

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1863.*

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**An Act for Vesting all Estates and Property occupied by or for the Naval Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in the Lord High Admiral, or the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, of the said United Kingdom for the time being. (Passed 25th March, 1863.)**

Whereas divers Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, have been at various times purchased for the use of the Naval Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and conveyed to several different Persons in trust for Her Majesty and Her Royal Predecessors, and Her and their Heirs and Successors, and the same have been placed under the charge of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the said United Kingdom for the time being; and it is expedient that the same and all other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, that may hereafter be purchased or in any manner used and occupied by or for the said Service, should be vested in the Lord High Admiral of the said United Kingdom or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid, for the time being:

Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, as follows:

I. From and after the passing of this Act, all Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, Erections, Buildings, and Property whatever, which have been conveyed to or are vested in any Person or Persons, or are held, or in any manner occupied by, or in the name of, any Person or Persons in Trust for Her Majesty, or Her Royal Predecessors, and Her or their Heirs or Successors, for the use of the Naval Service of the said United Kingdom, or of any of the Departments of or belonging to the said Naval Service, by whatever mode of conveyance, or by whatever Title, or for whatever Estate or Interest therein, the same shall have been conveyed or be vested, held or occupied, together with the Rights, Members, Easements, and Appurtenances to the same respectively belonging, shall be and become and remain and continue vested in the Lord High Admiral of the said United Kingdom, or the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid for the time being, according to the respective nature and quality of the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and the several Estates and Interests of and in the same respectively, in Trust for Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for the Public Service.

II. From and after the Purchase and Conveyance, Grant or Demise thereof, all other Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, which shall at any time or times hereafter be Purchased, Taken, or Occupied, by the Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid for the time being, or by any Person or Persons by his or their order, for the Naval Service of the said United Kingdom, or of the Departments of or belonging to the said Naval Service, and all Erections and Buildings which shall then, or may be thereafter erected or built thereon, with the Rights, Members, Easements, and Appurtenances, to the same respectively belonging, shall in like manner be and become and remain and continue vested in the Lord High Admiral of the said United

Kingdom or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid for the time being, and his or their successors in the said Office, according to the respective nature and quality of the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and the several Estates and Interests of and in the same respectively, in Trust as aforesaid.

III. Upon the Death, Resignation, or Removal of the present Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the said United Kingdom, or of any of them, or of any future such Commissioners, or of any Lord High Admiral of the said United Kingdom, all such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, respectively, shall become vested in and be held by the succeeding Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid, or the Lord High Admiral aforesaid, as the case may be, and so in perpetual succession, according to the respective nature and quality of the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and the several Estates and Interests of and in the same respectively, in Trust as aforesaid.

IV. In all Deeds, Conveyances, Leases, Contracts, and other Instruments, touching any Estates, Property, matter or thing, relating to the Naval Service of the said Kingdom, or to any Department under the control of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid, or whereto they or any of them shall be parties, it shall be sufficient to describe them generally by the style and title of "The Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland," without expressing their names; and all such Deeds, Conveyances, Leases, Contracts, and other Instruments, wherein the said Commissioners shall be so described, and the execution or signature thereof by any two of them, shall be as valid and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as if they or any of them had been expressly named therein, and had executed or signed the same.

V. It shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid, for the time being, or any two or more of them, or the Lord High Admiral aforesaid, to Sell, Exchange, or in any manner dispose of, or Let, or Demise any of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments respectively, which shall be vested in them under or by virtue of this Act, with their respective appurtenances, either by Public Auction or Private Contract, and in due form of Law to Convey, Surrender, Assign, or Make Over, or to Grant or Demise the same respectively, as the case may require, to any Person or Persons who shall be willing to purchase or take the same respectively; and also to do any other act, matter or thing, in relation to any such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which they or he shall deem beneficial for the Public Service, in relation thereto, or for the better management thereof, which might be done by any Person or Persons having a like interest in any such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments.

VI. It shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid, for the time being, or the Lord High Admiral aforesaid for the time being, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to bring, prosecute, and maintain, any Action, Suit, or other Proceeding at Law or in Equity, for recovering possession of any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, by this Act vested in them or him as aforesaid, and to Distrain or Sue for any Arrears of Rent which shall have or shall become due for or in respect thereof, under any demise from the said Commissioners or Lord High Admiral, or any Person or Persons on their or his behalf, or on behalf of

Her Majesty, and also to bring, prosecute, or maintain, or to defend any other Action or Suit in respect of, or in relation to, the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Trespass or Encroachment committed thereon, or damage or injury done thereto; and that in every such Action or Suit the said Commissioners shall be called "The Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland," without naming them; and no such Action or Suit shall abate by the Death, Resignation, or Removal of such Commissioners, or any of them, or of such Lord High Admiral, any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding; and the said Commissioners or Lord High Admiral shall be entitled to recover Costs for and on behalf of Her Majesty, where judgment shall be given for the Crown, and shall be liable to pay Costs where judgment shall be given against the Crown, in any such Action, Suit, or other Proceeding, in like manner, and subject to the same rules and provisions, as though such Action, Suit, or other Proceeding, had been had between Subject and Subject.