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5 of 1862. **An Ordinance for vesting all Estates and Property in the Colony of Sierra Leone, in Africa, occupied by or for the Naval Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern 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.**

[10TH JULY, 1862.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS divers messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments in the Colony have been at various times purchased for the use of the Naval Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern 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 be hereafter 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.

* Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Admiralty Lands Ordinance. Short title

2. All messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, erections, buildings and property in the Colony 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 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.

Vesting in Lords of the Admiralty of lands heretofore acquired.

3. 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, held, or occupied in the Colony 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 any 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.

Vesting in Lords of the Admiralty of lands to be acquired in future.

Succession to
lands.

4. 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 in the Colony 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.

Description
of Lords of
the
Admiralty.

5. In all Deeds, Conveyances, Leases, Contracts and other Instruments touching any estate, property, matter or thing relating to the Naval Service of the said United 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 Northern 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.

Power of sale
in Lords of
the
Admiralty.

6. 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 in the Colony respectively, which shall be vested in them under or by virtue of this Ordinance 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 or hereditaments.

7. 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 in the Colony any action, suit or other proceeding at law or in equity for recovering possession of any messuages, lands, tenements or hereditaments by this Ordinance 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 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 Northern 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.

Legal
proceedings.