

APPENDIX

No. 8.

A Bill put in Parliament on Behalf of CORNELIUS VERMUYDEN, respecting the Incorporating the Participants of the Level of Hatfield Chase, and their Privileges.

WHEREAS his late majesty being owner of about three score thousand acres of waste bogs and surrounded grounds, belonging to his several manors of Hatfield, and one third part of the manor of Brampton, at Gate, and his manor of Epworth, and fourteen other contiguous manors within the several counties of York, Lincoln, and Nottingham, or some or one of them, did by articles under the great seal of England, bearing date the Four and Twentieth day of May, in the Second year of his reign, contract with Cornelius Vermuyden require, now knight, for draining of the same: and thereby agreed to allow him one third part of the said wastes for his pains and charges: And whereas the said Cornelius Vermuyden did, at the expence of two hundred thousand pounds, perfect the said work:

And whereas, upon another contract under the great seal of England, made by advice of his late majesty's most honourable privy council, bearing date the Seven and Twentieth day of December, in the Fourth year of his reign, his said majesty reserved sixteen thousand and eight hundred pounds fine, and was to have resorted to him the yearly fee-farm rent of twelve hundred twenty-eight pounds and seventeen shillings per annum for ever for his majesty's proportion therein: And did agree well and sufficiently to convey to the said Cornelius Vermuyden, and his heirs and assigns for ever, the said several proportions freed and discharged from all claims of common and pretences whatsoever: And his said majesty did also agree with the said Cornelius Vermuyden, that his said late majesty, his heirs and successors, should and would give his royal assent to a bill in parliament for settling and confirming the same: And would incorporate the said Cornelius Vermuyden, his participants and assigns, for the better order and government of the said drained grounds: And his said late majesty did farther grant several other privileges and advantages in encouragement of the said notwithstanding:

And whereas, in pursuance of the said contracts, his said majesty did by letters patents, bearing date the Fifth day of February in the Fourth year of his reign: and by other