

**Act No. 12 of 1900****ACQUISITION OF LANDS (INAGUA)**

**An Act to vest certain land in the Island of Inagua in the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of enlarging a public burial ground.** *12 of 1900*

*[Commencement 11th May, 1900]*

**1.** This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Acquisition of Lands Inagua Act. Short title.

**2.** From the coming into operation of this Act all the land consisting of three town lots in Matthew Town, Inagua, situate on the East side of Albert Street between Nesbitt Street and Mortimer Street, and distinguished on the Official plan of the Township in the Office of the Surveyor General at Nassau by the Numbers 152, 161 and 164 shall be and hereby is vested in the Board of Commissioners of Public Works for the Island of Inagua for the use of the public. Three lots of land in Matthew Town, Inagua, vested in the Commissioners of Public Works for Inagua.

**3.** Should any person or persons within five years from the coming into operation of this Act establish to the satisfaction of the said Board but not otherwise that he or they had any legal right or title in the lands so acquired or any part thereof it shall be lawful for the said Board to grant to such person or persons such reasonable sum by way of compensation in respect thereof as may be agreed on and accepted by such person or persons. Compensation to be made to any person establishing a legal right in the land.

**4.** In the event of such sum not being agreed on and accepted as aforesaid the said Board shall ascertain the value of any such acquired land by appraisalment by two disinterested persons one to be named by the said Board and one to be named by the person or persons claiming a right or title in respect of the said land or any part thereof or in the absence of such person or persons or any legally authorised representative in his or their behalf by the Supreme Court of The Bahamas and the decision of such appraisers shall be deemed to be the value of such acquired land and such value being duly certified shall be paid out Value of land may be ascertained by appraisalment.

expenses connected with the same by warrant in the usual manner on the representation of the said Board of such agreement or valuation or of such incidental expenses as the case may be:

Provided that in case such appraisers shall disagree upon the value of the said land or any part thereof they shall appoint an umpire to decide between them and the decision of such umpire in the matter shall be valid and binding in all respects as if the value had been ascertained by the originally appointed appraisers:

Provided, however, that the assessment of such acquired land or any part thereof shall be based solely on the present value of such land:

Provided further that nothing contained in this and the preceding section of this Act shall be read or construed so as to prevent the absolute vesting of the said lands in the said Board as provided by section 2 of this Act.