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CHAPTER 125.**ORDNANCE LANDS.**

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An Ordinance for Transferring to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the Powers and Estates within the Colony of Sierra Leone, in Africa, heretofore vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance.

[22ND AUGUST, 1856.]

Preamble.

20 of 1842.

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WHEREAS by an Ordinance passed by the Governor and Council of the said Colony on the twelfth day of November, eighteen hundred and forty-two, intituled "An Act for vesting all Estates and Property in the Colony of Sierra Leone, in Africa, occupied for the Ordnance Service, in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance, and for granting certain powers to the said Principal Officers," a certain piece or portion of land, known as and commonly called the Barrack Hill, and situate, lying and being in the town of Freetown, in the Colony, and bounded on the north by the second cross street, commencing at the south-eastern corner of Gloucester Street, taking the direction of the said cross street westerly to the north-eastern corner of Pademba Road, on the west by the easternmost side of the Pademba Road, in a southern direction, to the extent of four hundred and seventy feet or thereabouts, then striking off at a right angle, easterly, taking the back boundary line of Soldier Town, as defined by landmarks numbered from one to twelve, which last landmark is erected seventy-five feet distant from the Circular Road on the north and east by a line taking the direction of the Circular Road seventy-five feet inwards,

* Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

or by the backs of the allotments around the said road until arriving opposite the south-westernmost corner of Goderich Street, New Town East, or the Old Burial Ground, where it alters its direction, forming a right angle with the said line to the distance of seventy-five feet to the eastward, and then pursues a northern course to the distance of seven hundred and sixty-five feet or thereabouts, resuming the northern boundary in a western direction to the south-western upper corner of Gloucester Street, where it ties in upon the point first described, together with divers messuages or tenements and hereditaments situate thereon, had been appropriated to the use of the department of Her Majesty's Ordnance, and that it was desirable to vest the same in the principal officers of that department in trust for Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors; and that it was expedient that such parts of the said piece or portion of land known as and commonly called the Barrack Hill, situate in Freetown as aforesaid, together with divers messuages or tenements and hereditaments thereunto belonging as aforesaid, as might not be wanted for the service of the said department, should from time to time be sold and disposed of; and that for effectuating such sales it was necessary that all and every the said piece or portion of land, together with the messuages, tenements, and hereditaments thereunto belonging as aforesaid, should be vested in the principal officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance for the time being, and by the said Ordinance the said estates and property were so vested as aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS it has been thought expedient by the Governor and Council of the said Colony that the said estates and property, with all powers, authorities, rights and privileges whatsoever thereto belonging or appertaining, should be transferred from the said principal officers and vested in one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

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

2. From, and immediately after, the passing of this Ordinance the said piece or portion of land hereinbefore described, together with all messuages, lands, tenements, estates, and other hereditaments which have been heretofore appropriated to, and occupied for the use or service of, the said Ordnance Department, and all erections and buildings which now are, or which shall or may be hereafter, erected and built thereon, together with all powers, privileges, members, easements, and appurtenances to the same respectively belonging, and which by the before-recited Ordinance of the twelfth day of November,

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eighteen hundred and forty-two, were vested in the principal officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be, transferred to and vested in, and exercisable by, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the time being to whom Her Majesty shall think fit to entrust the seals of the War Department, and such last-mentioned Principal Secretary of State shall be entitled to the same exemption from personal responsibility as the said principal officers of Ordnance were entitled to:

Reservation
of rights of
pasture.

Provided always that nothing herein contained shall take away or prejudice the privilege of depasturing cattle in, over and upon that part of the said hereditaments, commonly called the Barrack Hill, as heretofore enjoyed by the inhabitants of Freetown aforesaid.

Continuation
of contracts.

3. All contracts, covenants, and agreements heretofore made, or entered into, by any person or persons whatsoever with the said principal officers of the Ordnance, or any person or persons on their behalf as to, or concerning, any lands, hereditaments, estates, and property vested in, or agreed to be purchased by, the said principal officers, or in anywise relating to the public service, shall be deemed, and taken, to have been made or entered into with such Principal Secretary of State as last aforesaid, and shall be executed and enforced by him in like manner as if he had originally been party thereto instead of the said principal officers of the Ordnance, and all proceedings whatsoever which have been, or might or may have been, commenced, taken, or done in the names of the said principal officers on behalf of Her Majesty, shall and may be commenced, continued, taken, and done in the name of such Principal Secretary of State as aforesaid, in like manner (in the case of proceedings already commenced, taken, or done) as if he had originally been party thereto, instead of the said principal officers of the Ordnance.

Disposal of
estates by
Secretary of
State.

4. The said Principal Secretary of State shall be invested with all such power and authority relative to the possession, disposal, and maintenance of the said piece or portion of land, together with the messuages, tenements, and hereditaments hereinbefore described as have been delegated to him by an Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the nineteenth year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for transferring to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the Powers and Estates vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance."