

## ACT No. XXII. OF 1847.

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*Passed by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General of India in Council on the 18th of December, 1847.*

*To enable the Commissioners who may be appointed under Act XVI. of 1847 to purchase and hold real or personal property for the Improvement of the Town of Calcutta.*

WHEREAS by Act XVI. of 1847, entitled an Act for constituting Commissioners for the Improvement of the Town of Calcutta, partly by appointment of the Government and partly by election of the Rate-payers, provision was made for the appointment and election of such Commissioners, or in default of election, for the appointment of the whole of such Commissioners :

And whereas it is expedient, that provision should be made to enable such Commissioners to purchase and hold real or personal property for the purposes aforesaid in manner hereinafter mentioned :

And whereas it is probable that benevolent and public spirited individuals, with the view of contributing to the improvement and adornment



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ment of the said Town may be desirous of settling real or personal property by Deed or Will upon such Commissioners :

I. It is therefore enacted, that the said Commissioners shall be Trustees for and on behalf of the Government of Fort William in Bengal and of the inhabitants of Calcutta, and shall sue and be sued at Law and in Equity in Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature at Fort William by the name of the Commissioners for the Improvement of the Town of Calcutta, and shall have a common seal, and shall have power to take, purchase and hold lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels and other property, as such Trustees for the purposes aforesaid.

II. And it is enacted, that whenever it shall appear to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, that it is necessary they should purchase any houses, buildings or grounds for the purposes aforesaid, the said Commissioners shall represent the same to the Governor of Bengal, and if he shall consent thereto, but not otherwise, shall enter into treaties for the purchase of such houses, buildings or grounds with the owners thereof, and in case they shall not be able to come to agreement with such owners or the amount of compensation shall not be settled by arbitration as hereinafter provided, then the said Commissioners shall apply to the Sheriff of Calcutta to summon a Jury, and the said Sheriff shall forthwith summon a Jury in manner hereinafter mentioned, to assess the price which the said Commissioners shall pay to the said owner or owners for the purchase of such houses, buildings and grounds with all appurtenances as aforesaid.

III. And whereas it is expedient to make provision for those cases in which the said Commissioners may be able to purchase lands, buildings or tenements by agreement : it is enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to agree with the owners of any lands, buildings or tenements by this Act authorized to be taken and which shall



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shall be required for the purposes of this Act, and with all parties having any estate or interest in such lands, buildings or tenements, or by this Act or by any other authority or power enabled to sell and convey the same, for the absolute purchase of any such lands, buildings or tenements, or such parts thereof as they shall think proper, and of all estates and interests in such lands of what kindsoever.

IV. And it is enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for all parties being seized, possessed of, or entitled to any such lands, buildings or tenements, or any estate or interest therein, to sell and convey or release the same to the said Commissioners and to enter into all necessary agreements for that purpose, and particularly it shall be lawful for all or any of the following parties so seized, possessed or entitled as aforesaid so to sell, convey or release (that is to say) all corporations, tenants in tail, or for life, married women seized in their own right or entitled to dower, guardians, committees of lunatics and idiots, trustees or feoffees in trust for charitable or other purposes, executors and administrators, and all parties for the time being entitled to the receipt of the rents and profits of any such lands in possession, or subject to any estate in dower, or to any lease for life or for lives, or for years, or any less interest, and the power so to sell and convey or release as aforesaid, may lawfully be exercised by all such parties not only on behalf of themselves and their respective Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Successors, but also for and on behalf of every person entitled in reversion, remainder or expectancy after them, or in defeasance of the estates of such parties, and as to such married women whether they be of full age or not as if they were sole and of full age, and as to such guardians on behalf of their wards, and as to such committee on behalf of the lunatics and idiots of whom they are the committees respectively, and that to the same extent as such wives, wards, lunatics and idiots respectively could have exercised the same power under the authority of this Act if they had respectively been under no disability, and as to such Trustees, Executors and Adminis-

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trators on behalf of their cestui-que trusts whether infants, issue unborn, lunatics, femmes covert or other persons, and that to the same extent as such cestui-que trusts respectively could have exercised the same powers under the authority of this Act if they had respectively been under no disability.

V. And it is enacted, that the purchase money, consideration, or compensation to be paid or given for any lands, buildings or tenements to be purchased or taken from any party under any disability, or incapacity and not having any power to sell or convey such lands except under the provisions of this Act, and the compensation to be paid for any permanent damage or injury to any such lands, buildings or tenements shall in all cases be determined by the verdict of a jury to be summoned as hereinafter provided.

VI. And it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for any person seized in fee or entitled absolutely for his own benefit to any lands, buildings or tenements authorized to be purchased for the purposes of this Act to sell and convey such lands, buildings or tenements, or any part thereof, unto the said Commissioners in consideration of an annual rent-charge payable by the said Commissioners, but except as aforesaid the consideration to be paid for the purchase of any such lands, buildings or tenements, or for any damage done thereto, shall be in a gross sum.

VII. And it is enacted, that the yearly rent reserved by any conveyance of lands, buildings or tenements purchased by the said Commissioners for the purposes of this Act shall be charged on the rates hereinafter authorized to be raised and levied, and shall be paid by the said Commissioners as such rents become payable, and if at any time any such rents be not paid within thirty days after they so become payable, and after demand thereof in writing, the person to whom any such rent shall be payable, may recover the same from the said Commissioners



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missioners with costs of suit by action of debt in the said Supreme Court.

VIII. And it is enacted, that when the said Commissioners shall require to purchase or take any of the lands, buildings or tenements which by this Act they are authorized to purchase or take, they shall give notice thereof to all the parties interested in such lands, or to the parties enabled by this Act to sell and convey or release the same or such of the said parties as shall after diligent inquiry be known to the said Commissioners, and by such notice shall demand from such parties the particulars of their estate and interest in such lands and of the claims made by them in respect thereof, and every such notice shall state the particulars of the lands so required, and that the said Commissioners are willing to treat for the purchase thereof, and as to the compensation to be made to all parties for the damage that may be sustained by them by reason of the execution of the works.

IX. And it is enacted, that all notices required to be served by the said Commissioners upon the parties interested in or entitled to sell any such lands, buildings or tenements shall either be served personally on such parties, or left at their last usual place of abode if any such can after diligent inquiry be found, and in case any such parties shall be absent from the said Town or cannot be found after diligent inquiry, such notices shall be left with the occupier of such lands, or if there be no such occupier shall be affixed upon some conspicuous part of such lands.

X. And it is enacted, that if the party claiming compensation desire to have the same settled by arbitration, and signify such desire by notice in writing to the said Commissioners before they have issued their warrant to the Sheriff to summon a jury in respect of such lands under the provisions hereinafter contained, stating in such notice the nature of

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the interest in respect of which such party claims compensation, and the amount of the compensation so claimed, the same shall be so settled by arbitration accordingly, but unless the party claiming compensation shall as aforesaid signify his desire to have the question of such compensation settled by arbitration, or if when the matter shall have been referred to arbitration the arbitrators or the umpire shall for three months have failed to make their or his award, or if no final award shall be made, the question of such compensation shall be settled by the verdict of a jury as hereinafter provided.

XI. And it is enacted, that when any question of disputed compensation by this Act authorized or required to be settled by arbitration, shall have arisen then unless both parties shall concur in the appointment of a single arbitrator, each party on the request of the other party shall nominate and appoint an arbitrator to which two arbitrators such dispute shall be referred, and every appointment of an arbitrator shall be made on the part of the said Commissioners under the hands of two of the said Commissioners, or of their Clerk duly authorized by such two Commissioners, and on the part of any other party under the hand of such party, or if such party be a corporation aggregate under the common seal of such corporation, and such appointment shall be delivered to the arbitrator or arbitrators, and shall be deemed a submission to arbitration on the part of the party by whom the same shall be made, and after any such appointment shall have been made neither party shall have power to revoke the same without the consent of the other, nor shall the death of either party operate as a revocation, and if after any such dispute shall have arisen and after a request in writing in which shall be stated the matter so required to be referred to arbitration, shall have been served by the one party on the other party to appoint an arbitrator, such last mentioned party fail within fourteen days after such service to appoint such arbitrator, then upon such failure the party making the request, and having himself appointed an arbitrator may appoint such  
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arbitrator to act on behalf of both parties, and such arbitrator may proceed to hear and determine the matters which shall be in dispute, and in such case the award or determination of such single arbitrator shall be final.

XII. And it is enacted, that if before the matters so referred shall be determined, any arbitrator appointed by either party shall die or become incapable to act, the party by whom such arbitrator was appointed may nominate and appoint in writing some other person to act in his place, and if for the space of seven days after notice in writing from the other party for that purpose he shall fail to do so, the remaining or other arbitrator may proceed to hear and determine the matters which shall be in dispute, and every arbitrator who shall be so substituted as aforesaid shall have the same power and authorities as were vested in the former arbitrator at the time of such his death or disability aforesaid.

XIII. And it is enacted, that where more than one arbitrator shall have been appointed such arbitrators shall before they enter upon the matters referred to them, nominate and appoint by writing under their hands an umpire to decide on any such matters on which they shall differ, or which shall be referred to him under the provisions of this Act, and if such umpire shall die or become incapable to act, they shall forthwith after such death or incapacity appoint another umpire in his place, and the decision of every such umpire on the matters so referred to him shall be final.

XIV. And it is enacted, that if in either of the cases aforesaid the said arbitrators shall refuse, or shall for seven days after request of either party to such arbitration, neglect to appoint an umpire, any two of the Magistrates of Calcutta shall on the application of either party to such arbitration appoint an umpire, and the decision of such umpire on the matters on which the arbitrators shall differ or which shall be referred to him under this Act shall be final.

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XI. And it is enacted, that when any question of disputed compensation by this Act authorized or required to be settled by arbitration, shall have arisen then unless both parties shall concur in the appointment of a single arbitrator, each party on the request of the other party shall nominate and appoint an arbitrator to which two arbitrators such dispute shall be referred, and every appointment of an arbitrator shall be made on the part of the said Commissioners under the hands of two of the said Commissioners, or of their Clerk duly authorized by such two Commissioners, and on the part of any other party under the hand of such party, or if such party be a corporation aggregate under the common seal of such corporation, and such appointment shall be delivered to the arbitrator or arbitrators, and shall be deemed a submission to arbitration on the part of the party by whom the same shall be made, and after any such appointment shall have been made neither party shall have power to revoke the same without the consent of the other, nor shall the death of either party operate as a revocation, and if after any such dispute shall have arisen and after a request in writing in which shall be stated the matter so required to be referred to arbitration, shall have been served by the one party on the other party to appoint an arbitrator, such last mentioned party fail within fourteen days after such service to appoint such arbitrator, then upon such failure the party making the request, and having himself appointed an arbitrator may appoint such  
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XII. And it is enacted, that if before the matters so referred shall be determined, any arbitrator appointed by either party shall die or become incapable to act, the party by whom such arbitrator was appointed may nominate and appoint in writing some other person to act in his place, and if for the space of seven days after notice in writing from the other party for that purpose he shall fail to do so, the remaining or other arbitrator may proceed to hear and determine the matters which shall be in dispute, and every arbitrator who shall be so substituted as aforesaid shall have the same power and authorities as were vested in the former arbitrator at the time of such his death or disability aforesaid.

XIII. And it is enacted, that where more than one arbitrator shall have been appointed such arbitrators shall before they enter upon the matters referred to them, nominate and appoint by writing under their hands an umpire to decide on any such matters on which they shall differ, or which shall be referred to him under the provisions of this Act, and if such umpire shall die or become incapable to act, they shall forthwith after such death or incapacity appoint another umpire in his place, and the decision of every such umpire on the matters so referred to him shall be final.

XIV. And it is enacted, that if in either of the cases aforesaid the said arbitrators shall refuse, or shall for seven days after request of either party to such arbitration, neglect to appoint an umpire, any two of the Magistrates of Calcutta shall on the application of either party to such arbitration appoint an umpire, and the decision of such umpire on the matters on which the arbitrators shall differ or which shall be referred to him under this Act shall be final.

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XV. And it is enacted, that when a single arbitrator shall have been appointed as hereinbefore provided, and such arbitrator shall die or become incapable to act before he shall have made his award, the matters referred to him shall be determined by arbitrators under the provisions of this Act in the same manner as if such arbitrator had not been appointed.

XVI. And it is enacted, that if where more than one arbitrator shall have been appointed either of the arbitrators refuse, or for seven days after the day of his appointment shall neglect to act, the other arbitrator may proceed to hear and determine the matters in dispute, and the decision of such other arbitrator shall be as effectual as if he had been the single arbitrator appointed by both parties.

XVII. And it is enacted, that if where more than one arbitrator shall have been appointed and where neither of them shall refuse or neglect to act as aforesaid, but such arbitrators shall fail to make their award within twenty-one days after the day on which the last of such arbitrators shall have been appointed, or within such extended time, (if any) as shall have been appointed for that purpose by both such arbitrators under their hands, the matters referred to them shall be determined by the umpire to be appointed as aforesaid.

XVIII. And it is enacted, that the said arbitrators or their umpire may call for the production of any documents in the possession or power of either party which they or he may think necessary for determining the question in dispute, and may examine the parties or their witnesses on oath or solemn affirmation, and administer the oaths and solemn affirmation necessary for that purpose.

XIX. And it is enacted, that before any such arbitrator or umpire as aforesaid shall enter into the consideration of any matters referred to him he shall in the presence of a Magistrate of Calcutta make and subscribe the following declaration, that is to say—



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I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully and honestly to the best of my skill and ability hear and determine the matters referred to me under the provisions of the Act XXII. of 1847

A. B.

Made and subscribed

in the presence of

C. D.

And such declaration shall be annexed to the award when made, and if any arbitrator or umpire having made such declaration shall wilfully act contrary thereto, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour.

XX. And it is enacted, that all the costs of any such arbitration and incident thereto, shall be settled by the said arbitrators and shall be borne by the said Commissioners, unless the arbitrators shall award the same or a less sum than shall have been offered by the said Commissioners in which case each party shall bear their own costs incident to the said arbitration, and the costs of the said arbitrators shall be borne by the parties in equal proportions.

XXI. And it is enacted, that the said arbitrators or the said umpire, as the case may be, shall deliver their award in writing to the said Commissioners, and the said Commissioners shall retain the same, and on demand made at the office of their Clerk shall forthwith at their own expense furnish a copy thereof to the other party to the arbitration, and shall at all reasonable times when thereunto required produce the said award and allow the same to be inspected or examined at the office of their said Clerk by such party or any person appointed by him for that purpose.

XXII. And it is enacted, that the submission to any such arbitration as aforesaid may be made a rule of the said Supreme Court on the application of either or any party thereto, and may be enforced against all necessary parties by any rule, order or decree of the said Court notwithstanding



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withstanding that any or either of the said parties are not otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the said Court.

XXIII. And it is enacted, that no award made with respect to any question referred to arbitration under the provisions of this Act shall be set aside for irregularity or error in matter of form.

XXIV. And it is enacted, that in every case in which a dispute or difference shall arise between the said Commissioners, and any person or persons whose property they may intend or desire to purchase for the purposes of this Act as to the amount of compensation to be paid for the said property which difference and dispute either of the said parties shall refuse to settle by arbitration the said Commissioners shall issue a warrant in writing signed by any one of them and sealed with their common seal to the Sheriff of Calcutta, requiring him to summon a jury for the purpose of settling the said difference or dispute; and if such Sheriff be interested in the matter in dispute such warrant shall be addressed and sent to the Coroner of Calcutta, and if the said Sheriff and the said Coroner be both of them interested in the said matter then the said warrant shall be addressed and sent to the last person who shall have filled the office of Sheriff of Calcutta who is not interested in the said matter and who is at the time of the issuing the said warrant an inhabitant of the said Town of Calcutta, and every such Sheriff, Coroner, or Ex-Sheriff shall have power if he think fit to appoint a Deputy or Assessor.

XXV. And it is enacted, that throughout the enactments contained in this Act relative to a reference to a jury where the term Sheriff is used the provisions applicable thereto shall be held to apply to every Coroner or other person lawfully acting in the place of the Sheriff, and in every case in which any such warrant as aforesaid shall have been directed to any other person than the said Sheriff of Calcutta, such

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Sheriff shall immediately on receiving notice of the delivery of the warrant on application being made to him for that purpose deliver over to the person to whom the said warrant shall have been directed, or to any other fit and proper person appointed by him to receive the same the Jurors' book and Special Jurors' list for the Town of Calcutta.

XXVI. And it is enacted, that upon the receipt of such warrant as aforesaid the Sheriff shall summon a jury of ten indifferent persons duly qualified to act as common jurymen in Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature aforesaid, to meet at a convenient time and place to be appointed by him for that purpose, such time not being less than fourteen nor more than twenty-one days after the receipt of such warrant, and such place not being more than two miles from the lands, buildings or tenements concerning and relating to which the said difference or dispute shall have arisen unless by consent of the parties interested some other time and place be agreed upon and settled, and the said Sheriff shall forthwith give notice to the said Commissioners of the time and place so appointed by him.

XXVII. And it is enacted, that out of and from the number of jurors appearing upon such summons as aforesaid, a jury of five persons shall be drawn by the said Sheriff in such number and form as juries for trials of offences before the said Supreme Court are by the rules and orders of the said Court required to be drawn, and if a sufficient number of the jurymen so summoned as aforesaid do not appear in obedience to such summons as aforesaid the Sheriff shall return other indifferent men duly qualified as aforesaid of the bye-standers or others that can speedily be procured to make up the jury to the said number of five persons, and the said Commissioners and all other parties interested in the said lands, buildings or tenements may have and make their challenges against any of the said jurymen according to the course and practice of the said Supreme



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Supreme Court, but neither the said Commissioners nor any of the said parties interested as aforesaid shall challenge the array.

XXVIII. And it is enacted, that in every such inquiry as aforesaid the said Sheriff shall preside, and the party or parties claiming compensation from the said Commissioners shall be deemed the plaintiff or plaintiffs, as the case may be, and shall have all such rights and privileges as the plaintiff is entitled to in the trial of actions at law in the Court of Queen's Bench at Westminster, and if the said Commissioners or any persons interested in the said lands, buildings or tenements so request in writing, the said Sheriff shall summon before him, any person who shall by the said Commissioners, or any person interested as aforesaid be considered necessary to be examined as a witness touching the matters in question, and on the like request the said Sheriff shall order the said jury to view the place or matter in controversy in like manner as views may be had in the trial of actions at law in the Court of Queen's Bench at Westminster.

XXIX. And it is enacted, that if the said Sheriff make default in any matter hereinbefore required to be done by him in relation to any such trial or inquiry as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of Five Hundred Rupees for every such offence, and such penalty shall be recoverable by the said Commissioners by an action of debt or on the case in the said Supreme Court, and if any person summoned or returned upon any jury under this Act, whether common or special, do not appear, or if appearing do refuse to make such lawful oath or affirmation as the said Sheriff may require, or in any other manner wilfully neglect his duty, he shall unless he shew reasonable excuse for the said default or neglect to the satisfaction of the said Sheriff forfeit a sum not exceeding One Hundred Rupees, and every such penalty as aforesaid payable by a Sheriff or juryman as aforesaid shall be applied in satisfaction of the costs of the said inquiry so far as the same will extend, and



in addition to the penalty hereby imposed as aforesaid every such juryman shall in all respects be subject to the same regulations, pains and penalties as if such jury were returned for a trial in the said Supreme Court.

**XXX.** And it is enacted, that if any person who shall have been duly summoned to give evidence upon any such enquiry, and to whom a tender of his reasonable expences shall have been made fail to appear at the time and place specified in the summons without sufficient cause, or if any person whether summoned or not who shall appear as a witness on any such inquiry refuse to be examined on oath or affirmation touching the subject matter in dispute every person so offending shall forfeit and pay to the party aggrieved thereby a sum not exceeding One Hundred Rupees, and that any person examined on oath or affirmation touching the subject matter in dispute who shall wilfully and falsely state any matter which if wilfully and falsely stated by such person in any Court of Justice in which such subject matter might be in dispute, would amount to wilful and corrupt perjury, shall be guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury.

**XXXI.** And it is enacted, that the said Commissioners shall give to all parties interested in any lands, buildings, or tenements concerning or relating to which an inquiry hath been appointed to be held by the said Sheriff notice of the time and place of such inquiry, not less than ten days before the same is to be held, and the said notice shall be in writing, and shall be served on each of the said parties personally or left at his last known place of abode in the said Town, or if he have no such place of abode then the said notice of every such person shall be twice publicly advertised in one or more of the Newspapers published within the said Town.

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Agent, such inquiry shall not be proceeded with so far as concerns the compensation claimed by such absent party, but the compensation to be paid by the said Commissioners to such absent party shall be settled and determined by a Surveyor to be named and appointed by any two of the Magistrates of Calcutta without prejudice to such inquiry then and there proceeding before such Sheriff so far as concerns any compensation claimed by any other party or parties interested in such compensation in respect of the same premises who shall so appear.

**XXXIII.** And it is enacted, that before any jury shall proceed on any such inquiry as aforesaid to inquire of and assess compensation or damages in respect of which their verdict is to be given they shall make oath, or if they object to make oath they shall make a solemn affirmation that they will truly and faithfully enquire of and assess such compensation or damages, and the said Sheriff shall administer such oaths and affirmations as well as the oaths and affirmations of all persons called upon to give evidence.

**XXXIV.** And it is enacted, that where such inquiry as aforesaid shall relate to the value of any lands, buildings, or tenements to be purchased, and also to compensation claimed for injury done or to be done to any other lands, buildings, or tenements held therewith the jury shall deliver their verdict separately for the sum of money to be paid for the purchase of the lands, buildings, or tenements required by the said Commissioners, or of any interest therein belonging to the party or parties with whom the question of disputed compensation shall have arisen, or which under the provisions herein contained he is enabled to sell or convey, and for the sum of money to be paid by way of compensation for the damage if any sustained or to be sustained by the said party or parties by reason of the severing of the lands, buildings, or tenements taken from the other lands, buildings, or tenements of the said party or parties, or otherwise injuriously affecting such last mentioned lands, buildings or tenements by the exercise of the powers conferred by this Act.

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XXXV. And it is enacted, that the Sheriff before whom such inquiry as aforesaid shall be held shall give judgment for the purchase money or compensation assessed by such jury as aforesaid, and the verdict and judgment shall thereupon be signed by such Sheriff, and being so signed shall be delivered to and kept by the Keeper of the Records in the said Supreme Court among the Records of the said Supreme Court, and such verdicts and judgments shall be deemed Records, and the same or true copies or exemplifications thereof shall be good evidence in all Courts, and elsewhere, and all persons may inspect the said verdicts and judgments, and may have copies or exemplifications thereof, or extracts therefrom, on paying for each inspection of any such verdict and judgment the sum of Eight Annas, and for every one hundred words copied or extracted therefrom Four Annas, which copies, exemplifications or extracts the said Keeper of the Records is hereby required to make out and sign and certify the same to be true.

XXXVI. And it is enacted, that on every such inquiry before a jury as aforesaid where the verdict of the jury shall be given for a greater sum than the sum previously offered by the said Commissioners all the costs of such inquiry shall be borne by the said Commissioners, but if the verdict of the jury shall be for the same or a less sum than the sum previously offered by the said Commissioners one-half of the costs of summoning, impanelling and returning the jury, and of taking the inquiry and recording the verdict and judgment thereon shall be defrayed by the parties claiming the said compensation or purchase money, and the other half by the said Commissioners, and each party shall bear his own costs other than as aforesaid incident to such inquiry.

XXXVII. And it is enacted, that the costs of any such inquiry as aforesaid shall in case of differences arising regarding the same be settled by the Taxing Officer of the said Supreme Court on the application of either party, and such costs shall include all reasonable costs, charges



charges and expences incurred in summoning, returning and impanelling the jury taking the inquiry, the attendance of witnesses, the employment of Counsel and Attornies, the recording the verdict and judgment thereon and otherwise incident to such inquiry.

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**XXXIII.** And it is enacted, that if any such costs shall be payable by the said Commissioners, and if within seven days after demand duly made at the Office of the Clerk of the said Commissioners such costs be not paid to the party entitled to receive the same they may and shall be recoverable by distress, and on application to any Magistrate of Calcutta he shall issue his warrant accordingly, and if any such costs shall be payable by the owner of any lands, buildings, or tenements, or if any interest therein the same may be deducted and retained by the said Commissioners out of any money awarded by the jury to such owner or determined by the valuation of a Surveyor under the provision hereinafter contained, and the payment or deposit of the remainder, if any of such money shall be deemed payment and satisfaction of the whole thereof, or if such costs shall exceed the amount of the money so awarded or determined the excess may and shall be recoverable by distress, and on application to any Magistrate of Calcutta he shall issue his warrant accordingly.

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**XXXIV.** And it is enacted, that if either party in such case of disputed compensation as aforesaid desire such question to be tried before a special jury, such question shall be so tried, provided that notice of such desire if given by the other party be given to the said Commissioners before they have issued their warrant as aforesaid to the Sheriff and for that purpose the said Commissioners shall by their warrant to the Sheriff require him to nominate a special jury of five jurors for such trial, and thereupon the Sheriff shall as soon as conveniently may be after the receipt by him of such warrant summon the said Commissioners and the said other party to appear before him by themselves or their Attornies at some convenient time and place to be appointed by him for the purpose



of nominating a special jury (not being less than five nor more than eight days from the service of such summons) and at the time and place so appointed the said Sheriff shall proceed to nominate and strike a special jury in the manner in which such juries shall be required by the Rules and Orders of the said Supreme Court for trials in the said Court, except as far as such Rules may be inconsistent with the number of which the juries under this Act are to consist, and the said Sheriff shall appoint a day not later than the eighth day after the striking of such jury for the parties or their agents to appear before him to reduce the number of such jury, and thereof shall give four days notice to the said Commissioners, and the said other party, and on the day so appointed the Sheriff shall proceed to reduce the said special jury to the number of eight in the manner used and accustomed in the said Supreme Court.

XL. And it is enacted, that the special jury on such inquiry as last aforesaid shall consist of five of the said eight who shall first appear on the names being called over, the said Commissioners and the said other party having respectively their lawful challenges against any of the said jurymen, and if a full jury of five do not appear and if after such challenges a full jury of five do not remain then upon the application of the said Commissioners or of the said other party, the Sheriff shall add to the list of such jury the names of any other disinterested persons qualified to act as special or common jurymen in the said Supreme Court who shall not have been previously struck off the aforesaid list, and who may be then in attendance before the said Sheriff, or can speedily be procured so as to complete such special jury, the said Commissioners and the said other party having respectively their lawful challenges against such persons, and the Sheriff shall proceed to the trial and adjudication of the matters in question by such jury, and such trial shall be attended in all respects with the like incidents and consequences, and the like penalties shall be applicable as hereinbefore provided in the case of a trial by a common jury.

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**XLI.** And it is enacted, that any other inquiry than that for the trial of which such special jury may have been struck and reduced as aforesaid may be tried by such jury provided the said Commissioners and all the other parties interested therein respectively shall give their consent to such trial.

**XLII.** And it is enacted, that where the purchase money or compensation to be paid by the said Commissioners for any lands, buildings or tenements to be purchased or used by the said Commissioners shall be payable to any person who by reason of absence from the Presidency of Bengal is prevented from treating, or who cannot after diligent inquiry be found, or who shall not appear at the time appointed for the inquiry before the jury as hereinafter provided after due notice thereof given to him, such purchase money or such compensation to be paid for any permanent injury to such lands, buildings or tenements shall be such as shall be determined by the valuation of such able practical Surveyor as two of the Magistrates, of Calcutta aforesaid shall nominate for that purpose as hereinafter provided.

**XLIII.** And it is enacted, that upon application of the said Commissioners two of the Magistrates of Calcutta aforesaid, and upon such proof as shall be satisfactory to them that any such party is by reason of absence prevented from treating, or cannot after diligent inquiry be found, or that such party failed to appear on such inquiry before a jury as aforesaid after due notice given to him for that purpose, such Magistrates shall by writing under their hands nominate an able practical Surveyor, approved by the said Commissioners, to determine the amount of such purchase money or compensation as aforesaid, and such Surveyor shall determine the same accordingly, and shall annex to his valuation a declaration in writing signed by him of the correctness thereof.

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XLIV. And it is enacted, that before any such Surveyor shall enter upon the duty of making such valuation as aforesaid he shall in the presence of such Magistrates or one of them, make and subscribe the declaration following at the foot of such nomination by the said Magistrates as aforesaid, that is to say—

I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I will faithfully, impartially and honestly, according to the best of my skill and ability execute the duty of making the valuation hereby referred to me.

A. B.

Made and subscribed  
in the presence of

C. D.

And if any such Surveyor shall corruptly make such declaration, or having made such declaration, shall wilfully act contrary thereto he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour.

XLV. And it is enacted, that the said nomination and declaration shall be annexed to the valuation to be made by such Surveyor and shall be preserved together therewith by the Clerk to the said Commissioners, and he shall at all reasonable times produce at his office the said valuation and other documents on demand to the owner of lands, buildings or tenements comprized in such valuation and to all other parties interested therein.

XLVI. And it is enacted, that in estimating the purchase money or compensation to be paid by the said Commissioners in any of the cases aforesaid regard shall be had by the Magistrates, Arbitrators or Surveyors, as the case may be, not only to the value of the lands, buildings or tenements to be purchased by the said Commissioners, but also to the damage if any to be sustained by the owners of the lands, buildings or tenements by reason of the severing of the said lands, build-

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ings or tenements taken from other lands, buildings or tenements of such owner, or otherwise injuriously affecting such other lands, buildings or tenements by the exercise of the powers of this Act.

XLVII. And it is enacted, that where the compensation payable in respect of any lands, buildings or premises, or any interest therein, shall have been ascertained by the valuation of a Surveyor and deposited as hereafter provided by reason that the owner of or party entitled to convey such lands, buildings and tenements, or such interest therein as aforesaid, could not be found or was absent, and such owner or party shall be dissatisfied with such valuation it shall be lawful for him before he shall have applied as hereinafter provided for payment or investment of the monies so deposited under the provisions herein contained, by notice in writing to the said Commissioners to require the question of such compensation to be submitted to arbitration, and thereupon the same shall be so submitted accordingly in the same manner as in other cases of disputed compensation hereinbefore authorized or required to be submitted to arbitration.

XLVIII. And it is enacted, that the question to be submitted to the arbitrators in the case last aforesaid shall be whether the said sum so deposited as aforesaid by the said Commissioners was a sufficient sum, or whether any and what further sum ought to be paid or deposited by them.

XLIX. And it is enacted, that if the arbitrators shall award a further sum to be paid or deposited by the said Commissioners they shall pay or deposit, as the case may require, such further sum within fourteen days after the making of such award, or in default thereof the same may be recovered with cost by action or suit in the said Supreme Court.



L. And it is enacted, that if the arbitrators shall determine that the sum so paid or deposited was sufficient the costs of and incident to such arbitration to be determined by the arbitrators, shall be in the discretion of the arbitrators, but if the arbitrators shall determine that a further sum ought to be paid or deposited by the said Commissioners all the costs of and incident to the arbitration shall be borne by the said Commissioners.

LI. And it is enacted, that if any party shall be entitled to any compensation in respect of any lands, buildings or tenements, or of any interest therein which shall have been taken for or injuriously affected by the execution of the works of the said Commissioners, and for which the said Commissioners shall not have made satisfaction under the provisions of this Act, such party may have the same settled either by arbitration or by the verdict of a jury as he shall think fit; and if the said party desire to have the same settled by arbitration it shall be lawful for him to give notice in writing to the said Commissioners of such his desire, stating in such notice the nature of the interest in such lands, buildings or tenements in respect of which he claims compensation and the amount of the compensation so claimed therein, and unless the said Commissioners be willing to pay the amount of the compensation so claimed, and shall enter into a written agreement for that purpose within twenty-one days after the receipt of any such notice from any party so entitled, the same shall be settled by arbitration in the manner herein provided; or if the party so entitled as aforesaid desire to have such question of compensation settled by jury it shall be lawful for him to give notice in writing of such his desire to the said Commissioners, stating such particulars as aforesaid, and unless the said Commissioners be willing to pay the amount of compensation so claimed and enter into a written agreement for that purpose, they shall within twenty-one days after the receipt of such notice issue their warrant to the Sheriff to summon a jury for settling the same in the manner herein provided, and in default thereof they



they shall be liable to pay to the party so entitled as aforesaid the amount of the compensation so claimed, and the same may be recovered by him by action of debt or on the case in the said Supreme Court.

LII. And it is enacted, that so soon as the amount of the purchase money or compensation to be paid by the said Commissioners in respect of any lands, houses, tenements, or hereditaments, or any interest therein, shall be ascertained, fixed, awarded or settled in any of the modes sanctioned and appointed by this Act as aforesaid, if the said lands, houses, tenements, or hereditaments shall have been purchased or taken by the said Commissioners from any person or persons not entitled to sell or convey the same except under the provisions of this Act as being tenant for life or in tail, married women, guardian, committee, trustee, executor or administrator, or person having a partial or qualified interest therein, or who shall refuse to accept such purchase money or compensation, or neglect or fail to make out a title to such lands, houses, tenements, or hereditaments, or to the interest therein claimed by him to the satisfaction of the said Commissioners, or shall refuse to convey or release the same, or shall be absent from the Presidency of Bengal, or cannot after diligent enquiry be found, the said Commissioners are hereby empowered and required forthwith to invest the said purchase money or amount of compensation in some of the Securities or Promissory Notes of the East India Company, commonly called Company's Paper, at the current price of the day, and to deposit the same with the Government Agent at Fort William aforesaid in the name and with the privity of the Accountant General of the said Supreme Court to be placed by him to the account of such Accountant General to the credit of the parties interested, or who may be or become interested in such lands, houses, tenements, or hereditaments, describing both them and the said parties so far as the said Commissioners can do pursuant to the course of proceeding in the said Court under the Rules, Orders and Regulations of the said Court, regarding monies paid into  
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the said Court in matters and causes depending before it on its Equity side, and such Securities shall remain so deposited and the interest thereon shall be regularly received by the said Government Agent and credited to the said account, and when and so often as the said interest so received by the said Government Agent shall amount to a sufficient sum for that purpose such interest shall be invested by the said Government Agent from time to time in other such Securities as aforesaid, and such monies, principal and interest, shall remain so invested and deposited until the same be applied under the authority of the said Court upon the petition of the party who would have been entitled to the rents and profits of the lands, houses, tenements, and hereditaments in respect of which such monies shall have been deposited to some one or more of the following purposes, that is to say—In the discharge of any debt or incumbrance affecting the lands, tenements, and hereditaments in respect of which such money shall have been paid or affecting other lands settled therewith to the same, or the like uses, trusts or purposes, or in the purchase of other lands, tenements, or hereditaments to be conveyed, limited and settled upon the like uses, trusts and purposes, and in the same manner as the lands, tenements, or hereditaments in respect of which such money shall have been paid, stood settled, or if such money shall be paid in respect of any buildings taken under the authority of this Act, or injured by the proximity of the works in removing or replacing such buildings or substituting others in their stead, or in payment to any person who shall become absolutely entitled to such money, and until such monies can or shall be so applied, the interest, dividends and annual proceeds of such Company's Paper shall and may upon the like petition and order be paid to the party or parties who would for the time being have been entitled to receive the rents and profits of the said lands, houses, tenements, and hereditaments.



LIII. And it is enacted, that where any purchase money or compensation paid as aforesaid under the provisions of this Act shall have been paid in respect of any lease for a life or lives, or years, or any estate in lands, tenements or hereditaments less than the whole fee simple thereof, or in respect of any reversion dependent on any such lease or estate, it shall be lawful for the said Supreme Court on the petition of any party interested in such money to order that the same shall be laid out, invested, accumulated and paid in such manner as the said Court may consider will give to the parties interested in such money the same benefit therefrom as they might lawfully have had from the lease, estate or reversion in respect of which such money shall have been paid or as near thereto as may be.

LIV. And it is enacted, that upon payment or deposit in manner hereinbefore mentioned of the purchase money or compensation agreed or awarded to be paid in respect of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments purchased or taken by the said Commissioners under the provisions of this Act, the owners of and all parties by this Act enabled to sell or convey such lands, tenements, and hereditaments shall when required so to do by the said Commissioners, duly convey such lands to the said Commissioners, or as they shall direct, and in default thereof, or if such party fail to adduce a good title to such lands, tenements, and hereditaments to the satisfaction of the said Commissioners it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners if they think fit to execute a deed of sale under their common seal, containing a description of the lands, tenements, and hereditaments in respect of which such default shall be made, and reciting the purchase or taking thereof, and the names of the parties from whom the same were purchased or taken, and the payment made in respect thereof, and declaring the fact of such default having been made, and thereupon all the estate and interest in such lands, tenements, and hereditaments of, or capable of being sold and conveyed by the party  
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with whom the said Commissioner shall have made such agreement, or to whom such purchase money or compensation shall have been awarded by a jury or by arbitrators, or by a Surveyor appointed by any Magistrate or Magistrates, or as hereinbefore provided shall vest absolutely in the said Commissioners, and as against such parties and all parties on behalf of whom they are hereinbefore enabled to sell and convey the said Commissioners shall be entitled to immediate possession of such lands, tenements, and hereditaments.

LV. And it is enacted, that if the owner of any such lands, tenements, and hereditaments purchased or taken by the said Commissioners, or of any interest therein, on tender of the purchase money or compensation agreed or awarded to be paid in respect thereof, shall refuse to accept the same, or neglect or fail to make out a title to such lands, tenements, and hereditaments, or to the interest therein claimed by him to the satisfaction of the said Commissioners, or if he refuse to convey or release such lands, tenements, and hereditaments as directed and required by the said Commissioners, or if any such owner be absent from the Presidency of Bengal, or cannot after diligent inquiry be found or fail to appear on the inquiry before a jury as hereinbefore provided, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to place the purchase money or compensation payable in respect of such lands, tenements, and hereditaments, or any interest therein to the credit of the parties interested in such lands, tenements, and hereditaments (the said parties being described so far as the said Commissioners can describe them) subject to the controul and disposition of the said Supreme Court, and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners if they shall think fit to execute a deed of sale under their common seal containing a description of the lands, tenements, and hereditaments in respect whereof such purchase money or compensation shall have been placed to credit, and declaring the circumstances under which and the names of the parties to whose credit



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such purchase money or compensation shall have been placed, and thereupon all the estate and interest in such lands, tenements, and hereditaments of the parties for whose use and in respect whereof such purchase money or compensation shall have been placed to credit, shall vest absolutely in the said Commissioners and as against such parties they shall be entitled to immediate possession of such lands, tenements, and hereditaments.

LVI. And it is enacted, that upon the application by petition of any party making claim to the money so placed to credit as last aforesaid, or any part thereof, or to the lands, buildings, or tenements in respect whereof the same shall have been so placed to credit, or any part of such lands, buildings, or tenements, or any interest in the same the said Supreme Court on its Equity side may in a summary way as to the said Court shall seem fit, order such money to be laid out or invested in Company's Paper and deposited as aforesaid with the said Government Agent, and may order distribution thereof or payment of the interest thereof according to the respective estates, titles or interests of the parties making claim to such money, lands, buildings, or tenements, or any part thereof, and may make such other order in the premises as to the said Court shall seem just.

LVII. And it is enacted, that the said Commissioners shall not be deemed necessary or competent parties to any such proceeding in the said Supreme Court, but that due notice shall be given according to the course and practice of the said Court in matters before it by summary petition by the party or parties petitioning to all other parties interested to whom it shall be competent to appear in such summary suit to defend and maintain their respective right and interests.

LVIII. And it is enacted, that the said Commissioners may with the



the consent of the said Governor sell and dispose of any lands or tenements vested in them by virtue of this Act, or any part thereof either together or in parcels as they may find most convenient and advantageous and the money to arise and to be produced by such sale shall be applied to such of the purposes of this Act or Act No. XVI. of 1847, as the said Commissioners shall think fit, and the purchaser of such lands or tenements shall not be answerable or accountable for any misapplication or non-application of such purchase money; and for the completing and carrying any such sale into effect the said Commissioners may make and execute a conveyance of the lands and tenements sold and disposed of as aforesaid unto the purchaser thereof and such conveyance shall be under the common seal of the said Commissioners.

LIX. And it is enacted, that in every conveyance of lands to be made by the said Commissioners under this Act the word "grant" shall operate as express covenants by the said Commissioners for themselves and their successors with the respective grantees therein named, and their Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, as the case may be, according to the quality and nature of such grants, and of the estate or interest therein expressed to be thereby conveyed as follows except as far as the same shall be restrained or limited by express words contained in any such conveyance (that is to say) A covenant that notwithstanding any act or default done by the said Commissioners, they were at the time of the execution of such conveyance under and by virtue of the provisions of this Act possessed of the lands or promises granted thereby for an indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple free from all encumbrances done or occasioned by them or otherwise for such estate or interest as therein expressed to be thereby granted free from encumbrances done or occasioned by them.

LX. And in order to raise money for defraying the expences incurred



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red or to be incurred by the said Commissioners in carrying into effect the provisions of this Act or of Act No. XVI. of 1847 it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized subject in each case to the approval of the Governor aforesaid to be signified in writing, to borrow and take up at interest on the credit of the rates, taxes and duties authorized to be made, levied and received by the said Commissioners from any person who shall be willing to advance the same the sum and sums of money necessary for defraying the costs, charges and expences incurred or to be incurred by the said Commissioners in carrying into effect with the least possible delay the provisions of this Act or of Act No. XVI. 1847, and for securing the repayment of such sum or sums of money with such interest thereon as shall be agreed upon between the said Commissioners, and the person or persons lending or advancing the same, the said Commissioners may mortgage and assign over the said rates, taxes, tolls and duties, or any part thereof to the person or persons who shall advance such money, or to a Trustee or Trustees on his or their behalf as security for the money so to be borrowed, together with interest upon the same, and no assessment, tax, toll or duty over which any such mortgage shall have been granted shall be repealed in whole or in part until such mortgage shall be paid off unless by the consent in writing of such mortgagee.

LXI. And it is enacted, that in order to discharge the principal money of any such sum or sums of money as shall be borrowed on security of the assessments, taxes and duties aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and required yearly and every year to deduct, appropriate and set apart, and apply out of the rates aforesaid such a sum of money as shall be in proportion to one-thirtieth part of the money borrowed or secured, and which at that time shall remain due and secured as aforesaid upon the said assessments, taxes and duties as and for a Sinking Fund to be applied in paying off and discharging



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discharging the principal monies so borrowed or secured, and from time to time cause the amount of such Sinking Fund to be invested in the Securities of the East India Company called Company's Paper and such Company's Paper to be deposited from time to time in the hands of the Government Agent, who is hereby empowered and required to increase the same by investing the interest payable thereon as the same shall become due and payable in the purchase of other Company's Paper, and so on from time to time so that the said Sinking Fund shall accumulate at compound interest until the same shall be of sufficient amount to pay off the said principal debts, or one of them or some part of some one of them, at which time the same shall be so applied in paying off the same in manner hereinafter mentioned.

**LXII.** And it is enacted, that every mortgage of assessments, taxes and duties authorized to be made under the provisions of this Act shall be by deed in which the consideration shall be truly stated, and every such deed shall be under the common seal of the said Commissioners, and signed by three of them at the least at one of their annual, quarterly or special meetings and may be according to the form in the Schedule [A] to this Act annexed, or to the like effect, and the respective mortgagees shall be entitled one with another to their respective proportions of the assessments, taxes, tolls and duties comprised in such mortgages according to the respective sums which in such mortgages are mentioned to be advanced by such mortgagees respectively, and to be repaid the sums so advanced with interest without any preference one above another by reason of priority of advance, or of the date of any such mortgage respectively.

**LXIII.** And it is enacted, that the expenses of every mortgage shall from time to time be defrayed by the said Commissioners out of the money raised by the same.



**LXIV.** And it is enacted, that a Register of all the said mortgages shall be kept by the Clerk of the said Commissioners, and within fourteen days after the date of any mortgage an entry or memorial specifying the number and date of such mortgage, and the sum secured thereby and the names of the parties thereto with their proper additions shall be made in the said Register, and the said Register may be perused at all reasonable times by any mortgagee or by any person interested in any such mortgage without fee or reward.

**LXV.** And it is enacted, that from time to time any party entitled to any such mortgage may transfer his right and interest therein to any other person, and every such transfer shall be by deed wherein the consideration shall be truly stated, and every such transfer may be according to the form in the Schedule B to this Act annexed or to the like effect.

**LXVI.** And it is enacted, that within thirty days after the date of every such transfer if executed within the territories subject to the Government of the East India Company, or otherwise, within thirty days after the arrival thereof within the said territories, it shall be produced to the said Clerk, and thereupon the said Clerk shall make an entry or memorial thereof in the Register aforesaid in the same manner as in the case of an original mortgage, and for such entry the said Clerk may demand and receive a fee not exceeding Two Rupees, and after such entry every such transfer shall entitle the transferee, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns to the full benefit of the original mortgage, and the principal and interest secured thereby, and such transferee may in like manner assign or transfer the same again and toties quoties, and it shall not be in the power of any person except the person to whom the said mortgage shall have been last transferred, his Executors, or Administrators or Assigns to make void, release or discharge the original mortgage, or the monies due thereon or secured thereby.

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**LXVII.** And it is enacted, that from and after the payment or satisfaction of all the principal and interest of monies secured by any mortgage made under the powers of this Act all the estate, property, right and interest by such mortgage vested in the mortgagee, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns shall without any transfer or release or any other act or deed whatsoever immediately cease and determine.

**LXVIII.** And in order that no undue preference may be given in paying off any mortgages it is enacted, that whenever the said Commissioners shall be enabled to pay off one or more out of the number of the said mortgages, or a part of the money secured on any such mortgage, they shall decide the order in which such mortgages shall be paid off by lot or ballot, and shall cause a notice signed by their Clerk to be given to the person entitled to the money to be paid off pursuant to such lot or ballot, and such notice shall express the principal sum proposed to be paid off, and that the same will be paid together with the interest due thereon, at the office of the Clerk of the said Commissioners on a day and at an hour to be specified at the expiration of six months from the date of giving such notice.

**LXIX.** And it is enacted, that the said Commissioners may if they think proper fix a period for the repayment of the whole of the principal money borrowed on any one mortgage under the provisions of this Act with the interest thereon, and in such case the said Commissioners shall cause such period to be inserted in the mortgage deed, and upon the expiration of such period the said principal sum, together with the arrears of interest thereon, shall on demand be paid to the party entitled to receive such principal sum and interest, and if no other place of payment be inserted in such mortgage deed such principal and interest shall be payable at the office of the Clerk of the said Commissioners.

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**LXX.** And it is enacted, that if no time be fixed in the mortgage deed for the repayment of the money so borrowed the party entitled to receive such money may at the expiration, or at any time after the expiration of twelve months from the date of such mortgage, demand payment of the principal sum thereby secured, with all arrears of interest upon giving six months previous notice for that purpose, and in the like case the said Commissioners may at any time pay off the money borrowed on giving the like notice, and every such notice shall be in writing or print; or partly in writing and partly in print, and if given by a mortgagee or creditor shall be delivered to the Clerk aforesaid or left at his office and if given by the said Commissioners shall be given either personally to such mortgagee or creditor, or left at his residence, or if his present residence be not known then at his last known place of abode, or if such mortgagee or creditor be unknown to the said Commissioners, or cannot be found after diligent inquiry and his last place of abode be unknown such notice shall be given by advertisement in the Calcutta Government Gazette, and once in each of three successive weeks in two of the Calcutta Newspapers.

**LXXI.** And it is enacted, that if the said Commissioners shall have given notice in terms of this Act of their intention to pay off any such mortgage then at the expiration of such notice all further interest shall cease to be payable on such mortgage unless demand of payment be made pursuant to such notice, and unless on such demand being duly made the said Commissioners shall fail to pay the principal and interest then due on such mortgage.

**LXXII.** And it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for any mortgagee or other person entitled to receive payment of the money secured by any such mortgage to enforce the payment of the principal money and interest due thereon by applying for the appointment of a Receiver in the manner hereinafter provided, but in order to authorize the appointment



of such Receiver the amount of money owing to the mortgagee or mortgagees, or creditor or creditors by whom the application is made shall not be less than Ten Thousand Rupees.

**LXXIII.** And it is enacted, that if within six months after the principal money or any interest owing upon any such mortgage has become payable and after demand thereof in writing the same be not paid the mortgagee or other creditor as aforesaid (without prejudice to his right to sue for such principal money, together with all arrears of interest in any competent Court or Courts of Law or Equity) may if his debt amount to the sum of Ten Thousand Rupees alone, or, if his debt does not amount to that sum, in conjunction with other mortgagees whose debts being so in arrears after demand as aforesaid shall, together with his amount to the said sum, require the appointment of a Receiver by an application to be made as hereinafter provided.

**LXXIV.** And it is enacted, that every application for a Receiver shall be made to one or more Justices of Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal, and on any such application it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices by order in writing after hearing the parties to appoint a fit and proper person to receive the whole or a competent part of the rates and assessments, and to apply the same to the payment of such interest or principal and interest as the case may be, together with all costs, including the charges of receiving the rates and assessments until the said principal and interest, together with all such costs and charges be fully paid, and upon such appointment being made all such rates and assessments as aforesaid shall be paid to and received by the person so appointed who is hereby empowered to give good and sufficient discharges for the same, and the money so to be received shall be so much money received by or to the use of the party to whom such interest or such principal and interest, as the case may

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be, shall be then due, and on whose behalf such Receiver shall have been appointed, and after such interest and costs, or such principal, interest and costs have been so received, the power of such Receiver shall cease.

SCHEDULE A.

FORM OF MORTGAGE DEED.

Mortgage No.                      Rupees                      By virtue of the Acts of the  
Legislative Council No. XVI. and No. XXII. of 1847. We the Commis-  
sioners appointed and acting under and by authority of the said Acts,  
in consideration of the sum of Co.'s Rupees                      paid to us by  
A. B. of                      do hereby assign unto the said A. B., his  
Executors, Administrators and Assigns, all the rates and sums of money  
arising in the Town of Calcutta by virtue of the said Acts, and all the  
estate, right, title and interest of the said Commissioners in the same.  
To hold unto the said A. B., his Executors, Administrators and Assigns  
until the sum of                      together with  
interest for the same at the rate of                      for every  
hundred Rupees by the year be satisfied (the principal sum to be repaid  
at the                      of                      years from the date hereof)—(*in case any certain*  
period be agreed upon for that purpose.)

Given under our common seal this                      day of  
in the year of our Lord                      and signed by us at our meeting  
on the said day.

A. B. *Commissioner.*

C. D.                      „

E. F.                      „

SCHEDULE B.



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SCHEDULE B.

FORM OF TRANSFER OF MORTGAGE.

I, A. B., of                      in consideration of the sum of                      paid  
to me by G. H. of                      do hereby transfer to the said G. H., his  
Executors, Administrators and Assigns a certain Mortgage Number  
made by the Commissioners appointed and acting under  
and by authority of Acts No. XVI. and No. XXII. of 1847, of the Legis-  
lative Council of India, bearing date the                      day of                      for  
securing the sum of Company's Rupees                      and interest (*or if such*  
*transfer be by indorsement* the within security) and all my right, estate  
and interest in and to the money thereby secured, and in and to the  
rates and property thereby assigned.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this  
day of                      in the year of our Lord

A. B.

L. S.