



Defence Act 1860

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An Act to make better Provision for acquiring Lands for the Defence of the Realm. [28th August 1860]

WHEREAS the Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty to inquire into the State, Condition, and Sufficiency of the Fortifications existing for the Defence of the United Kingdom have recommended the Construction of certain Works of Defence for the Protection of the Royal Arsenal and Dockyards and the Ports of *Dover* and *Portland*, and of certain other Works; and it will be necessary to acquire considerable Portions of Land for the Construction of such of the Works so recommended as Parliament has provided or shall provide Money for constructing, and also for the Erection and Establishment of a Central Depôt or Arsenal; and it may be necessary that certain Lands in the Vicinity of the said Fortifications and Works which may not be required for the Construction of any of the said Works should be kept free from Buildings and other Obstructions : And whereas it is expedient that the Powers herein-after contained should be given for effecting the Purposes aforesaid:

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 :

Ascertaining the Lands to be taken or to be kept free from Buildings

I Lands to be taken and Lands to be kept free from Buildings to be ascertained by Declaration of Secretary for War.

On or before the Thirty-first Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, the Lands required to be taken absolutely for the Construction of the said Works and Depôt or Arsenal, and the Lands in the Vicinity of the Fortifications and Works aforesaid, which are required to be kept free from Buildings and other Obstructions shall be ascertained by a Declaration or Declarations to be at any Time, or from Time to Time, made and signed by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department.

II Declaration, what to show.

Every such Declaration shall specify and show, with the Aid of a Map or Plan thereto annexed constructed on a Scale of not less than Six Inches to a Mile, the Lands to which the same relates, and shall distinguish what Lands are required to be taken absolutely and what Lands are required to be kept free from Buildings and other Obstructions.

III Restriction on taking of certain Descriptions of Property.

Part only of any Garden, Orchard, Nursery Ground, Yard, Paddock, Plantation, planted Walk, or Avenue appurtenant to and used and enjoyed as such with any House before the affixing as herein-after provided of Notice of any Declaration in relation thereto under this Act, shall not be taken from any Party if such Party be willing and able to sell the whole.

IV Copy of Declaration, &c. to be deposited with Clerks of the Peace, &c.

The said Secretary of State shall, within Three Months after the making of any such Declaration, cause Copies thereof, and of the Map or Plan thereto annexed, to be deposited as herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,)

There shall be deposited at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for every County in which any Lands to which any such Declaration relates are situate, a Copy of such Declaration, and of the Map or Plan thereto annexed :

There shall also be deposited with the Parish Clerk of every Parish in *England*, or in the Case of an Extra-parochial Place, with the Parish Clerk of some Parish immediately adjoining thereto, and with the Clerk of the Union within which any Parish is included in *Ireland*, a Copy of so much of every such Declaration, and of the Map or Plan thereto annexed, as relates to any Lands situate in such Parish or Extra-parochial Place.

V Clerks of the Peace, &c. to receive and hold Copies so deposited as under 7 W.4 & 1 Vict. c.83.

All Clerks of the Peace, Parish Clerks, and Clerks of Unions shall receive and retain the Copies deposited with them as aforesaid, and permit all Persons interested to inspect the same, and make Extracts or Copies therefrom, in the like Manner, and upon the like Terms, and under the like Penalty for Default, as provided by in Act passed in the Session holden in the Seventh Year of King *William* the Fourth and First Year of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act to compel Clerks of the Peace for Counties and other Persons to take the Custody of such Documents as shall be directed to be deposited with them under the Standing Orders of either House of Parliament*, with respect to Plans directed to be so deposited by the Standing Orders of either House of Parliament.

VI Notices to be affixed on Church Doors.

The said Secretary of State shall, within Three Months after the making of any such Declaration as aforesaid, cause Notice thereof to be affixed in some public and conspicuous Situation, on the Outside of the outer Door or outer Wall near the Door of every Church and Public Chapel (including Places of Public Worship not belonging to the Established Church) in the Parishes or Places in *England*, or in the usual Places for posting Public Notices in the Baronies, Cities, Towns, or Boroughs in *Ireland*, wherein the Lands comprised in such Declaration respectively lie:

Such Notice shall state the Fact of such Declaration having been made as aforesaid under this Act, and the Places where Copies of the said Declaration and of the Map or Plan thereto annexed, so far as the same affect Lands in such respective Parishes or Places, Baronies, Cities, Towns, or Boroughs, have been deposited as herein-before required.

Notices of Lands required to be taken or to be kept free from Buildings

VII Notices to Owners, &c. of Land.

The said Secretary of State shall, within Six Months after the making of any such Declaration, cause such Notice or Notices in Writing as herein-after mentioned to be served in manner hereinafter provided on the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of the Lands to which such Declaration relates.

VIII Contents of such Notice.

Every, such-Notice shall specify the Lands required to be taken or to be kept free from Buildings and other Obstructions (as the Case may be), and the Places where Copies of the Declaration relating thereto have been deposited as herein-before required:

Every such Notice shall also state that the said Secretary of State is willing to treat as to the Compensation to be paid for such Lands, or (in the Case of Lands required to be kept free from Buildings) as to the Compensation to be paid for the Damage to be sustained by reason of the Restraints under this Act on the Exercise of the Right of Building and other Rights incident to the Ownership of such. Lands, and by reason of the Execution under the Powers of this Act of any intended Works specified in such Notice;

And every such Notice shall demand from the Party to whom the same is given the Particulars of the Estate and Interest of such Party in the Lands, and of the Claims made by such Party in respect thereof, stating therein the Amount which such Party may be willing to receive as Compensation for his Estate and Interest, or for any Damage in respect thereof referred to in such Notice.

IX How Notices to be given.

Every such Notice shall be served personally on the said Parties, or left at their last usual Places of Abode, if any such can after diligent Inquiry be found, and in case any of such Parties be absent from the United Kingdom, or cannot be found after diligent Inquiry, shall be addressed to such Party and left with the Occupier of the Lands, or, if there be no such Occupier, affixed upon some conspicuous Part of such Lands :

If any of such Parties be a Corporation Aggregate such Notice shall be left at the principal Office of such Corporation, or, if no such Office can after diligent Inquiry be found, such Notice shall be served on some principal Member, if any, of such Corporation, and a Duplicate of the Notice shall be addressed to such Corporation and left with the Occupier of the Lands, or, if there be no such Occupier, affixed upon some conspicuous Part of such Lands.

Determination of the Amount of Compensation by Agreement

X Amount of Compensation may be determined by Agreement.

The Amount of Compensation to be paid for any Lands required to be taken, and the Amount of Compensation to be paid in respect of any Damage sustained by reason of such Restraints as aforesaid, or by reason of the Execution of any Works in or over any Lands required to be kept free from Buildings, may be determined by Agreement between the said Secretary of State and all Parties having any Estate or Interest in such Lands respectively.

XI Corporations, Tenants for Life, Trustees, Committees, &c. empowered to agree.

All Corporations and all Feoffees or Trustees for Charitable or other Purposes of any Lands required to be taken or to be kept free from Buildings, and all Tenants for Life and Tenants in Tail of any such Lands, and the Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Committees, and Attorneys of such of the Owners of or other Persons interested in any such Lands as may be Femes Covert, Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, or beyond the Seas, or otherwise incapable of acting for themselves, may agree with the said Secretary of State as to the Amount of such Compensation to be paid for any such Lands, or any Damage sustained in respect thereof:

All Agreements made and Acts done by such Corporations and Persons respectively in relation to such Compensation shall be valid and effectual in Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Determination of Amount of Compensation otherwise than by Agreement

XII How Compensation to be settled in case of Neglect to treat.

If for Fourteen Days after the Service of any such Notice as aforesaid any Party on whom the same is served fail to state the Particulars of his Claim in respect of any Lands to which such Notice relates, or to treat with the said Secretary of State as to the Amount of Compensation to be paid to such Party or which he is empowered to agree upon,

Or if the said Secretary of State and such Party do not within such Fourteen Days agree as to the Amount of such Compensation,

Such Amount shall be settled by a Jury in like Manner as if the same were Compensation for Lands surveyed and marked out under the Act of the Session holden in the Fifth and Sixth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Ninety-Four, herein-after referred to as "The Defence Act, 1842," as amended by the Act of the Session holden in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and seventeen.

XIII Provision where Compensation claimed is under 200l.

Provided always, That if the Compensation claimed do not exceed Two hundred Pounds, the same shall be settled by Two Justices, in manner following; that is to say, it shall be lawful for any Justice, upon the Application of either Party, to summon the other Party to appear before Two Justices at a Time and Place to be named in the Summons, and upon the Appearance of the Parties, or, in the Absence of either of them, upon Proof of due Service of the Summons, it shall be lawful for such Justices

to determine such Amount, and for that Purpose to examine the Claimant and the Witnesses of the Parties upon Oath.

XIV Compensation to absent Parties to be settled by a Surveyor to be appointed by Two Justices.

Where by reason of Absence from the United Kingdom any Party is prevented from treating, or cannot after diligent Inquiry be found, the Amount of such Compensation shall be determined by Valuation in manner following; that is to say, the said Secretary of State shall make Application to Two Justices and upon Proof satisfactory to them that any such Party is by reason of Absence from the Kingdom prevented from treating, or cannot after diligent Inquiry be found, such Justices shall, by Writing under their Hands, nominate a competent Surveyor for determining the Amount of such Compensation as aforesaid, and such Surveyor shall determine the same accordingly, and shall annex to his Valuation a Declaration in Writing subscribed by him of the Correctness thereof.

XV Surveyor acting corruptly to be guilty of a Misdemeanor.

If any Surveyor wilfully and corruptly make any incorrect or false Valuation, or wilfully and corruptly act in the Matter hereof, he shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor.

XVI Valuation to be preserved and produced on Demand.

The said Nomination shall be annexed to the Valuation to be made by such Surveyor, and shall be preserved together therewith by the said Secretary of State, who shall at all Times produce the said Valuation and other Documents, on Demand, to all Parties interested in the Lands comprised therein.

XVII Damage may be ascertained when Works done.

Where any Damage has been sustained by reason of any Works authorized by this Act in or upon Lands required to be kept free from Buildings and other Obstructions, in respect of which Works Compensation has not been agreed upon, awarded, or otherwise ascertained prospectively, Compensation shall be paid in respect thereof when the Works have been done, such Compensation to be determined in like Manner as other Compensation under this Act, or as near thereto as Circumstances admit.

XVIII In estimating Damage from Works regard to be had to Advantages derived.

In determining the Amount of Compensation in respect of Damage sustained By reason of any such Works, regard shall be had to any Increase in the Extent of Land capable of being brought under Cultivation by Removal of Banks, Fences, Hedges, and Ditches, and to any improved Drainage and other Advantages derived from any such Works.

XIX Where any Agreement in restraint of Building exists, regard to be had thereto in estimating Compensation.

Where any Covenant or Agreement has been entered into with the principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance or with the said Secretary of State in restraint of the Right to build on any Lands, and such Covenant or Agreement is legally or equitably

binding on the Owner of the Lands, regard shall be had in ascertaining the Amount of Compensation to be paid under this Act for or in respect of such Lands (whether the same are required to be taken absolutely or are required to be kept free from Buildings) to the existing Restriction arising out of such Covenant or Agreement,

Payment and Application of Compensation in certain Cases

XX Provision for Payment and Application of Compensation Money in certain Cases.

Any Compensation payable under this Act, for or in respect of any Lands, or any Interest therein, taken from or holden by any Owner who by reason of Absence is prevented from treating as aforesaid, or who cannot after diligent Inquiry be found, or who refuses to accept such Compensation, or neglects or fails to make out a Title to such Lands or the Interest therein claimed by such Owner to the Satisfaction of the said Secretary of State ;

And any Compensation payable for or in respect of any Lands or any Interest therein taken from or holden by any Corporation or Person not having, independently of this Act and The Defence Act, 1842, as amended as aforesaid, Power to agree as to the Amount of such Compensation, or to sell and convey such Lands or such Interest,

Shall be paid and applied in manner directed by the Sections numbered Twenty-five to Thirty of The Defence Act, 1842 (and with regard to *England*), as amended by Section Eight of the Act of the Session holden in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Twenty-one, as if the said Sections expressly extended to the said Compensation.

XXI On Payment into Court of Compensation, an Addition to be made to meet future Expenses.

Where any Compensation is required to be paid into the Bank of *England* or *Ireland* under this Act, there shall be added thereto a Sum of Thirty Pounds as an Equivalent for the Expenses consequent upon such Pay such Compensation, with such additional Sum (which shall be deemed Part of such Compensation), being so paid, the said Secretary of State shall be discharged from all Liability in respect thereof, and the Court of Chancery may allot to any Tenant for Life, or for any other partial or qualified Estate in respect of any Expenses of Investment incurred by him, any Portion of any such Compensation which the Court may deem just.

XXII Provision for Payment into Court on failure for Three Months after Compensation ascertained to deduce a Title.

The said Secretary of State may in any Case at or after the Expiration of Three Months from the Time at which the Compensation for any Lands has been agreed upon or otherwise ascertained, if the Owner thereof have not in the meantime made out a Title thereto to the Satisfaction of the said Secretary of State, pay such Compensation, without such Addition as aforesaid, into the Bank of *England* or *Ireland* in manner herein-before referred to, and such Payment shall discharge the said Secretary of State from all Liability in respect of the Money so paid:

Provided always, that the Court of Chancery may, upon Application for Payment of such Money to the Party entitled, in case the Court be of Opinion that there was no

unreasonable Delay in deducing the Title, or that a good Title was shown, order all or any Costs occasioned by such Payment into Court to be paid by the said Secretary of State.

XXIII Orders concerning Money paid into Court may be made at Chambers.

All Orders and Directions in relation to any Money paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery under this Act, or the Securities in or upon which the same may be invested, or the Dividends or Interest on such Money and Securities, which under the said Acts the Court of Chancery is empowered to make or give, on Motion or Petition, may be made or given by the Master of the Rolls or any of the Vice-Chancellors while sitting at Chambers, upon Summons, in like Manner as in other Cases in which Proceedings may be so had before the Master of the Rolls and Vice-Chancellor, subject, nevertheless, to any General Rules and Orders which may hereafter be made concerning the Practice, Proceedings, or Business of the said Court.

Provisions as to Costs

XXIV Costs of and incident to Agreements, &c. under this Act to be borne by Secretary of State.

The Costs of and incident to any Agreement with the said Secretary of State under this Act concerning the Compensation to be paid for or in respect of any Lands taken or affected under the Provisions of this Act and the Costs of the Deduction and Verification of Title shall be paid by the said Secretary of State: all which Costs shall be taxed by One of the Taxing Masters of the Court of Chancery in *England* or *Ireland* (according to the Situation of the Lands) upon the Request and at the Expense of the said Secretary of State.

XXV Provision for Costs when Amount of Compensation is determined by a Jury or Justices.

In case any Jury give a Verdict or Assessment for more Compensation for any Lands or any Interest therein or any Damage than was offered for the same by the said Secretary of State, or for any Amount of Compensation where no Offer of any Compensation was made, then all the reasonable Costs and Expenses of and incident to the Settlement of the Amount of such Compensation by a Jury shall be paid by the said Secretary of State, such Costs to be settled upon the Request of the said Secretary of State by One of the Masters of the Court of Queen's Bench in *England* or *Ireland*, according to the Situation of the Lands :

But in every Case in which the Jury shall be of opinion that the Statement delivered by the Claimant of the Manner in which any Amount demanded as Compensation has been computed and made up did not give sufficient Particulars to enable the said Secretary of State to make a proper Offer, and in every other Case in which the Jury give a Verdict or Assessment for the same or a less Sum than was offered by the said Secretary of State, or in case no Damage be found by the Jury where the Question is as to Damage only, or where the summoning a Jury arose from a Refusal to state or demand any Amount of Compensation, then and in every such Case all such Costs and Expenses to be settled in manner aforesaid shall be paid to the said Secretary of State by the Body or Person claiming the Compensation or refusing to state or demand

any Amount of Compensation; and all Costs and Expenses payable hereunder to the said Secretary of State shall be retained out of the Compensation (if any) given by the Verdict or Assessment of the Jury ;

The foregoing Provisions as to Costs in the Case of the Determination of any Question as to Compensation by a Jury shall be applicable also where such Question is determined by Justices.

Apportionment and Release of Rents and Incumbrances

XXVI Provision for Apportionment of Rents and Incumbrances.

If Part only of any Lands comprised in any Lease or Mortgage, or otherwise subject to any Rent Service or other Rent, or any annual or .other Payment or Incumbrance, be taken under this Act, such Rent, Payment, or Incumbrance may be apportioned by Agreement between the Parties entitled thereto and to the Lands subject thereto and the said Secretary of State, or in case no such Agreement be made, the same may be apportioned by the Jury or Justices by whom the Compensation payable in respect of the Part of the said Lands taken by the said Secretary of State is determined, or if not so determined, may be determined by Two Justices, as herein provided in certain Cases of Compensation:

After such Apportionment such apportioned Part only of such Rent, Payment, or Incumbrance shall be payable out of the Residue of the said Lands, and all Covenants, Provisoos, Conditions, Agreements, Powers, and Remedies in respect of the said Rent, Payment, or Incumbrance shall remain in force in respect of the apportioned Part which is to remain payable, as against the Residue of such Lands, and where any Rent originally reserved was an ancient and accustomed Rent the Part so continuing payable shall be deemed to be the ancient and accustomed Rent for such Residue of the said Lands.

XXVII Power to release Land from Rentcharge, &c.

With the Consent of the Party entitled to the Lands, the Party entitled to any Rentcharge, Payment, or Incumbrance may release therefrom the Portion of the said Lands taken as aforesaid on condition or in consideration of the remaining Part remaining exclusively subject to the whole Rentcharge, Payment, or Incumbrance, and in such Case all Covenants, Provisoos, Conditions, Agreements, Powers, and Remedies in respect of such Rentcharge, Payment, or Incumbrance shall remain in force against the said Residue of the said Lands.

XXVIII. Who competent to make Apportionment, &c.

All Bodies and Persons who are enabled to agree for the Sale of Lands to the said Secretary of State shall be competent to agree for and make an Apportionment or Release under either of the Two last preceding Enactments.

Power to use "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845"

XXIX Secretary of State may avail himself of Powers of 8 & 9 Vict. c.18.

The said Secretary of State may, if he think fit, as well in respect of Lands required to be kept free from Buildings as in respect of Lands taken under this Act, use and avail himself of all or any of the Powers and Authorities by " The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, " given to " the Promoters of the Undertaking ; " and every Party enabled by the last-mentioned Act to sell and convey or release Lands or any Estate or Interest therein to " the Promoters of the " Undertaking " shall have the same or the like Powers to contract, and agree with the said Secretary of State as to the Compensation to be paid in respect of any Lands, Estates, or Interests taken or affected under the Provisions of this Act: Provided always, that nothing in this Enactment shall prejudice or affect the Right to exercise the other Powers or Authorities hereby given.

*Vesting of Lands to be taken absolutely in the
Secretary of State and Power of immediate Entry*

XXX Lands taken to be vested in Secretary of State on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Lands required to be taken under this Act by the said Secretary of State shall, from and after Payment of the Compensation for the same, be vested in the said Secretary of State, on behalf of Her Majesty, discharged of all Estates, Rights, and Interests whatsoever.

XXXI Power to Secretary of State to enter immediately.

Provided always, That it shall be lawful for the said Secretary of State, at any Time after the Expiration of Fourteen Days from the Service of such Notice as aforesaid in relation to any Lands mentioned in any such Declaration as aforesaid as required to be taken by him, to enter upon and take possession of and hold such Lands, or any of them, and to cause to be executed thereon all such Works as such Secretary of State may think fit.

XXXII Interest to be payable until Payment of Compensation Money.

Provided also, That in case Possession be taken of any Lands before Payment of the Compensation for the same, Interest shall be payable upon the Amount of such Compensation until Payment thereof, after the Rate of Five Pounds per Centum per Annum from the Time of taking possession as aforesaid; and such Interest shall go and be applied as the Income of the Lands would have gone and been applied if Possession had not been so taken.

Continuance of Liability to Tithe Rentcharge, Taxes, and Rates

XXXIIILands to continue subject to Tithe Rent-charges, Taxes, and Rates.

The Lands vested in the said Secretary of State in pursuance of this Act which were before the Time of such vesting liable to and charged with Tithes or Tithe Rentcharge, Land Tax, Poor or other Rates, shall continue chargeable therewith, but shall not be

assessed to any Tax or Rate at a higher Value or Rent than that at which such Lands were assessed at the Time of such vesting.

Restraints and Powers to attach on Lands required to be kept free from Buildings

XXXIV Restrictions and Powers with respect to Lands required to be kept free from Buildings.

From and after the Service of such Notices as aforesaid in relation to any Lands required to be kept free from Buildings and other Obstructions, the following Restrictions, Powers, and Consequences shall attach with reference to such Lands :

No Building or other Structure (other than Barns, Hovels, or other like Structures of Wood,) shall be made or erected thereon :

It shall be lawful for the said Secretary of State, at any Time after the Expiration of Fourteen Days from the Service of such Notice, and from Time to Time, to enter and pull down any present or future Buildings or Structures (other than as aforesaid) thereon, and to cut down or grub up all or any of the Trees thereon, and to remove or alter all or any of the Banks, Fences, Hedges, and Ditches thereon, and to make underground or other Drains therein, and generally to level and clear the said Lands, and do all such Acts for levelling and clearing the same as may be deemed necessary or proper by the said Secretary of State, but in such Manner, nevertheless, that Evidence of the Boundaries of the Lands held by different Owners may be preserved :

And it shall not be lawful for any Person to alter the Level of the Lands, or do any Act which may prejudicially affect any Work done on the Lands under the Authority of the said Secretary of State.

XXXV Limitation of Time for Works under last preceding Enactment.

The Powers conferred by the Enactment lastly hereinbefore contained in relation to any Lands shall be exercised only within Three Years after the making of any Declaration that the said Lands are required to be kept free from Buildings and other Obstructions, except with respect to pulling down Buildings or Structures wrongfully made or erected after the Expiration of that Time, or keeping or reinstating such Lands in the Condition in which the same were left after the Execution of any such Work thereon as aforesaid, or maintaining or restoring the Level of such Lands.

Subsequent Compensation for Interests omitted to be purchased

XXXVI Provision as to Interests omitted to be purchased.

If at any Time after the said Secretary of State has entered upon any Lands vested in him under this Act, any Party appear to be entitled to any Estate, Right, or Interest in or Charge affecting such Lands which through Mistake and Inadvertence has been omitted to be purchased or compensated for the said Secretary of State shall, nevertheless remain in the undisturbed Possession of such Lands, and shall be deemed to have an indefeasible Title thereto; but shall pay Compensation for any such Estate, Right, Interest, or Charge, which but for this Enactment might be recovered or enforced, and also pay to such Party, or to any other Party who may establish a Right thereto, full Compensation for the Mesne Profits or Interest which would have

accrued to such Parties respectively in respect thereof during the Interval between the Entry of the said Secretary of State thereon and the Time of the Payment of such Compensation by the said Secretary of State so far as such Mesne Profits or Interest may be recoverable at Law or in Equity :

Such Compensation shall be agreed on or awarded and paid in like Manner as the same would have been agreed on or awarded and paid in case the said Secretary of State had purchased or compensated for such Estate, Right, Interest, or Charge before his entering upon such Lands, or as near thereto as Circumstances will admit.

XXXVIHow Value of such Lands to be estimated.

In estimating the Compensation to be given for any such Estate, Right, Interest, or Charge affecting any Lands, or for any Mesne Profits or Interest, the Jury or Justices, as the Case may be, shall assess the same according to the Value of the Lands at the Time the same were entered upon by the said Secretary of State and without regard to any Improvements or Works made by him.

XXXVISEcretary of State to pay the Costs of Litigation as to such Lands.

In addition to the said Compensation, the said Secretary of State shall, when the Right to any such Estate, Right, Interest, or Charge has been disputed by him and determined in favour of the Party claiming the same, pay the full Costs and Expenses of any Proceedings at Law or in Equity for the Determination or Recovery of the same to the Parties with whom any such Litigation in respect thereof has taken place, and such Costs and Expenses shall, in case the same be disputed, be settled by the proper Officer of the Court in which such Litigation took place.

Power to Secretary of State to withdraw Notices

XXXIXPower to Secretary of State to withdraw Notices.

If in any Case after Service of Notice by the said Secretary of State with respect to any Lands required to be taken or to be kept free from Buildings under this Act, it appear to him from a Change of Circumstances or other Reasons unnecessary or inexpedient to complete the taking of such Lands or any Part thereof, or to require such Lands or any Part thereof to be kept free from Buildings, it shall be lawful for him to give a further Notice to the Effect that he thereby withdraws the Notice given in relation to the Lands comprised in the First Notice, or such Part thereof as he may think fit, and thereupon the Lands comprised in the Notice of Withdrawal shall be wholly discharged from the Effect of the First Notice, and may be dealt with as if the First Notice had not been given, and the said Secretary of State shall be wholly discharged from any Obligation to take the Lands comprised in the Notice of Withdrawal, or to make Compensation in respect thereof under this Act, without Prejudice nevertheless to any Claim of any Owner, Lessee, or Occupier of such Lands for Compensation for such Damage (if any) as he may have sustained in consequence of the giving of the First Notice, the Amount of such Damage to be determined in like Manner as other Compensation under this Act, or as near thereto as Circumstances admit:

Provided that every such Notice of Withdrawal be given within Two Months after the Service of the First Notice; provided also, that nothing in this Enactment shall be construed to give to any Party any further or other Right as against the said Secretary

of State than he would have had independently of this Enactment, save as herein is expressed.

Power to divert Highways, &c

XL Power to divert Highways, &c.

It shall be lawful for the said Secretary of State, without any Writ being issued or other legal Proceeding being adopted, to stop up or divert or alter the Level of any Highway, Way, Sewer, Drain, or Pipe over, through, under, or adjoining any Lands comprised in any such Declaration as aforesaid, he, if necessary, previously making, opening, or laying down another good and sufficient Way, Sewer, Drain, or Pipe in lieu of that stopped up or diverted.

XLI Power to alter the Course of Brooks, &c.

It shall be lawful for the said Secretary of State to alter the Course and Level of any River not navigable, Brook, Stream, or Watercourse, and any Branch of any navigable River (such Branch not itself being navigable) within or adjoining such Lands, making Compensation for any Damage sustained by reason of the Exercise of such Powers, such Compensation to be determined and paid in like Manner as other Compensation under this Act, or as near thereto as Circumstances admit.

Miscellaneous Provisions

XLII Compensations to be paid out of Monies provided by Parliament.

All Monies to become payable by the said Secretary of State under this Act shall be paid out of such Monies as have been or may be provided by Parliament for this Purpose.

XLIII Protection to Secretary of State.

The said Secretary of State shall not, by reason of anything done or omitted to be done under this Act, be liable to any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, or to Execution of any Process against his Person or Property.

XLIV Provision for enforcing Delivery of Possession.

If in any Case in which the said Secretary of State is by this Act authorized to take possession of or to enter upon any Lands any Person refuse to give up Possession thereof, or hinder the said Secretary of State or the Persons authorized by him from taking possession of or entering upon the same, the said Secretary of State may issue his Warrant to the Sheriff of the County in which the Lands are situate to deliver Possession of the same to the Person in this Behalf named in such Warrant, and upon Receipt of such Warrant the said Sheriff shall deliver Possession thereof accordingly.

XLV Notices, &c. required to be served on or given by Secretary of State to be served on or given by the Solicitor.

Any Notice, Summons, Writ, or other Document required to be served on the said Secretary of State may be served by being delivered to the Solicitor for the War Department for the Time being, or by being left for him thereat; and any Notice, Summons, Writ, or other Document required to be given by or on behalf of the said Secretary of State shall be given under the Hand of such Solicitor.

Amendment of The Defence Act, 1842

XLVI 5 & 6 Vict. c.94 amended as herein stated.

And whereas The Defence Act, 1842, has been amended by divers Acts, and it is expedient further to amend the same:

The following Provisions of this Act in relation to Lands to be taken under this Act shall be applicable where Lands are surveyed and marked out under The Defence Act, 1842, as amended as aforesaid; (that is to say,)

The Provisions concerning the Mode of serving Notices on Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers, and of Notices, Writs, or other Documents on the said Secretary of State :

The Provisions concerning the Determination of the Amount of Compensation for Lands otherwise than by Agreement :

The Provisions concerning the Payment and Application of Compensation, and the Disposition of Securities on which the same may be invested, and of the Interest and Dividends of such Compensation and Securities:

And the Provision concerning Interests omitted to be purchased, which last-mentioned Provision shall apply as well with respect to Lands already taken by the said Secretary of State, as with respect to Lands to be hereafter taken by him under the said Defence Act as amended as aforesaid.

Interpretation

XLVII Interpretation of Terms.

In the Construction of this Act the Style or Title "Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department" shall mean Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Time being to whom Her Majesty shall think fit to intrust the Seals of the War Department; and the following Words and Expressions shall in this Act and The Defence Act, 1842, have the several Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction ; (that is to say,)

The Word " Lands " shall extend to Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of any Tenure :

The Word " Lease " shall include an Agreement for a Lease :

The Word " County " shall include any Riding or other like Division of a County, and shall also include County of a City or County of a Town:

The Word " Sheriff " shall include Under Sheriff, or other legally competent Deputy; and where any Matter in relation to any Lands is required to be done by any Sheriff, and the Lands being the Property of One and the same Party,

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are situate not wholly in One County, the same Expression shall be construed to mean the Sheriff of any County, where any Part of such Lands is situate:

The Word " Justices " and " Justice " shall mean respectively Justices or a Justice of the Peace acting for the County, City, Borough, Liberty, Cinque Port, or Place where the Matter requiring the Cognizance of such Justices or Justice arises, and not interested in the Matter, and where such Matter arises in respect of Lands being the Property of One and the same Party, situate not wholly in One County, City, Borough, Liberty, Cinque Port, or Place, shall mean Justices or a Justice acting for the County, City, Borough, Liberty, Cinque Port, or Place where any Part of such Lands is situate, and not interested in such Matter; and the Expression " Two Justices " shall mean Two Justices assembled and acting together:

The Word " Owner " shall include any Corporation or Person having Authority under this Act or otherwise to agree with the said Secretary of State as to the Purchase Money or Compensation to be paid for any Lands.

XLVIII Short Titles of 5 & 6 Vict. c.94, 18 & 19 Vict. c.117, and this Act.

The said Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of Her Majesty may be cited as " The Defence Act, 1842, " the said Act of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Years of Her Majesty may be cited as " The Ordnance Board Transfer Act, 1855, " and this Act may be cited as " The Defence Act, 1860. "