

This Indenture

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made the sixteenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine
 Between Sir Sydney Hedley Waterlow of N^o 29 Chesham Place in the County of London Baronet of the one part and The Council of the Administrative County of London (hereinafter called the Council) of the other part Whereas the said Sir Sydney Hedley Waterlow is seized of and entitled to the hereditaments hereinafter expressed to be hereby

conveyed for an estate of inheritance in fee simple in possession free from incumbrances And whereas the said Sir Sydney Hedley Waterlow in consideration of his affection for the Great City in which he had worked for more than half a century desired to present as a free gift to the Council the said hereditaments hereinafter expressed to be hereby conveyed for the purpose of a Public Park for the People in perpetuity Now this Indenture witnesseth that for effectuating his said desire He the said Sir Sydney Hedley Waterlow as Beneficial Owner hereby conveys unto the Council their successors and assigns First All that messuage or dwellinghouse called or known as Hertford House and the lawn garden or meadow ground yard stable and coach house thereunto belonging situate at Highgate in the Parish of St. Pancras in that part of the County of London which was formerly in the County of Middlesex and containing together Four acres three roods and fourteen perches or thereabouts and delineated on the Plan drawn in the margin of these Presents and therein colored Blue And Secondly All and singular the Capital messuage or tenement called or known by the name of Lauderdale House and the gardens pleasure grounds stables and coach houses and other buildings thereto belonging and the several closes or pieces of land adjoining thereto situate at Highgate aforesaid and delineated in the said Plan and therein colored Pink which secondly described premises with certain buildings since pulled down were formerly described as "All that Capital messuage or tenement called or known by the name of Lauderdale House situate at Highgate in the Parish of St. Pancras in the County of Middlesex and also so much of a piece of ground containing in breadth One pole fourteen and a half feet or thereabouts and of another piece of ground containing in length Fourteen poles or thereabouts as are in front of the said Capital messuage and premises and also the pleasure garden to the said messuage belonging on the east south and west sides thereof and one Kitchen Garden adjoining to the said pleasure garden at the south side thereof formerly called the Upper Kitchen Garden as the same premises were formerly in the occupation of William Gittens And also all that tenement sometime since converted into a messuage called Elms Court (but then pulled down) with the Coach house stable buildings and outbuildings thereto belonging and the garden fish-pond and grounds adjoining the same And all those several closes of land containing Seventeen acres more or less at



the same messuage and premises or some parts thereof were formerly in the occupation of Dr. Benjamin Puroan afterwards of thereof were sometime since in the occupation of Thomas Horro Coquine his assigns or undertenants And also All that Capital messuage or tenement situate at Highgate aforesaid together with the gardens and appurtenances thereto belonging in the occupation of Florence Deakin afterwards of Mary Charnell and Pardon afterwards of Sarah Walker and subsequently of Eliza Walker Spinster and then or lately in the occupation of Mr. Duckham And also All that plot or parcel of land formerly belonging to the London Cemetery Company bounded by the middle line of a certain new Public footway and lying to the north eastward and northward of such middle line And also All that piece or parcel of ground formerly part of the waste of the Manor of Canlawed situate at Swains Lane Highgate within the same Manor adjoining to a piece of garden ground there formerly occupied by Charles Lyne as the said piece of waste land was enclosed and holder of the said Manor by the yearly quit rent of Two shillings and six pence together with the messuage formerly two Cottages or Tenements erected thereon by the said Charles Lyne deceased and then or theretofore in the occupations of William Underwood and Ann Smith Spinster and then of the General Cemetery Company To hold the said hereditaments and premises hereinbefore expressed to be hereby conveyed Unto and to the use of the Council their successors and assigns in fee simple To the end and intent that the same premises shall and may for ever hereafter be used and enjoyed as and for a Public Park to be dedicated to the Recreation of the Public with or without a Public Museum or Public Museums as defined by the Normans and Charitable Uses Act 1888 In witness whereof the said Sir Sydney Hedley Waterlow hath hereunto set his hand and seal and the Council have caused their Common Seal to be hereunto affixed the day and year first before written

Sydney Hedley Waterlow



Called by Orders
 A. Delabrotte
 Clerk of the Council
 Mayor
 City of London Council