

Crown Lands Act 1936

1936 CHAPTER 47

PART I

EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT OF THE PUBLIC OFFICES (SITES) ACT, 1912

1 Vesting of additional lands and consideration to be paid therefor

- (1) All the estate and interest of His Majesty in the additional lands or any part thereof shall on the appointed day vest in the Commissioners of Works subject to any outstanding leases.
- (2) The consideration payable to His Majesty for his estate and interest in the additional lands or any part thereof (in this section referred to as " the consideration") shall be such amount as may be agreed upon between the Treasury and the Commissioners of Crown Lands, or, in default of agreement between them, such amount as may be fixed by a surveyor appointed for the purpose by the Treasury.
- (3) The amount of the consideration shall be ascertained as soon as may be after the appointed day, and shall be deemed to have become due on that day and shall, as from that day, carry interest at such rate as may be agreed upon between the Treasury and the Commissioners of Crown Lands or, in default of agreement, at such rate as may be fixed by the Governor for the time being of the Bank of England.
- (4) The amount of the consideration together with the interest thereon shall be paid to the Commissioners of Crown Lands by means of sixty equal half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined, and the first of those instalments shall be payable on the expiration of six months from the appointed day:
 - Provided that, if the Treasury so direct, the amount of the consideration payable to His Majesty for his estate and interest in any lands transferred or agreed to be transferred under this Act by the Commissioners of Works to the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, together with the interest thereon, shall be paid in one sum on such date as the Treasury may direct.
- (5) So much of every sum paid to the Commissioners of Crown Lands under this section as represents principal shall be carried to the account of the capital of the land revenues

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of the Crown and applied accordingly, and so much of every sum so paid as represents interest shall be treated as annual income of the land revenues of the Crown and applied accordingly.

- (6) If the moneys provided by Parliament for the service of the Commissioners of Works are insufficient for the payment of the sums payable by them under this section, the amount by which the said moneys are so insufficient shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom or the growing produce thereof.
- (7) The Apportionment Act, 1870, shall apply in relation to any rents payable in respect of any lands vested in the Commissioners of Works by virtue of this Part of this Act, and those rents, if accruing due before the appointed day, shall be payable to the Commissioners of Crown Lands and, if accruing due after that day, shall be payable to the Commissioners of Works.
- (8) The Commissioners of Works shall pay all costs and expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Crown Lands in relation to the valuation and vesting of the additional lands or any part thereof under this Part of this Act.
- (9) For the purposes of this section the expression " the appointed day" means such date as may be appointed by agreement between the Commissioners of Crown Lands and the Commissioners of Works or, in default of such agreement, such date as may be appointed by the Treasury:

Provided that different dates may be appointed as aforesaid as respects different parts of the additional lands, and, if different dates are so appointed, the expression "the appointed day" in relation to any part of those lands shall mean the date so appointed as respects that part.

2 Extinction of certain rights and duties in respect of Richmond Terrace, Whitehall Gardens, &c

(1) As from the date on which any part of Richmond Terrace or of the Richmond Terrace lands or of Richmond Mews is vested in the Commissioners of Works under this Act, all the rights, powers, duties and obligations of the Paving Commissioners in relation to that part of the said Terrace, lands or Mews shall, notwithstanding anything contained in the enactments set out in Part I of the First Schedule to this Act, cease to be exercisable or to be performed by the Paving Commissioners:

Provided that—

- (a) if, on the date on which the premises known as Nos. 4 and 5 Richmond Terrace or the premises known as Nos. 4 and 5 Richmond Mews are vested in the Commissioners of Works, the lease of those premises now outstanding has not been determined, the provisions of this subsection shall not have effect as respects those premises until the day after the day on which the said lease is determined; and
- (b) if, on the date on which any part of the Richmond Terrace lands is vested in the Commissioners of Works, the said lease has not been determined, the provisions of this subsection shall not have effect as respects that part of those lands so long as the lessee has any estate or interest in that part of those lands.
- (2) As from the date on which the site of any part of any carriageway or footway appurtenant to Richmond Terrace or Richmond Mews is vested in the Commissioners of Works, all the rights, powers, duties and obligations of the Paving Commissioners and of the Council of the City of Westminster in relation to that part of that carriageway

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or footway, and in relation to any part of that carriageway or footway lying to the east of the part whereof the site is so vested shall, notwithstanding anything contained in the enactments set out in Parts I and II of the First Schedule to this Act, cease to be exercisable or to be performed by the Paving Commissioners and the said Council, and the Commissioners of Works shall have power to stop up any such part as aforesaid of that carriageway or footway:

Provided that if, on the date on which the site of any part of any such carriageway or footway lying opposite or to the west of any part of the premises mentioned in proviso (a) to the last foregoing subsection is vested in the Commissioners of Works, the lease aforesaid has not been determined, the provisions of this subsection shall not have effect as respects that part of that carriageway or footway, until the day after the day on which the said lease is determined.

- (3) In lieu of the power to divert and alter part of the highway known as Whitehall Gardens conferred on the Commissioners of Works by subsection (3) of section five of the principal Act, those Commissioners shall have power, at any time after the date of vesting of the northern lands, to stop up the whole of the said highway.
- (4) As from the date on which the power conferred by this section to stop up any highway or any part of any carriageway or footway is exercised, all rights of laying down or continuing any pipes, sewers, drains, electric wires or cables or other apparatus on or under, and all public rights of way over that highway or that part of that carriageway or footway shall be extinguished:

Provided that, subject to any agreement between the Commissioners of Works and the London County Council, this subsection shall not apply to any sewer of that Council.

3 Powers and expenses of Commissioners of Works, &c

- (1) The Commissioners of Works may erect all such buildings, execute all such works and do all such other things as may in their opinion be necessary or proper for the purpose of providing new buildings for public offices or offices for the metropolitan police on the lands vested in them under this Part of this Act, or for the purpose of adapting those lands for use in connection with such offices and appropriating such lands for the purpose.
- (2) Any lands vested in the Commissioners of Works under this Part of this Act, together with any buildings thereon may, with the consent of the Treasury, be transferred by the Commissioners of Works to the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District for such consideration and on such conditions as may be agreed upon between them.
- (3) All expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Works under this Part of this Act shall, so far as provision is not otherwise made for them, be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament.
- (4) The provisions of the Commissioners of Works Act, 1852, and any Act amending that Act, shall apply in relation to land vested in the Commissioners of Works by virtue of this Part of this Act in like manner as they apply in relation to land vested in or purchased by the Commissioners under that Act:
 - Provided that, except as provided by subsection (2) of this section, the Commissioners of Works shall not without the consent of the Commissioners of Crown Lands sell or exchange any estate or interest which is vested in them by virtue of this Part of this Act.

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(5) The sealed map shall be deposited as soon as may be after the passing of this Act in the Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments, and a copy thereof shall be kept at their respective offices by the Commissioners of Crown Lands and the Commissioners of Works.

4 Amendments as to consideration for the northern lands

Section three of the principal Act shall have effect subject to the following amendments:—

- (a) the amount of the consideration payable to His Majesty for his estate and interest in the northern lands (which was to be ascertained in pursuance of the said section as soon as might be after the passing of that Act) shall be ascertained as soon as may be after the date of vesting of those lands, and subsection (1) of the said section three shall have effect as if the words from "The amount of the consideration" to the end of the subsection were omitted therefrom;
- (b) the said amount shall, instead of carrying interest as from the date of vesting at the rate of three and one-half per centum per annum, carry interest as from that date at such rate as may be agreed upon between the Treasury and the Commissioners of Crown Lands or, in default of agreement between them, at such rate as may be fixed by the Governor for the time being of the Bank of England.