

Such Conveyances good.

to any other Person or Persons; and such Conveyance and Assurance so to be had and made as aforesaid, shall be as good and effectual in Law, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the said Person or Persons, being Idiot, Lunatic or *Non compos mentis*, was or were, at the time of making such Conveyance or Assurance, of sane Mind, Memory and Understanding, and not Idiot, Lunatic or *Non compos mentis*, and had by him, her or themselves so conveyed and assured such Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments; any Law, Custom or usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Persons so appointed compelled to convey.

II. And be it further enacted, That all and every such Person and Persons, being to be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall and may be empowered and compelled by such Order so as aforesaid to be obtained, to make such Conveyance and Conveyances, Assurance or Assurances as aforesaid, in like manner as Trustees or Mortgagees of sane Memory are compellable to convey, surrender or assign their Trust Estates or Mortgagees.

C A P. CXV.

An Act to repeal so much of an Act, of the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, relating to Bankrupts, as requires the Meetings under Commissions of Bankrupt to be holden in the Guildhall of the City of *London*; and for building Offices in the said City for the Meetings of the Commissioners; and for the more regular Transaction of Business in Bankruptcy.

[10th July 1821.]

5 G. 2. c. 30.

§ 26.

§ 53.

‘ WHEREAS by an Act made and passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act to prevent the committing of Fraud by Bankrupts*, it is amongst other Things enacted, that where any Commission of Bankrupt shall issue out, from and after the Twenty fourth Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred and thirty two, the Commissioners therein named, or the major Part of them thereby authorized, shall forthwith, after they have declared the Person or Persons against whom such Commission shall issue a Bankrupt or Bankrupts, cause Notice thereof to be given in the *London Gazette*, and shall appoint a Time and Place for the Creditors to meet, which Meeting for the City of *London* and all Places within the Bills of Mortality, shall be at the Guildhall of the said City, in order to choose an Assignee or Assignees of the said Bankrupt’s Estate and Effects; and it was thereby further enacted, that every Person or Persons chosen or who should be chosen Assignees of the Estate and Effects of such Bankrupt, should at some time after the Expiration of Four Months, and within Twelve Months from the time of issuing such Commission, cause at least Twenty one Days public Notice to be given in the *London Gazette*, of the Time and Place the Commissioners and Assignees intend to make a Dividend and Distribution of such Bankrupt’s Estate and Effects; at which Time the Creditors who had not proved their Debts should then be at liberty to prove the same; which Meeting

‘ for

‘ for the City of *London* and all Places within the Bills of
 ‘ Mortality should be at the Guildhall of the said City: And
 ‘ Whereas the Business in Bankruptcy has of late Years greatly
 ‘ increased, and in consequence thereof proper and sufficient
 ‘ Accommodation cannot now be furnished to the Commissioners
 ‘ for transacting such Business at the said Guildhall of the said
 ‘ City of *London*: And Whereas, for the Purpose of providing
 ‘ a Remedy for such Inconvenience, an Address was ordered to
 ‘ be presented to His Royal Highness The Prince Regent, by
 ‘ the House of Commons, on the Thirtieth Day of *June* One
 ‘ thousand eight hundred and nineteen, praying that His Royal
 ‘ Highness would be graciously pleased to give Directions, that
 ‘ a Sum not exceeding Twenty thousand Pounds should be
 ‘ issued for the Purpose of erecting a suitable Building for
 ‘ Transaction of Business in Bankruptcy: And Whereas in pur-
 ‘ suance of such Address the Lords Commissioners of His
 ‘ Majesty’s Treasury have authorized and empowered *William*
 ‘ *Courtenay* of *Duke Street, Westminster*, in the County of *Mid-*
 ‘ *dlesex*, Esquire, One of the Masters of His Majesty’s High
 ‘ Court of Chancery, *Stephen Rumbold Lushington* Esquire, One
 ‘ of the Secretaries of His Majesty’s Treasury, *Matthew Wood* of
 ‘ *South Audley Street, Grosvenor Square*, in the County of *Mid-*
 ‘ *dlesex*, Esquire, One of the Aldermen of the said City of *London*,
 ‘ *Thomas Wilson* of the same City, Merchant, and *Henry Wrot-*
 ‘ *tesley* of *Lincoln’s Inn*, in the said County of *Middlesex*, Esquire,
 ‘ as Trustees for the Public, to treat and contract for the Pur-
 ‘ chase of the Piece or Parcel of Ground hereinafter described, on
 ‘ which such intended new Building may be erected and built,
 ‘ and also for the erecting and completing the same for the Pur-
 ‘ poses aforesaid: And Whereas in further pursuance of such
 ‘ Address, a Contract hath been entered into by the Trustees
 ‘ above named, with the said City of *London*, for the Purchase
 ‘ of the Piece of Ground nearly adjoining the Guildhall of the
 ‘ said City, hereinafter more particularly described; and in pur-
 ‘ suance of such Contract, by Indenture of Feoffment with
 ‘ Livery of Seisin endorsed, duly enrolled in His Majesty’s High
 ‘ Court of Chancery, bearing Date the Thirteenth Day of *April*
 ‘ in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and
 ‘ twenty, and made between the Mayor and Commonalty and
 ‘ Citizens of the City of *London* of the First Part; the said
 ‘ *William Courtenay, Stephen Rumbold Lushington, Matthew*
 ‘ *Wood, Thomas Wilson* and *Henry Wrottesley*, of the Second Part;
 ‘ *Joseph Bushnan* of Guildhall *London* aforesaid, Comptroller of
 ‘ the Chamber of the said City of *London*, and *Francis Bligh*
 ‘ *Hookey* of Guildhall aforesaid, Gentleman, of the Third Part;
 ‘ and *Rowland Wimburn* of *Chancery Lane*, in the said County
 ‘ of *Middlesex*, Gentleman, of the Fourth Part; it is witnessed,
 ‘ that in pursuance of the said Agreement, and in Consideration
 ‘ of the Sum of Four thousand one hundred Pounds paid by the
 ‘ said *William Courtenay, Stephen Rumbold Lushington, Matthew*
 ‘ *Wood, Thomas Wilson* and *Henry Wrottesley*, into the Chamber
 ‘ of the said City of *London*, as therein mentioned, the said Mayor
 ‘ and Commonalty and Citizens did grant, alien, enfeoff and
 ‘ confirm unto the said *William Courtenay, Stephen Rumbold*
 ‘ *Lush-*

Contract with
the Corporation
of London.

‘ *Lushington, Matthew Wood, Thomas Wilson and Henry Wrot-*
 ‘ *tesley, and their Heirs, all that Piece or Parcel of Ground situate*
 ‘ and being on the West Side of *Basinghall Street*, in the Parish
 ‘ of *Saint Michael Bassishaw* of the City of *London*, Part of
 ‘ which Ground lately formed Part of the Site of the ancient
 ‘ Cloth Market of *Blackwell Hall*, or of the Buildings or Offices
 ‘ belonging thereto, and other Part thereof was the Site, or Part
 ‘ of the Site, of Two Messuages or Dwelling Houses situate on
 ‘ the West Side of *Basinghall Street* aforesaid, being Numbers
 ‘ Eighty two and Eighty three of the said Street; the whole of
 ‘ which said Piece or Parcel of Ground measures on the North
 ‘ Side thereof, abutting or adjoining to a Messuage or Tenement
 ‘ and Premises in *Basinghall Street* aforesaid, now or late in the
 ‘ Occupation of *Maitland, Esquire*, Eighty seven Feet
 ‘ of Assize, little more or less, in a broken Line; on the East
 ‘ Side thereof, abutting on *Basinghall Street* aforesaid, Ninety
 ‘ Feet Nine Inches of Assize, including Half the Thickness of
 ‘ the Party Wall, little more or less; on the West Side thereof,
 ‘ abutting or adjoining to a vacant Piece of Ground, which is
 ‘ intended to be left as a Yard or Passage between the Ground
 ‘ thereby intended to be conveyed, and the new Courts of King’s
 ‘ Bench and Common Pleas, One hundred and one Feet Six
 ‘ Inches of Assize, little more or less, including Half the Party
 ‘ Wall; and on the South Side thereof, abutting on an intended
 ‘ new Street or Carriage Way leading from *Basinghall Street*
 ‘ aforesaid, to *Guildhall Yard*, Eighty seven Feet of Assize, little
 ‘ more or less, as the said Piece or Parcel of Ground and the
 ‘ Abuttals and Boundaries thereof are more particularly described
 ‘ and delineated in the Ground Plan thereof drawn in the Margin
 ‘ of the Indenture now in recital, together with the free Use and
 ‘ Liberty of Way and Passage in, over and upon the said Court
 ‘ Yard or Ground lying between the Western Boundary of the
 ‘ Piece or Parcel of Ground thereby intended to be conveyed,
 ‘ and the said intended new Buildings for the Courts of King’s
 ‘ Bench and Common Pleas, at all times between the Hours of
 ‘ Ten o’Clock in the Forenoon and Four o’Clock in the Afternoon
 ‘ of every Day in the Year, except *Sundays, Good Friday and*
 ‘ *Christmas Day*; but excepting and always reserving to the said
 ‘ Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, their Successors and
 ‘ Assigns, the Right to have an Entrance Gate to the said Yard
 ‘ or Passage, and to lock or fasten the same Gate, so as to pre-
 ‘ vent all Access to or Liberty of Way through the same Gate
 ‘ and Passage, except when such Right of Way or Passage is to
 ‘ be exercised between the Hours of Ten and Four as aforesaid;
 ‘ to hold the said Piece of Ground and Premises unto and to the
 ‘ Use of the said *William Courtenay, Stephen Rumbold Lushing-*
 ‘ *ton, Matthew Wood, Thomas Wilson and Henry Wrottesley,*
 ‘ their Heirs and Assigns for ever, in Trust for His Majesty and
 ‘ His Successors; and to the Intent and Purpose only, that certain
 ‘ Buildings might forthwith be erected on the said Ground, for the
 ‘ Meetings of the Commissioners of Bankrupts, and for Transaction
 ‘ of Business in Bankruptcy: And Whereas such Buildings have
 ‘ been accordingly erected, and are nearly completed, on the said
 ‘ Piece of Ground for the Purposes aforesaid: And Whereas by
 ‘ reason

‘ reason of the said hereinbefore in part recited Act of Parlia-
 ‘ ment, such Meetings of the Commissioners in Bankruptcy as are
 ‘ therein mentioned must of Necessity be held at the Guildhall of
 ‘ the said City of *London*; and it is therefore expedient to repeal
 ‘ so much of the said recited Act as compels such Meetings to be
 ‘ there holden, and to direct that all Public Meetings in Bank-
 ‘ ruptcy, and also such other Meetings as are hereinafter men-
 ‘ tioned, shall be held in the said newly erected Buildings: And
 ‘ Whereas, besides the Inconveniencies arising from the Want of
 ‘ appropriate Places of Meeting, considerable Inconvenience has
 ‘ also been experienced from their being no Provision made under
 ‘ the existing Laws for keeping a Registry or Journal of the Pro-
 ‘ ceedings under Commissions, and such Registry would tend to
 ‘ the Regularity and Uniformity of such Proceedings: And
 ‘ Whereas it is expedient that Commissioners acting under any
 ‘ Commission of Bankruptcy should, whilst so acting, have Power
 ‘ or Authority to remove or order any Person or Persons to be re-
 ‘ moved or taken out of the Room or Place in which they may be
 ‘ sitting under such Commission, who shall commit or be guilty of
 ‘ any Riot or Disturbance, or who shall interrupt them in the
 ‘ Exercise of their Duty, and to have such Person or Persons
 ‘ taken before any Alderman or Magistrate acting in the Commis-
 ‘ sion of the Peace, to be dealt with according to Law: And
 ‘ Whereas by a Resolution of the House of Commons of the
 ‘ Twenty ninth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and
 ‘ twenty one, the further Sum of Two thousand three hundred
 ‘ Pounds was granted to His Majesty, to enable the said Trustees
 ‘ to defray the Expences of such new Building, and of com-
 ‘ pleting, fitting up and furnishing the same for the Purposes
 ‘ aforesaid: And Whereas it is expedient that a Fund should be
 ‘ provided, for the Purpose of ensuring to the Public the Repay-
 ‘ ment of the Sums so voted for the Purposes aforesaid:’ Be it
 therefore enacted by The King’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 so much of the hereinbefore recited
 Act of the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King
George the Second, as directs that any Meetings holden under
 Commissions of Bankruptcy should be holden at the Guildhall of
 the City of *London*, shall be and the same is hereby repealed
 (subject only to the Proviso next hereinafter contained).

5 G. 2. c. 30.
 § 26. in part
 repealed;

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That such Part
 as aforesaid of the said recited Act of the Fifth Year of the Reign
 of His said late Majesty, shall continue in force until the Building
 intended to be erected on the Piece of Ground comprised in the
 hereinbefore recited Indenture of Feoffment shall be completed,
 and Notice of such Building being ready for Use, signed by the
 Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of
 the Great Seal for the time being, shall be inserted in the *London*
Gazette, therein fixing the time from which Business shall be trans-
 acted in such new Building, and which Building shall be called
 “ The Court of Commissioners of Bankrupt.”

but to remain
 in force as
 herein men-
 tioned until the
 new Building
 completed.

III. And be it further enacted, That from the Time fixed in
 such Notice in the *London Gazette*, signed as aforesaid, and for
 Meetings under
 Commissions to
 ever

be held in the
new Building.

The Ground
and Buildings
vested in Com-
missioners here-
in named.

Appointment of
future Commis-
sioners in case
of Death, &c.

The said
Ground and
Buildings
vested in such
future Com-
missioners and
their Heirs.

ever thenceforward, all Public Meetings under Commissions of Bankrupt in *London*, and all Places within the Bills of Mortality, (as well those fixed by the said Commissioners, as also all Meetings of Creditors under Commissions which are held in pursuance of public Advertisement,) shall be holden within the Building mentioned or referred to in such Notice.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Piece or Parcel of Ground described in and conveyed by the Indenture of Feoffment hereinbefore recited or expressed so to be, and all Erections and Buildings now erecting and building, or which shall be erected and built thereon, shall from henceforth be and the same are hereby vested in the said *William Courtenay, Stephen Rumbold Lushington, Matthew Wood, Thomas Wilson and Henry Wrottesley*, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, in Trust for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to the Intent and Purpose that the said Piece of Ground, and the Buildings thereon, may for ever hereafter be used and applied for the Purposes and in Manner mentioned and described by this Act; subject to such Rules and Regulations respecting the Use and Occupation thereof, and of the Rooms and Chambers thereunto belonging, as the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, shall from time to time order and direct, and to and for no other Use, Intent or Purpose whatsoever; and the said *William Courtenay, Stephen Rumbold Lushington, Matthew Wood, Thomas Wilson and Henry Wrottesley*, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, and the Heirs and Assigns of such Survivor, are accordingly hereby appointed, and shall from henceforth be and continue Commissioners and Trustees for carrying into Effect the Purposes of this Act.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That when any of them the said *William Courtenay, Stephen Rumbold Lushington, Matthew Wood, Thomas Wilson and Henry Wrottesley*, or any future Commissioner or Commissioners, Trustee or Trustees, to be appointed as hereinafter is mentioned, shall die, or be desirous of being discharged of and from, or refuse or decline or become incapable to act as a Commissioner and Trustee for the Purposes of this Act, then and so often as by the Means aforesaid the Number of the said Commissioners and Trustees shall be reduced to Three, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord High Chancellor, or Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the Time being, by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands, to nominate and appoint any other Person or Persons to be a Commissioner and Trustee, or Commissioners and Trustees, for the Purposes of this Act, in the Place or Stead of the Trustees who shall have so died, or desired to be discharged, or refused, declined or become incapable to act as aforesaid.

VI. And it is hereby enacted, That when and so often as any new Commissioner or Commissioners, or Trustee or Trustees, shall be nominated and appointed as aforesaid, the said Piece of Ground and Premises comprised in the said recited Indenture of Feoffment, and the Buildings thereon, and the Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof, shall be thereupon, with all convenient Speed, conveyed and assured in such sort and manner, and so as that the same shall and may be legally and effectually vested in the surviving or continuing Commissioner or Commissioners, Trustee or Trustees,

Trustees, and such new or other Commissioner or Commissioners, Trustee or Trustees, or if there shall be no continuing Commissioner or Trustee under this Act, then in such new Commissioners and Trustees only, and their Heirs and Assigns for ever, upon the same Trust and for the same Intent and Purpose as by this Act is enacted and declared concerning the Commissioners and Trustees hereby nominated; and that every such new Commissioner and Trustee shall and may in all things act and assist in the Management, carrying on and Execution of the Trusts and Purposes of this Act, in conjunction with the other then surviving or continuing Commissioner or Commissioners, Trustee or Trustees, if there shall be any such, and if not, then by themselves, as fully and effectually, and with the same Power and Powers, Authority and Authorities, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, as if they had been originally in and by this Act nominated Commissioners and Trustees, and as the Commissioners or Trustees in this Act named, in or to whose Place such new Commissioners or Trustees shall respectively come or succeed, are enabled to do, or could or might have done under and by virtue of this Act, if then living and continuing to act in the Trust and for the Purposes hereby directed or declared.

Such new Commissioners to act with the surviving or continuing Commissioners.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Contract and Purchase so as aforesaid made and concluded by and between the said *William Courtenay, Stephen Rumbold Lushington, Matthew Wood, Thomas Wilson and Henry Wrottesley*, of the One Part, and the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of *London* of the other Part, shall be, and such Contract and Purchase is hereby ratified, confirmed and established in all Respects whatsoever.

Contract with Corporation of London confirmed, &c.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the Consideration Money for the Purchase of the said Piece of Ground, and also the Expences of erecting and completing the intended Buildings thereon, and of fitting up and furnishing the several Rooms and Offices therein, and also the Expences attending the said Contract and Purchase, and the Examination of the Title of the City of *London* to the said Piece of Ground, and also all Expences of Surveyors and others incurred under the Direction of the said Commissioners, or any of them, in treating for a proper Place for transacting the said Business in Bankruptcy, and in procuring and passing this Act, and the Costs, Charges and Expences of all Proceedings had or to be had in consequence thereof, shall be defrayed by the said Commissioners out of the said Two several Sums of Twenty thousand Pounds and Two thousand three hundred Pounds, issued or to be issued from His Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Address and Resolution of the House of Commons hereinbefore recited; and that the Drafts of the said Commissioners, or of any Three or more of them, for the said Monies, or any Part thereof, for the Purposes of this Act, shall at all Times be sufficient Authority and Voucher for the Issue and Payment of the same; and when and so soon as the said Offices and Buildings shall be completed and prepared for the Transaction of Business, an Account shall be rendered by the said Commissioners, to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, of the Payment and Application of the Monies so as aforesaid received by or issued to them for the Purposes of this Act.

Provision for Payment of Expences of Purchase, Buildings, and of this Act.

IX. And

The said Buildings to be under the Direction of the Commissioners, subject to Order of the Great Seal.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners hereby appointed, or the major Part of them, (subject to such Rules and Regulations as the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, shall from time to time think proper to order or direct in the Premises,) to give and enforce such Order and Direction for the Completion of the said Buildings, and for the Occupation and Use of the several Offices or Rooms when completed, for the Purpose of transacting Business in and under Commissions of Bankrupt, and for preserving and keeping the said Buildings, Rooms and Offices in good Condition and Repair, and for insuring and keeping such Buildings and Offices insured from Loss or Damage by Fire, as the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall from time to time think proper and advisable for all or any of the Purposes aforesaid.

The said Buildings not to be occupied as a Residence, except by a Registrar and Housekeeper.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Buildings by this Act empowered to be erected or built, or any Chamber or Room, Chambers or Rooms therein, or any Part or Parts thereof, shall not be used or occupied as or converted to the Residence of any Person or Persons whomsoever; save only and except such Part or Parts of the said Buildings as the said Commissioners hereby appointed, or the major Part of them, shall appropriate or direct to be used for the Residence and Occupation of the Registrar and Housekeeper to be appointed for the Purposes of this Act, as hereinafter mentioned; but that the said Buildings, and all and every Chamber and Chambers, Room and Rooms therein, and every Part and Parts thereof, shall be used for the public Purpose and Purposes by this Act directed in respect of the same, and for no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

Registrar to be appointed.

XI. And be it further enacted, That for the better carrying into effect the Purposes of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keepers or Lord Commissioners of the Great Seal for the time being, to nominate and appoint some competent and proper Person to the Office of Registrar of the Meetings of the Commissioners of Bankrupt, who shall be resident in such Part of the said Building as the Commissioners shall direct, and who shall also have an Office in some convenient and public Part of the said Building; and whose Duty it shall be to be in Attendance in his said Office from the Hours of Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon till Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, and also during the Sitting of any Commission of Bankrupt, or during the Continuance of any Meeting in Bankruptcy holden in any Part of the said Building, and during such other Times as the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, shall from time to time direct; and it shall further be the Duty of the said Registrar so to be appointed, to take and keep a Daily Journal, Registry and Account of Meetings in Bankruptcy which shall be holden in the said Buildings, or any Office belonging to the same; in which Journal or Registry shall be entered the Names of the Bankrupt or Bankrupts, the Solicitor or Solicitors to the Commission, the Messenger and the Number of the List of Commissioners to which the Commission is directed, and the Names of the Assignees, the Hours of Meeting and the Time to which any such Meeting shall be adjourned, and a Minute of the Nature or Purpose

His Duty as to Attendance;

as to keeping a Journal of Meetings, &c.

pose for which such Meeting was held, and the Amount of any Dividend which shall be declared thereat; and the Solicitor or Clerk to every such Commission is hereby required to furnish the said Registrar with the necessary Information in Writing, to enable the said Registrar to make a proper Entry in such Journal or Registry of the Nature or Purpose of every such Meeting; and shall also keep One or more Book or Books, containing an Entry or Notice of all Meetings which shall be appointed or called by public Advertisement, either of the Commissioners or Creditors; which Book or Books shall be kept open in the Office of the said Registrar, for the Inspection of all Persons desiring to consult the same, during Office Hours, without Fee or Reward; and it shall further be his Duty to receive and account for all Fees and Payments which shall be payable under this Act, as hereinafter mentioned; and when such Fees or Payments shall amount to the Sum of One hundred Pounds in his Hands, to pay the same into the Bank of *England*, under an Order of the High Court of Chancery to be made for that Purpose, in the Name of the Accountant General of the said Court, to a separate Account, to be entitled "Fund arising from Fees in Bankruptcy," to be laid out or invested in the Purchase of Bank Three Pounds *per Centum* Annuities, in the Name of the said Accountant General, together with all Accumulations thereof, to be carried to the like Account; and that such Registrar shall at all Times, when required by the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, or by any Two of the Commissioners under this Act, render and give a just and true Account of his Receipts and Payments, and of the Monies actually in his Hands; and Once in every Year, between the Fifth Day of *April* and the Fifth Day of *July*, shall (without being thereunto specially required) make and give a just and true Account of all Monies received and paid by him during the Year, which Account shall be audited and settled and finally allowed by the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the Time being, or by such other Person or Persons as he or they shall for that Purpose nominate and appoint.

Solicitor, &c. to furnish Registrar with necessary Information.

Such Journal, &c. open to Inspection without Fee.

Registrar to account for Fees, &c.

To give an Account of Receipts and Payments, &c.

By whom such Accounts audited.

XII. And be it further enacted, That every such Registrar to be appointed for the Purposes of this Act as aforesaid, shall and he is hereby required, before he shall act in the Execution of his said Office, to give good and sufficient Security, to the Satisfaction of the said Court, for his duly accounting for and paying over to the said Accountant General the Monies so to be received by him; and shall take and subscribe, in open Court, the usual Oaths of Supremacy and Abjuration, and also an Oath to the Purport and Effect following; that is to say,

Registrar to give Security;

and take Oaths as herein mentioned.

‘ I *A. B.* do swear, That according to the best of my Skill and
 ‘ Ability I will truly and faithfully execute and exercise the
 ‘ Office of Registrar of Meetings in Bankruptcy, according to the
 ‘ Provisions and Directions of an Act of Parliament made and
 ‘ passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His Majesty King
 ‘ *George* the Fourth, intituled [*here insert the Title of this Act*],
 ‘ so long as I shall continue in the said Office; and that I will be
 ‘ ready and attendant in the said Office to further His Majesty’s
 ‘ Business, as need shall require; and that I will well and faithfully
 ‘ preserve

‘ preserve and keep a Registry of Proceedings and other Matters
 ‘ required by the said Act for Public Use ; and will at all Times
 ‘ render and give just and true Accounts of all Monies which shall
 ‘ come to my Hands by virtue of my said Office ; and that I will
 ‘ not at any Time during my Continuance in the said Office act
 ‘ as Solicitor, Attorney or Agent to or under any Commission of
 ‘ Bankrupt, or receive any Compensation, Fee or Reward for any
 ‘ Service or Business done, or proposed to be done, under or re-
 ‘ lating to any such Commission, otherwise than as directed and
 ‘ authorized by this Act. So help me GOD.’

Housekeeper to
be appointed.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be law-
 ful for the said Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords
 Commissioners of the Great Seal for the time being, to nominate
 and appoint a proper Person to be Housekeeper of the said Build-
 ings and Offices, who shall also be constantly resident in such Part
 of the said Building as the said Commissioners shall require, and
 whose Duty it shall be to keep the said Buildings and Offices, and
 the Furniture and Effects therein, in proper State and Condition,
 and at all times ready for the Transaction of Business therein.

Power to Great
Seal to remove
Registrar and
Housekeeper.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful
 for the said Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Com-
 missioners of the Great Seal for the time being, from time to time
 to remove the said Registrar and Housekeeper from his or her
 Office respectively, when by reason of permanent Sickness, In-
 firmity, Misconduct, Neglect or other Cause, he, she or they shall
 be unable or incompetent, or considered unfit to discharge the
 Duties of his or her Office respectively, and to supply the Place
 of the Person so removed.

Salaries to
Registrar and
Housekeeper.

XV. And be it further enacted, That there shall be paid and
 allowed to the Registrar to be appointed as aforesaid, during his
 Continuance in the said Office the clear yearly Salary or Sum of
 Two hundred Pounds, and to the Housekeeper to be appointed
 as aforesaid the clear yearly Salary or Sum of Fifty Pounds ; and
 also the further Allowance or yearly Sum of Fifty Pounds towards
 the Expences of a Servant or Servants in the said Building ; the
 said Salaries to be paid to the said Registrar and Housekeeper re-
 spectively, besides an Allowance of Coals and Candles to each of
 them, to be used in their respective Offices or Apartments within
 the said Buildings.

A Fund for
Reimbursement
of Expences
under the Act,
by Payment of
Fees and
Charges herein
mentioned.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That in order to form a Fund
 towards reimbursing the Public for the Expences of the Purchase
 of the said Piece of Ground, and the Erection of the Buildings, and
 the Fitting up and Establishment of the Offices thereon, and for
 making the several other Payments by this Act directed and pro-
 vided to be made thereout, there shall be taken from and charged
 to the Estates of the Bankrupts, the Business under whose Com-
 mission shall be transacted in the said Buildings, the following
 Fees ; namely, for every Meeting under each Commission holden
 within the said Building or Offices, by way of Fee or Charge for
 the Use of the said Offices, the Sum of Ten Shillings ; and to the
 Registrar, for his own Use, for the Registry of every such Meet-
 ing, the further Sum of One Shilling ; and for every Search out
 of Office Hours that may be made in the said Registry, unless by
 or by the Order of the Commissioners under any Commission of

Bankruptcy, the like Sum of One Shilling, to be paid by the Party making such Search; which said first mentioned Fee of Ten Shillings shall be received and accounted for by the Registrar to be appointed under or by virtue of this Act, and shall be in full Satisfaction of all Fees and Charges for or in respect of the Use of the Room or Offices in which such Meetings under Commissions shall be held.

XVII. And in order more effectually to insure the Receipt and Application of all Monies paid for the Use of the said Rooms to the Uses of the said Fund, be it further enacted, That no Meeting of Commissioners or of Creditors called together by public Advertisement, under any Commission of Bankruptcy, shall be held within the City of London, except in the said newly erected Building, unless otherwise specially directed in Writing by the major Part of the Commissioners named in such Commission.

Meetings of Commissioners to be held in new Building only. Exception.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Sum and Sums of Money which shall be received in respect of the Use of the said Rooms directed to be paid by this Act, shall, in the first Place, be applied under the Direction of the Commissioners of this Act for the time being, or the major Part of them, in defraying and discharging the Expences incurred in carrying the Objects of this Act into Effect, and all Costs and Charges incidental thereto; and in particular, in discharging the Salaries of the said Registrar and Housekeeper, and Allowance for Servants, the Expences of Coals and Candles for their Use, and for the Use of the said Commissioners, or of the Creditors attending such Meetings in Bankruptcy in the said Buildings, and for other necessary Expences; and also the Expences of lighting and watching the said Buildings and Premises, and all Taxes, Rates and Assessments payable in respect thereof, and of keeping the same in proper Condition and Repair, and of Insurance, and all other annual or occasional necessary Expences attending the Establishment; and after fully answering and discharging all such Charges and Expences as aforesaid, all and every the Sum and Sums of Money so to be received shall be paid into the Bank, in the Name of the said Accountant General, to the Account before directed, in order that such Monies may form a Fund, and be paid or applied under the Direction or by the Order of the Lord High Chancellor, the Lord Keeper or the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the Time being, as and when the same shall amount to a competent Sum, into His Majesty's Treasury, for and towards reimbursing the Public the said Two several Sums of Twenty thousand Pounds and Two thousand three hundred Pounds, or so much thereof as shall be issued from His Majesty's Treasury to the Commissioners named in this Act, for the Purchase of the said Piece of Ground, and the Erection and Establishment of the said Buildings and Offices, and all Expences incurred in the Completion of such Contract and Purchase as aforesaid, and in obtaining and passing this Act, and all other Costs, Charges and Expences which shall have been incurred or defrayed by the said Commissioners.

How Money received for Use of the said Rooms to be applied.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if at any time or times hereafter, the Monies so collected for the Use of such Rooms, and for forming such Fund as aforesaid, shall not be found fully sufficient to answer the Purpose of reimbursing the Sums so advanced for

The said Fees for reimbursing Expences may be increased by Great Seal.

for the Purposes of this Act, then and in such case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the time being, to order and direct such further and additional Sum or Sums to be paid out of the Bankrupt's Estate and Effects for the Use of such Rooms, as shall appear to be necessary to make good such Deficiency in the said Fund, not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Shillings for each and every such Meeting.

When Expences under the Act shall have been repaid, the Fees to be reduced by Great Seal.

XX. And be it further enacted, That when and so soon as, by the Means aforesaid, all such Sum and Sums of Money, Costs and Expences as aforesaid, shall have been fully repaid into His Majesty's Treasury, it shall and may be lawful for the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the time being, and he and they is and are hereby required to make such Reduction in the Amount of the several Fees and Payments hereby authorized to be charged and taken from the said Bankrupts' Estates, as he or they in his and their Discretion shall think proper, so as to leave the General or Average Annual Amount of such Fees amply sufficient to answer and defray the Salaries, Allowances and other annual and occasional Expences of the said Establishment, hereinbefore directed to be paid and discharged thereout, and also such other Costs, Charges and annual or occasional Expences of all Proceedings under this Act, as the said Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the time being, shall think proper and direct to be defrayed or incurred for the Improvement or better carrying on of the Establishment for the Purposes intended by this Act.

Riotous Persons may be taken into Custody by Commissioners.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners acting under any Commission of Bankruptcy shall have full Power and Authority, and they are hereby empowered and authorized, to order and direct the Messenger or Messengers acting under their Authority in any such Commission, to take into Custody any Person or Persons who shall commit or be guilty of any Riot or Disturbance, or who shall interrupt the said Commissioners in the Exercise of their Duty, and to have such Person or Persons taken before any Alderman or Magistrate acting in the Commission of the Peace, to be dealt with according to Law; and the Warrant of such Commissioners shall be a full Authority and Indemnity to such Messenger or Messengers in so doing.

Messenger indemnified.

Public Act.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such, by all Judges, Justices and others, without being specially pleaded.

C A P. CXVI.

An Act to empower the Commissioners of the Treasury to grant, until the End of the next Session of Parliament, a limited Provision to certain discharged Officers of the Customs. [10th July 1821.]

‘ **W**HEREAS certain Merchants and others requiring Assistance for the more speedy unlading, discharging and Delivery of their Goods, Wares and Merchandize in the Port of London, did voluntarily offer to give, bestow and distribute, and did