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Cap. lxxxviii.

An Act to amend the several Acts relating to the *Belfast* Charitable Society. [19th *June* 1840.]

WHEREAS by an Act of the Parliament of *Ireland* passed in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act* 13 & 14 G. 3.
for amending an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, entitled (I.)
'*An Act for badging such Poor as shall be found unable to support* '*themselves by Labour, and otherwise providing for them, and for* '*restraining such as shall be found able to support themselves by Labour* '*and Industry from begging*,' certain Persons therein named, and their Successors for the Time being, and also such other Persons as should contribute the Sum of One Guinea in the Year for the Support of the Poor in the Poorhouse and Infirmary of the Town of *Belfast* in the County of *Antrim*, were erected into a Corporation by the Name of "The President and Assistants of the *Belfast* Charitable Society:" And whereas another Act was passed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for* 40 G. 3. (I.)
paving, cleansing, and lighting and improving the several Streets, Squares, Lanes, and Passages within the Town of Belfast *in the County of* Antrim, *and for removing and preventing all Encroachments, Obstructions, and Annoyances therein, and also for establishing and maintaining a Nightly Watch throughout the said Town and Precincts thereof, and for other Purposes:* And whereas by One other Act of

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the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, 57 G. 3. c. 57. intituled *An Act for giving further Powers to the President and Assistants of the Charitable Society of the Town of* Belfast *in the County of* Antrim, *to supply the said Town with Water, and to improve their Estates:* And whereas the said President and Assistants, under and by virtue of the said recited Act of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of King *George* the Third, are empowered to make Demises of certain Lands and Tenements for a Term of Thirty-one Years: And whereas it would greatly tend to improve the Income of the said President and Assistants if they were enabled to grant longer Leases thereof for the Purposes of building: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same,

Power to lease the Property belonging to the Society.

That it shall be lawful for the said President and Assistants for the Time being respectively, by Indenture or Indentures under their Seal, to lease or demise all or any Part or Parts of the Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Hereditaments, Houses, and Buildings which now are in their Possession, or which may hereafter come into their Possession, or by Surrender, or by Expiration of any existing Lease, or by Bequest, or otherwise, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, for any Term not exceeding Ninety-nine Years, to be computed from the Date of such Lease, so that there be thereby reserved and made payable, by Two equal half-yearly Payments, to such President and Assistants, the best and most improved Rent or Rents that can be reasonably gotten for the same, without taking any Fine, Foregift, Premium, Sum of Money, or other Consideration for granting any such Lease, and so that no such Lessee by any such Lease or Demise be made dispunishable for Waste by any express Words to be therein contained, and so that there be inserted in every such Lease Power of Re-entry or Nonpayment of the Rent or Rents to be thereby reserved within a reasonable Time, to be therein limited, after the same shall become due, and so that a Counterpart of such Lease be duly executed by the Lessee or Lessees to whom such Lease shall be made as aforesaid; and every such Lease shall be valid and effectual, any Law, Usage, or any thing in the said recited Acts, to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall authorize or empower the said President and Assistants to lease or demise the said Poorhouse and Infirmary, and the Lawn in front thereof.

The Time when the Subscriptions to the Society shall be considered due.

II. And whereas the Concerns of the said Society, and the Receipt and Disbursement of the Funds thereof, have from Time to Time been managed by a Committee of Twenty-one and a Treasurer, who were annually elected by a Special Assembly of the Subscribers of One Guinea and upwards on the last *Tuesday* in the Month of *November* in each Year: And whereas, by reason of the Subscriptions which entitle such Subscribers to vote not being paid at the same Period, much Doubt has arisen as to the Time when the Right of such Subscribers to vote ceases; be it enacted, That all Subscriptions of One Guinea and upwards paid into the Funds of the said Society in

any One Year shall be deemed and taken to be a Subscription due and payable on the Day fixed or any other Day to be fixed for electing the said Committee and Treasurer, and which Election shall precede the Date of such Payment, and shall terminate on the same Day in the following Year.

Extraordinary General Assemblies of Belfast charitable Society.

III. And be it further enacted, That in case the said President shall be absent, or resign or refuse to call a Meeting of the said Society for the Purpose of the said Society, it shall be lawful for Twenty-one of the said Assistants, who shall have been such Assistants for Three Months previous thereto, at any Time to call an Extraordinary General Assembly of the President and Assistants of the *Belfast* Charitable Society by public Advertisement, signed by the said Twenty-one Assistants, inserted twice at least in Two Newspapers usually circulated in the Town of *Belfast;* and in such Advertisement by which any Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called as aforesaid the Object of the Meeting, and the Place (which shall be in the said Town and Borough of *Belfast*) and the Day and Hour at which it shall be held, shall be specified, at which General Meeting no Business shall be taken into consideration except what shall be mentioned in such Advertisement; and the Day of such Meeting shall not be at an earlier Space than One Day or a greater Space than Three Days from the Day on which such Advertisement shall be last inserted.

No Subscriber to vote at any Special Assemblies unless he shall have paid his Subscription 3 Months previous.

IV. And be it further enacted, That no such Subscriber shall have a Right to vote at any of the Special or General Assemblies of the said Society unless the Subscription by reason of which he or she may claim a Right to vote thereat shall have been paid into the Hands of the Treasurer for Three Calendar Months at least prior to such Vote being tendered or given, or unless such Person had been a Subscriber of at least One Guinea to the Funds of the said Society in the previous Year as well as for the Year in which he claims the Right to vote by virtue of such Subscription.

This Act not to affect such of the Powers of the former Acts as are not altered or repealed.

V. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal, alter, abridge, or defeat all or any of the Articles, Clauses, Provisions, Powers, and Authorities in the said recited Acts contained which are not hereby expressly varied, altered, or repealed, and which are not inconsistent with the Provisions hereby made, and that the said President and Assistants of the *Belfast* Charitable Society shall have full Power and Authority to act in all and every the other Matters in the said recited Acts contained not hereby expressly repealed.

Expences of Act how to be paid.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expences preparatory and relating to the soliciting, obtaining, and passing of this Act, or in anywise incident thereto, with legal Interest for the Money advanced or hereafter to be advanced by any Person or Persons for that Purpose, shall be paid by and out of any Monies belonging to the said Society, in preference to all other Payments whatsoever.

VII. And

Public Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others.

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