

and do all other matters and things which he shall think necessary and convenient for the making, effecting, preserving, improving, completing, and using the said Canal, in pursuance and within the true meaning of this Act, doing as little damage as may be in the execution of the several powers to him hereby granted.

General powers to do what may be necessary for making and preserving the Canal.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That after any Lands or Grounds shall be set out and ascertained to be necessary for making and completing the said Canal, and other purposes and conveniences herein before mentioned, the Officer aforesaid is hereby empowered to contract, compound, compromise, and agree with all bodies politic, communities, corporations, aggregate or sole, guardians, and all other person or persons for themselves, or as Trustees, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of those whom they represent, whether infants, lunatics, ideots, femmes covert, or other person or persons who shall occupy, be possessed of, or interested in, any Lands or Grounds which shall be set out, or ascertained as aforesaid, for the absolute surrender to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors of so much of the said Land as shall be required, or for the damages which he, she, or they may reasonably claim in consequence of the said intended Canal, Locks, Towing Paths, Rail-ways, and other Constructions and Erections, being cut and constructed in and upon his, her, or their respective Lands, and that all such contracts, agreements, and surrenders, shall be valid and effectual in Law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, any Law, Statute, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Officersuperintending may contract for the surrender to His Majesty of any lands required

How the lands of femmes covert, infants, &c. may be transferred.

Composition may be made by contract for damages.

III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That such parts and portions of Land or Lands, covered with Water, as may be so ascertained and set out by the Officer employed by His Majesty as necessary to be occupied for the purposes of the said Canal; and also, such parts and portions as may, upon any alteration or deviation from the line originally laid out for the said Canal, be ascertained and set out as necessary for the purposes thereof, shall be forever thereafter vested in His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors.

Lands ascertained and set out as required for the Canal to be vested in His Majesty.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if before the completion of the Canal through the Lands of any person or persons, no voluntary agreement shall have been made as to the amount of compensation to be paid for damages according to this Act, the Officer superintending the said Work shall, at any time after the completion of such portion of the Canal, upon the notice or request, in writing, of the Proprietor of such Lands, or his Agent legally authorized, appoint an Arbitrator, who at a day to be named in such notice, shall attend upon the Premises in question, to meet the Arbitrator to be appointed by such Claimant, and such two Arbitrators shall and may, before proceeding to consider the claim, appoint a third Arbitrator; which three Arbitrators, being

Arbitration.

If recompense not made by voluntary agreement for lands taken, or for damages done, an arbitration may be had.

Three Arbitrators