Title, Claim, and Demand whatsoever in, to, or out of the same Premises as they, every or any of them, might have had in case this Act had not passed, other than and except such Escheat, Forfeiture, Proceedings, or Process, Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand, to, in, by, or on the Part of Her said Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, or in or by any other Person or Persons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, as by this Act expressly or by Inference waived, released, or given up, or authorized to be sold, assured, and disposed of, and as shall be sold, assured, or disposed of accordingly.

General Saving of Rights.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be printed by the several Printers to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty duly authorized to print the Statutes of the United Kingdom, and a Copy thereof so printed by any of them shall be admitted as Evidence thereof by all Judges, Justices, and others.

Act as printed by Queen's Printers to be Evidence.

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