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Cap. 1.

An Act to authorize the Improvement and better Management and eventual Leases or Sale of the Piece Halls in the Town of *Bradford* in the County of *York*; and to incorporate the Proprietors thereof. [28th *May* 1852.]

Indenture dated May 1, 1773.

WHEREAS by Indenture bearing Date the First Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, and made between *John Woolmer* of the one Part, and *John Hustler* and *William Hardcastle*, Merchants, and *George Kellett*, *John Butler*, *Joseph Pollard*, *Jeremiah Smith*, *John Barker*, *Nicholas Wood*, and *John Jarratt*, all Woollen Stuff Makers, of the other Part, the said *John Woolmer* demised unto the Parties thereto of the Second Part, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, a Piece or Parcel of Ground in *Bradford* aforesaid, described as adjoining or near to a Dwelling House there, then in the Possession of *Thomas Hardcastle*, and containing in Length from North to South Sixty-three Yards, and in Breadth from East to West Twelve Yards, as the same Ground was then staked or marked out, for the Purpose of erecting a Town Hall, Worsted Stuff, or Cloth Hall, or other public Building thereupon, with the Appurtenances, subject to a Power reserved to the said *John Woolmer*, his Heirs and Assigns, of making and arching Cellars under

under the said intended Hall or Building, from the Front thereof towards the *Town Street* of *Bradford* aforesaid, and of continuing the same Cellars Fourteen Yards under the said Hall or Building from the Front thereof, and of holding and enjoying all such Cellars at all Times after the erecting thereof, to and for his and their own Use, so as the said Cellars should be made, erected, arched, and completed before the Foundations of the said Hall or Building should be made, and not otherwise; to hold the said demised Premises unto the said Lessees, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for a Term of Twenty-one Years, at the clear yearly Rent of Three Pounds and Three Shillings, and subject, among other Covenants therein contained on the Part of the Lessees, to a Covenant by them that the said intended Building should not during that Demise be used for any other Purpose than as a public Hall for the Sale of Worsted Stuffs, Cloth, or other manufactured Woollen Goods, or as a Town Hall or Sessions House, except as to the Cellars thereof, which were to be used and enjoyed by the Lessor, his Heirs and Assigns, for his and their private Use, if erected as aforesaid, and except as to the Chambers thereof, which the Lessees, if they should find it necessary, were to have liberty to use for the Purpose of selling Wool, Noyles, or other Goods of the like Nature therein; and the said Indenture contained a Covenant by the said Lessor, that if the said Lessees, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, should at any Time within the Space of Eleven Years from the Commencement of that Demise be desirous of enlarging the said intended Hall or Building, or of making any Additions or Conveniences thereto for the like public Purposes as before mentioned, and should be desirous of taking a further Quantity of Land then unbuilt upon belonging to the said Lessor, and adjoining to the Ground thereby demised on the South-east Part thereof, then and in such Case it should be lawful for the said Lessees, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to take such further Quantity of the adjoining Land on the South-east Part thereof belonging to the said *John Woolmer*, and which was then unbuilt upon, as they might think necessary, and to erect any Buildings or Conveniences for the like public Purposes as before mentioned upon the said additional Quantity of Land, and to hold and enjoy the same for the like public Purposes for and during all the then Residue of the said Term of Twenty-one Years, yielding and paying therefor unto the said *John Woolmer*, his Heirs and Assigns, such additional Rent during the Residue of the said Term, at *Whitsuntide* and *Martinmas* yearly, from the taking of such further Quantity of Ground, as should be proportionable (Quantity considered) to the Rent thereby reserved in respect of the Land or Ground thereby demised; and the said Indenture contained also a Covenant by the Lessor for the Grant from Time to Time to the Lessees, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, their or his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, or as they should appoint, of perpetual Renewals or further

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Leases of the thereby demised Hereditaments upon the like Terms in consideration of Foregifts of Five Pounds and Five Shillings each to be paid upon each such Renewal; and that every further Quantity of Ground which should have been taken by the Lessees in pursuance of the herein-before recited Authority should be included in every such Renewal in consideration of an additional Premium or Foregift, it being the declared Intent of all Parties thereto that the said Lessees, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, should at all Times thereafter, on Payment of the Rents and in compliance with the Covenants and Terms of Renewal therein contained, be continued in the peaceable Enjoyment of the Premises, and of all Improvements to be made thereupon, so that the same might for ever thereafter be appropriated and used to and for the like public Purposes therein-before mentioned; and the said Indenture also contained a Covenant by the said Lessor that he, his Heirs or Assigns, would not erect or permit to be erected any Building or Buildings upon his or their Ground within Ten Yards of the said intended Cloth Hall, or do any other Act, Matter, or Thing whatsoever whereby the Light of the said intended Hall might be darkened: And whereas the said Lease was obtained by the said Lessees on behalf of themselves and numerous other subscribing Parties interested, to establish on the Site comprised therein a Hall or Building, with Warehouses, Cellars, and Conveniences, for the Deposit and public Sale of Worsted Stuffs and Woollen Cloths, and Articles the Manufacture of the Town of *Bradford* and its Neighbourhood, and such a Hall or Building, Warehouses, Cellars, and Conveniences were shortly afterwards constructed thereon accordingly, and established at the Cost of the same several Parties, who became the beneficial Proprietors thereof, subject to Agreements among themselves for the perpetual Maintenance, Management, and Government of the same, for the Benefit of all interested Parties, by a Committee appointed by the said Proprietors, and to be from Time to Time renewed by them, or by Majorities of them, as occasion might be: And whereas, soon after the Date and Execution of the herein-before recited Lease, the said Lessees also received Possession from the said *John Woolmer* of his said Land lying on the South-east Side of the Land demised by the said Lease, or of Part thereof, agreeing to pay for the same the further yearly Rent of Three Pounds and Three Shillings, and in conjunction with the said former Subscribers, or some of them, and with other subscribing Parties, and at their common Cost, they erected thereupon another Hall and other Buildings for the like Purposes, and subject to the same or like Agreements as are herein-before mentioned with respect to the Hall or Building and other Erections built upon the Land demised by the aforesaid Indenture, and which Agreements were extended to both the said Halls and other Properties by all the Parties interested therein respectively: And whereas by an Indenture of Release dated the Twelfth Day of *November* One thousand

Indenture dated Nov 12, 1783.

thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and made between *Jeremiah Batley*, *Jeremiah Bower*, and *Joseph Bramley*, Assignees of the Estate and Effects of the said *John Woolmer*, who had become Bankrupt, and who was also then deceased, of the one Part, and the said *John Hustler*, *John Jarratt*, *George Kellett*, *John Barker*, and *John Butler*, and also *Samuel Tetley*, of *Bradford* aforesaid, Worsted Manufacturer, therein described as the Committee then acting in the Management and Direction of the Affairs of the Worsted Manufacturers, respecting the several Buildings or Halls for the exposing to Sale Worsted Goods in *Bradford* aforesaid, of the other Part (and founded on an Indenture of Lease dated the preceding Day), the said Assignees, in consideration of Five hundred and twenty-one Pounds Sixteen Shillings Sterling, then paid to them by the said Parties thereto of the Second Part, conveyed and assured to the same Parties, their Heirs and Assigns, the Reversion in Fee Simple expectant on the Determination of the herein-before recited Lease of the said Piece or Parcel of Ground described in the said Lease, and also of the said Land lying at the South-east Side thereof, and so taken by the said Lessees as aforesaid, by the Description of all those Two several Pieces or Parcels of Ground lying and being in *Bradford*, whereon were erected and built the Two Halls or Buildings then appropriated and used for the Purpose of exposing to Sale and vending therein Worsted Yarn or Worsted Stuffs and other manufactured Worsted Goods; and also all those Five Cellars or Vaults beneath and under One of the said Halls called "The New Piece Hall;" and also all that Piece or Parcel of Ground and Site whereon a Dwelling House or Tenement with the Appurtenances then lately stood in a Street called *Kirkgate* in *Bradford* aforesaid, then late in the Tenure or Occupation of *James Hartley*; and also all that other Piece or Parcel of Ground containing Two hundred and eighteen Square Yards or thereabouts, lying and being in the same Street, and near to the said Piece Halls or the One of them, and adjoining to certain Tenements and Premises then or then late occupied by *Thomas Middleton*, as the same Piece or Parcel of Ground was then used and occupied with the said Piece Halls or the One of them, and all other the Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in *Bradford* aforesaid which were then in the Tenure or Occupation of the Trustees of the said Piece Halls, or either of them, by virtue of any Contract or Agreement made with the said *John Woolmer*, or the said Assignees, or any of them; and also all those several annual Rents of Three Pounds and Three Shillings, and Three Pounds and Three Shillings, and all other yearly and other Rents, Payments, Sum and Sums of Money, Premiums, and Foregifts issuing and payable out of and forth of the said Halls or Buildings, or either of them, to the said *Jeremiah Batley*, *Jeremiah Bower*, and *Joseph Bramley*, as Trustees or Assignees as aforesaid; and also the aforesaid Halls and all other Buildings which were upon the said several Pieces or Parcels of Ground, or any

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of them, or any Part of them, to hold the same unto and to the Use of the said Parties thereto of the Second Part, their Heirs and Assigns, subject to the said Indenture of Lease: And whereas the Purchase effected by the last-recited Indenture of the Hereditaments therein comprised was made by the said Purchasers in their Character of such Committee as aforesaid, and on behalf of themselves and of the several other Parties interested in the said Halls and other Hereditaments under the before-mentioned Agreements, and at the Cost of all the said several Parties for the same Purposes, and subject to the same or the like Agreements among themselves as herein-before recited with respect to the Leasehold Interest in the said Hereditaments: And whereas both the said Halls (called respectively the Old Piece Hall and the New Piece Hall) were constructed, with very numerous internal Divisions thereof, into Closets or Stalls, now usually called Stands, to be used for the Exposure and Sale of Worsted Stuffs, Cloths, and other manufactured Worsted and Woollen Goods therein, and the said Closets or Stalls in both the said Halls, amounting to Two hundred and fifty-eight in Number, were appropriated in perpetuity and severalty amongst the said Proprietors for the Purposes aforesaid, subject to the general Management and Direction of the said Committee, and subject to a Liability in the Owners of such Closets or Stalls to contribute rateably through the said Committee to the Payment of the Outgoings and Charges payable in respect of the said Halls and other Properties, as Contributions to such Outgoings and Charges should from Time to Time be required by the said Committee, and which Contributions the said Committee from Time to Time afterwards required and enforced accordingly: And whereas Lists of the separate Proprietors of the said appropriated Closets or Stalls have from Time to Time been kept by the Committee for the Time being in Books provided for that Purpose, and upon any Changes of the Ownership thereof, by Devolution to the Representatives or Devisees of deceased Proprietors, or upon Sales or otherwise, the Names of new Proprietors or Claimants thereof have been substituted in the said Books for the Names of the deceased or other former Proprietors: And whereas the Warehouses, Cellars, Outbuildings, and other Conveniences and Ground belonging to or held with the said Halls, have from Time to Time been let and managed by the said Committee for the Time being, and the Rents and Profits arising therefrom have been received by them for the Benefit of the general Body of Proprietors of the said Closets or Stalls, subject to the Payment of the Outgoings and Charges due in respect thereof; and the said Committee have also from Time to Time, with Funds received by them in that Character, and by the Authority and for the Benefit of the general Body of the said Proprietors, purchased the Interests of Parties claiming under such Appropriations as aforesaid, in certain of the said Closets or Stalls, which have beeen thenceforth let when practicable,

ticable, and managed in the same Manner for the general Benefit of the said Proprietors; and One hundred and forty-two only of the said Closets or Stalls are now held in severalty by virtue of such original Appropriations thereof, and the Residue is held by the said Committee for such Purposes as aforesaid: And whereas, by an Indenture of Release, dated the Second Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and made between the said *John Jarratt*, *John Barker*, *John Butler*, and *Samuel Tetley*, therein described as Four of the then late Committee, acting in the Management and Direction of the Affairs of the Worsted Manufacturers, respecting the several Buildings or Halls for the exposing to Sale Worsted Goods in *Bradford* aforesaid, of the First Part, *William Wilkinson*, *Richard Grice*, *John Scholefield*, *Jeffrey Riley*, *Benjamin Kaye*, *Jeremiah Thornton*, *Joseph Barons*, *William Bakes*, *William Haigh*, *Thomas Phillips*, *Richard Lumby*, *Abraham Balme*, *John Smith*, and *George Kellett*, all Worsted Manufacturers, of the Second Part, and *William Hustler*, Woolstapler, and *John Balme* the younger, Worsted Manufacturer, of the Third Part (and founded on an Indenture of Lease dated the preceding Day), after reciting the said Indenture of Lease of the First Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, and the said Indentures of Lease and Release of the Eleventh and Twelfth Days of *November* One thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and reciting that the Premises comprised in the last-mentioned Indentures were conveyed to the said *John Hustler*, *John Jarratt*, *George Kellett*, *John Barker*, *John Butler*, and *Samuel Tetley*, and to their Heirs and Assigns, in trust only for such of the Worsted Stuff Manufacturers and Persons who were then or thereafter should become Proprietors of any Closets or Rooms in the said Halls, or either of them, and with Intent to preserve and continue the same as public Halls or Markets for the Sale of Worsted or Woollen Goods; and also reciting that the said *John Hustler* and *George Kellett* had departed this Life, and that the Worsted Manufacturers interested in the said Halls had elected the said Parties thereto of the Second Part to be Trustees, and also a Committee, together with the said *John Jarratt*, in the Place of the said *John Hustler*, *George Kellett*, *John Barker*, *John Butler*, and *Samuel Tetley*, and had requested the said *John Jarratt*, *John Barker*, *John Butler*, and *Samuel Tetley*, the Survivors of the former Trustees and Committee, to convey the said Halls and Premises unto the said new Trustees and their Heirs; it was witnessed that the said *John Jarratt*, *John Barker*, *John Butler*, and *Samuel Tetley* did grant, release, and convey accordingly all the said Parcels of Ground, Halls, Buildings, and Premises, by the like Description thereof as contained in the said Indenture of the Twelfth Day of *November* One thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, unto the said Parties thereto of the Second Part, their Heirs and Assigns, to the Use of the said *William Hustler* and *John Balme* the younger, their

Indenture dated May 2, 1792.

their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for a Term of One thousand Years, without Impeachment of Waste, upon the Trusts therein-after declared of the same Term, and subject thereto to the Use of the said *John Jarratt*, *William Wilkinson*, *Richard Grice*, *John Scholefield*, *Jeffrey Riley*, *Benjamin Kaye*, *Jeremiah Thornton*, *Joseph Barons*, *William Bakes*, *William Haigh*, *Thomas Phillips*, *Richard Lumby*, *Abraham Balme*, *John Smith*, and *George Kellett*, Party thereto, their Heirs and Assigns, upon trust from Time to Time and at any Time thereafter to release and convey the same Hereditaments, and every or any Part thereof, with their Appurtenances, unto such Person and Persons, and for such Estate and Estates, Intents and Purposes, as the Manufacturers and Persons then entitled to the Stalls or Closets in the said Halls or either of them, or a Majority of them (such Majority to be determined by the Number of Closets and Stalls held), should at any Public Meeting which should be called for that Purpose, and of which Purpose Notice should be affixed in Writing upon every outer Door belonging to the said Halls, at the Market Hours for Three Market Days next immediately preceding such Meeting, direct and appoint, and in the meantime, and until such Release and Conveyance should be made, in trust to permit and suffer the said Halls and each of them, and all other the Premises thereby released, with their Appurtenances, to be used, held, occupied, and enjoyed, and the Rents, Issues, and Profits thereof, and of every Part thereof, to be had, taken, received, paid, applied, and disposed of according to the Direction of the Committee which was then or should be thereafter appointed by the said Manufacturers and Persons, or such Majority as aforesaid, to direct the Government of the said Halls; and it was declared that the said Term of One thousand Years was limited to the said *William Hustler* and *John Balme* the younger, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns as aforesaid, upon trust for indemnifying all such Persons as then had or should thereafter become bound or in any Manner engaged for the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money borrowed or which should be borrowed in any Manner or for any Purpose respecting the said Halls and Premises or any Part thereof, or for paying off and discharging any Sum or Sums of Money, and the Interest thereof, then owing or thereafter to be borrowed respecting any of the Matters aforesaid, against all Loss, Costs, Charges, Damages, and Expenses by reason or upon account of any such Obligation or Engagement, with Power for the said *William Hustler* and *John Balme* the younger, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, by and out of the Rents and Profits of the said Halls, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, or by Sale or Mortgage of the same, or of a competent Part thereof, for all or any Part of the said Term, to raise and pay such Sum and Sums of Money as should from Time to Time be necessary for the Purposes aforesaid: And whereas, by an Indenture of Release bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and

Indenture dated Sept. 30, 1819.

and made between the said *John Jarratt*, *William Wilkinson*, *Benjamin Kaye*, *Richard Grice*, *Joseph Barons* therein called *Joseph Barrons*, and *Thomas Phillips*, therein described as surviving Trustees, acting in the Management and Direction of the Affairs of the Worsted Manufacturers, respecting the several Buildings or Halls for the exposing to Sale Worsted Goods in *Bradford* aforesaid, of the First Part; *James Lee*, *Richard Brooke*, *Francis Ackroyd*, *Isaac Hirst*, *Jeremiah Ambler*, *John Mortimer*, *Joseph Hargreaves*, *Thomas Booth*, *Thomas Holdsworth*, *Thomas Smith*, and *Joseph Smith*, all Worsted Manufacturers, of the Second Part; *Samuel Broadley*, the surviving Executor of the said *John Balme* the younger, then deceased, of the Third Part; and *Joseph Hollings* and *Thomas Hollings*, of the Fourth Part (and founded on an Indenture of Lease dated the preceding Day); and reciting the said Indentures of the Eleventh and Twelfth Days of *November* One thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and of the First and Second Days of *May* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two; and that the said *John Scholefield*, *Jeffrey Riley*, *Jeremiah Thornton*, *William Bakes*, *William Haigh*, *Richard Lumby*, *Abraham Balme*, *John Smith*, *George Kellett*, and *Emanuel Haley*, had all departed this Life, leaving the said *John Jarratt*, *William Wilkinson*, *Benjamin Kaye*, *Richard Grice*, *Joseph Barrons*, and *Thomas Phillips*, them surviving, and that the said *John Jarratt* had ceased to be concerned in the said Trade, and had removed his Residence to *Doncaster*, and that the said *Joseph Barrons* had also ceased to be concerned in the said Trade; and also reciting to the Effect that the Residue of the said Term of One thousand Years was then legally vested in the said *Samuel Broadley* as the surviving Executor of the said *John Balme*, who had survived his Co-trustee the said *William Hustler*, and was then deceased; and reciting further that the Worsted Manufacturers interested in the said Halls, at a Public Meeting held for that Purpose, of which the Notice required by the Trusts of the said Indenture of the Second Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two had been duly given, had elected the several Parties thereto of the Second Part to be Trustees, and also a Committee in the Place of the said former Trustees and Committee, and that they had requested the said *John Jarratt*, *William Wilkinson*, *Benjamin Kaye*, *Richard Grice*, *Joseph Barrons*, and *Thomas Phillips*, the Survivors of the said former Trustees and Committee, to convey the said Halls, Hereditaments, and Premises unto the said new Trustees and their Heirs, and that they had also requested the said *Samuel Broadley* to assign the Residue of the said Term of One thousand Years unto the said *Joseph Hollings* and *Thomas Hollings*; it was witnessed that the said *John Jarratt*, *William Wilkinson*, *Benjamin Kaye*, *Richard Grice*, *Joseph Barrons*, and *Thomas Phillips*, did accordingly grant and release all the said Parcels of Ground, Halls, Buildings, and Premises, with the Appurtenances, unto the said Parties thereto of the Second Part, their Heirs,

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and Assigns, to the Use of the said *William Wilkinson*, *Benjamin Kaye*, *Richard Grice*, *Thomas Phillips*, *James Lee*, *Richard Brooke*, *Francis Ackroyd*, *Isaac Hirst*, *Jeremiah Ambler*, *John Mortimer*, *Joseph Hargreaves*, *Thomas Booth*, *Thomas Holdsworth*, *Thomas Smith*, and *Joseph Smith*, their Heirs and Assigns, upon such and the like Trusts, and to and for such and the like Uses and Purposes as were contained, expressed, and declared of or concerning the Premises in and by the said Indenture of the Second Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, or such and so many of the same Trusts, Uses, and Purposes as were then existing undetermined and capable of taking effect; and by the same Indenture the said *Samuel Broadley*, by the Direction and Appointment of the several Parties thereto of the First and Second Parts, assigned the same Hereditaments unto the said *Joseph Hollings* and *Thomas Hollings*, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for all the then Residue of the said Term of One thousand Years created therein as aforesaid, upon and for such and the like Trusts and Purposes as were declared of the same Term by the said Indenture of the Second Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and were then undetermined and capable of taking effect: And whereas, by an Indenture of the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and made between the said *James Lee*, *Richard Brooke*, *Jeremiah Ambler*, *Joseph Hargreaves*, and *Joseph Smith*, of the First Part; *Cowling Ackroyd*, *William Mortimer*, *Thomas Crabtree*, *Joseph Holmes*, *Thomas Hargreaves*, *John Foster*, *William Ackroyd*, *Edmund Jowett*, *Samuel Dalby*, and *Joseph Wood*, all described as Worsted Spinners, or Worsted Spinners and Stuff Manufacturers, of the Second Part; *Isaac Butler Hollings*, *Joseph Hollings*, *Thomas Hollings*, and *John Hollings*, of the Third Part; and *William Foster* and *John Ackroyd*, Worsted Spinners and Stuff Manufacturers, of the Fourth Part; after reciting the said Indentures of the Eleventh and Twelfth Days of *November* One thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, the First and Second Days of *May* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and the Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Days of *September* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and that the said *William Wilkinson*, *Benjamin Kaye*, *Richard Grice*, *Thomas Phillips*, *Francis Ackroyd*, *Isaac Hirst*, *John Mortimer*, *Thomas Booth*, *Thomas Holdsworth*, and *Thomas Smith*, had departed this Life, leaving the said *James Lee*, *Richard Brooke*, *Jeremiah Ambler*, *Joseph Hargreaves*, and *Joseph Smith*, them surviving; and reciting to the Effect that the Residue of the said Term of One thousand Years in the said Hereditaments was then vested in the said *Isaac Butler Hollings*, and *Joseph Hollings*, and *Thomas Hollings*, Parties thereto, and *John Hollings*, as Executors of *Thomas Hollings*, deceased, the Party to the said Indenture of the Thirtieth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, who had survived his Co-trustee, *Joseph Hollings*, also Party to the same Indenture; and

Indenture dated Dec. 31, 1844.

and reciting that the Worsted Manufacturers and Persons interested in or entitled to Stalls or Closets in the said Halls, at a Public Meeting held for that Purpose on the Thirteenth Day of *August* then last, of which the Notice required by the Trusts of the said Indenture of the Second Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two had been duly given, had elected the said Parties thereto of the Second Part to be Trustees, and also a Committee in the Place of the said *William Wilkinson*, *Benjamin Kaye*, *Richard Grice*, *Thomas Phillips*, *Francis Ackroyd*, *Isaac Hirst*, *John Mortimer*, *Thomas Booth*, *Thomas Holdsworth*, and *Thomas Smith*, and they had requested the said *James Lee*, *Richard Brooke*, *Jeremiah Ambler*, *Joseph Hargreaves*, and *Joseph Smith*, the Survivors of the said former Trustees and Committee, to convey the said Halls, Hereditaments, and Premises unto the said new Trustees and their Heirs; and they had also requested the said *Isaac Butler Hollings*, *Joseph Hollings*, and *Thomas Hollings*, Parties thereto, and *John Hollings*, to assign the same Hereditaments unto the said *William Foster* and *John Ackroyd*, for the Residue of the said Term of One thousand Years; it was witnessed that the said *James Lee*, *Richard Brooke*, *Jeremiah Ambler*, *Joseph Hargreaves*, and *Joseph Smith*, did accordingly grant and convey all the said Parcels of Ground, Halls, Buildings, and other Hereditaments, by the same Description thereof as contained in the several before-recited Indentures of Release respectively, unto the said Parties thereto of the Second Part, their Heirs and Assigns, to the Use of the said *James Lee*, *Richard Brooke*, *Jeremiah Ambler*, *Joseph Hargreaves*, *Joseph Smith*, *Cowling Ackroyd*, *William Mortimer*, *Thomas Crabtree*, *Joseph Holmes*, *Thomas Hargreaves*, *John Foster*, *William Ackroyd*, *Edmund Jowett*, *Samuel Dalby*, and *Joseph Wood*, their Heirs and Assigns, upon such and the like Trusts, and to and for such and the like Uses and Purposes as were contained and declared thereof in and by the said Indenture of the Second Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and were then subsisting undetermined and capable of taking effect; and by the same Indenture the said *Isaac Butler Hollings*, and *Joseph Hollings*, and *Thomas Hollings*, Parties thereto, and *John Hollings*, by the Direction of the said Parties thereto of the First and Second Parts, assigned all the same Hereditaments, with their Appurtenances, unto the said *William Foster* and *John Ackroyd*, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for the then unexpired Residue of the said Term of One thousand Years created therein as aforesaid, upon such and the like Trusts as were declared of the same Term by the said Indenture of the Second Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and were then subsisting undetermined and capable of taking effect: And whereas the said *James Lee* and *Richard Brooke* are now both dead: And whereas the said Term of One thousand Years in the said Hereditaments lastly assigned to the said *William Foster* and *John Ackroyd*, upon the

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Trusts and in manner aforesaid is still vested in them, but they or any former Trustees of the said Term have not been required to raise any Monies under or to exercise any active Trusts of the same Term; and the Monies received by the Trustees or Managing Committee for the Time being of the said Halls and other Hereditaments have from Time to Time been sufficient for the Discharge of all the Outgoings and Expenses payable in respect thereof; and the said present Trustees or Committee have now a Balance in their Hands of such Receipts applicable to the general Purposes of their Trust: And whereas, by reason of the extended Scale and altered System upon which the Trade and Business of the Worsted and Woollen Manufacturers of *Bradford* and its Neighbourhood are now carried on, the Closets, Stalls, or Stands in the said Halls have become insufficient and inconvenient for their intended Purposes, and a large Proportion of them is consequently unoccupied, and the Value of the said Halls is greatly diminished and decreasing: And whereas it would be of public Advantage to the Town and Neighbourhood of *Bradford*, as well as beneficial to the Proprietors of the said Halls, that they should be better adapted by material Alterations and Improvements to their intended Purposes; and it might also be of great Convenience to the Inhabitants of the said Town and to the Public if the said Halls and Premises, which are in a central Situation, or Parts thereof, could be eventually sold or leased, but by reason of the Multiplicity of the Titles and Interests of the separate Proprietors of the said Closets, Stalls, or Stands, and of legal Questions affecting some of the said Titles, it has been found impracticable to procure the necessary Concurrence of all such Proprietors in the effecting or authorizing of any such Improvements or Transactions; and the Extent of the Authority of the Trustees or Committee for the Time being for the above-mentioned and other Purposes is not declared or defined by any Deed or written Instrument more comprehensively than by the herein-before recited Indentures; and no Power of a Majority of such Proprietors to bind the Minority, however limited in Number, for any other Purposes than mentioned in the said Indentures, is declared by any other Deed or Instrument: And whereas, for facilitating the Accomplishment of the several beneficial Purposes, and for remedying also the Inconveniences herein-before recited, it is expedient that the Proprietors of the said Halls should be incorporated with such Authorities and subject to such Restrictions and Regulations as are herein-after enacted: And whereas the Objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: 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 of the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows; (that is to say,)

The Bradford Piece Halls Act, 1852.

Incorporation of the Company.

I. The several Proprietors to whom any of the Closets, Stalls, or Stands in the said Buildings called the Piece Halls, or in either of them, shall belong at the Time of the passing of this Act, and their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, Owners of any of the same Closets, Stalls, or Stands, shall be and they are hereby united into One Body Corporate, by the Name of "The Company of Proprietors of the *Bradford* Piece Halls," and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and shall be competent, notwithstanding the Statutes of Mortmain, to hold all the Buildings, Ground, Hereditaments, and Premises to be vested in them by virtue of this Act.

8 & 9 Vict. c. 16. incorporated with this Act.

II. "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," so far as the same shall be applicable to the Purposes of this Act, and shall be consistent with the Provisions hereof, shall be incorporated herewith, and both the said Acts shall to the same Extent be construed together as One Act.

Short Title.

III. In citing this Act in other Acts of Parliament and legal Instruments and Proceedings, it shall be sufficient to use the Title of "The *Bradford* Piece Halls Act, 1852."

Property belonging to Trustees, &c. vested in Company hereby constituted.

IV. All the said Halls, Warehouses, Cellars, Buildings, Ground, and Hereditaments comprised in the herein-before recited Indenture of the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and forty-four, with all Rights and Appurtenances belonging thereto, and all Monies and Personal Property belonging to the said Trustees or Committee in trust for the Proprietors of the said Halls and other Hereditaments, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Company hereby constituted, discharged from all Titles in severalty of such Proprietors thereto, or to any such Closets, Stalls, or Stands as aforesaid, except that it shall be lawful for all such Proprietors who respectively shall be in the rightful actual Occupation of any of the said Closets, Stalls, or Stands at the passing of this Act, to retain such Occupation for a Period not exceeding Six Calendar Months next thereafter, and subject also to the respective Rights and Interests of the Tenants or Occupiers of any Closets, Stalls, or Stands in the said Halls, or either of them, or of any other Part or Parts of the said Halls and other Hereditaments in or to the Tenements in their respective Occupations.

All Property vested in the Company hereby constituted to be considered the Capital.

V. All the Real and Personal Property to be vested in the Company hereby constituted shall be considered as the Capital of the Company distributed into One hundred and forty-two undivided equal Shares, and every Proprietor at the Time of the passing of this Act of One or more of the Closets, Stalls, or Stands in either of the

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said Halls shall be entitled to One such Share in lieu or respect of each such Closet, Stall, or Stand, and all such Shares shall be considered as Personal Estate, and shall be transmissible accordingly.

Halls to be still used as Marts for the Sale of Worsted or Woollen Manufactures, &c.

VI. The said Halls and Buildings, so long as the same respectively shall be vested in the said Company by virtue of this Act, shall be appropriated and used for the Deposit, Exposure, and Sale of Worsted Stuffs, Woollen Cloths, or other Worsted or Woollen Goods, or Goods composed partly of Worsted or Woollen and partly of some other Material, or for the Deposit, Exposure, and Sale of any other Goods manufactured in *Bradford* aforesaid or the Neighbourhood thereof, or of the raw Materials forming the Subjects of such Manufactures, subject to such Regulations and Orders as to the Days and Hours at which they shall be open for the Purposes aforesaid, and for the Conduct of such Sales, and generally as to the Transaction of Business therein, as to the said Company shall appear from Time to Time to be necessary or expedient.

Power to alter and improve the Halls and to grant Leases.

VII. It shall be lawful for the Managing Committee of the said Company from Time to Time to make such Alterations, Extensions, and Improvements of or in the said Buildings, or any of them, or any Part thereof, whether by enlarging, consolidating, or re-constructing all or any of the Closets, Stalls, or Stands therein, or otherwise, as shall be thought expedient, and to apply any Monies which are or shall be in their Hands or under their Control and belonging to the said Company to the Purposes aforesaid, or any of them, and also from Time to Time to lease the Premises, or all or any of the Closets, Stalls, or Stands therein, or any of the said Warehouses, Cellars, or other Part or Parts of the Premises, upon such Terms and in such Manner as shall be thought expedient; but the Exercise of the foregoing Powers shall be subject to or in accordance with such Directions, Regulations, or Restrictions (if any) as shall have been established by the Resolutions of any General Meeting of the Company; and no such Lease shall be granted for any Term exceeding Fourteen Years from the Date thereof without the express Authority of a Meeting of the Company.

Power to effect Sales.

VIII. It shall also be lawful for the Company from Time to Time to effect Sales of the Buildings, Ground, and Hereditaments vested in them as aforesaid, or any Part or Parts of such Hereditaments, to such Parties and upon such Terms, and whether in Fee Simple or for any other less Estate or Estates, as may be thought expedient; so, nevertheless, that no such Sale shall be made without the Consent of a Majority of Votes of the Proprietors of Shares of the said Company present at a General Meeting specially convened for the Purpose of approving or disapproving of such Sale or Sales.

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Power to borrow Money.

IX. It shall also be lawful for the Company, with the same Consent as required to any Sale to be made under the last foregoing Authority, from Time to Time to borrow any Monies at Interest which shall be required for effecting any such Alterations, Improvements, or Works as aforesaid, or for any other Purposes of the Company, and to grant to the Party or Parties lending the same Monies such Securities by way of Mortgage or otherwise upon all or any Part or Parts of the Property of the Company, with such fixed Priority of Charge, and with such Powers and Remedies for the Recovery of the Principal and Interest Monies as shall be thought expedient; and the Receipt or Receipts of the Treasurer or other Officer of the Company who shall be authorized by them to receive any such Purchase Monies or Loan as aforesaid shall be a conclusive Discharge or conclusive Discharges for the same; and the Person or Persons to whom such Receipt or Receipts shall be given as aforesaid shall not afterwards be obliged or required to see to the Application of the Purchase or other Monies therein mentioned, nor liable for the Misapplication or Non-application thereof, or of any Part thereof.

Parties in possession of Stands to be registered as Shareholders.

X. Every Person whose Name is now entered in the Lists of the said Trustees or Committee as the Owner of any Closet, Stall, or Stand in the said Halls or either of them, and who by himself or his Tenant or Tenants is in the Possession thereof, and his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be taken to be in the rightful Ownership thereof, and shall be entered in the Register of Shareholders to be kept in compliance with this Act accordingly, unless and until he or they shall be dispossessed by virtue of any superior Title; and in the meantime his and their Votes at any Meetings of the Company, and all Payments to him or them by the Company, shall be valid, and such Payments shall discharge the Company as having been made to or for the Use of the Party rightfully entitled thereto, without Prejudice nevertheless to the Right of any Claimant under any such superior Title to recover any such Monies from the Party who shall have received the same.

Application of the Funds and Income of the Company.

XI. The clear Rents, Profits, and Income to arise from any of the Hereditaments, Monies, and Premises vested in the said Company, and which shall remain after Payment of all the Taxes, Rates, Assessments, Expenses of Repair, and of lighting, watching, cleansing, and Management, Interest of Loans (if any), and of all other Outgoings payable in respect of the Premises, and all the clear Purchase Monies to arise from every or any Sale, and the Monies to be raised by way of Loan as aforesaid, or so much of the same Monies respectively as shall not have been otherwise applied under the foregoing Provisions of this Act, shall be applied to the Purposes or in the Manner following; (that is to say,) first, in discharging the Costs and Expenses of or incident

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or preparatory to the obtaining and passing of this Act; secondly, the Costs and Expenses which the Committee of Management of the Company shall have incurred in or about the Performance of any of the Trusts or Duties reposed in them; and in the next place to the Discharge of all such Debts (if any) as are due and owing from the said present Trustees or Committee in that Character to any Persons whomsoever, or which shall for the Time being be due from and payable by the said Company; and the clear Surplus of all the said Monies which shall remain after Satisfaction of the Purposes aforesaid shall belong and be paid to the several Proprietors of Shares in the said Company, or shall be disposable by them as they shall from Time to Time at their General Meetings direct.

Provision for the Case of doubtful or disputed Titles.

XII. If in any Case the Title of any present Possessor or Claimant of a Closet, Stall, or Stand shall be in dispute, or shall appear to the Managing Committee of the Company to be too doubtful to justify Payment of any Monies otherwise due to him as a Shareholder under this Act, it shall be lawful for them to pay such Monies into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed there to his Account, "*Exparte* the Company of Proprietors of the *Bradford* Piece Halls," the Account of the Share which shall be the Subject of such Dispute or Doubt, and which shall be distinguished by the Number by which the same shall be distinguished in the Register or Books of the Company, subject to the Order and Disposition of the said Court; and in all Cases in which any Money shall be paid into the Bank of *England* under the Authority of this Act, the Certificate of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery of such Payment, with the Receipt of a Cashier of the Bank of *England* thereto annexed, and filed therewith in the Register Office of the said Court, shall be a conclusive Discharge for such Money to the Company and to the Managing Committee, and the Money so paid into the Bank of *England* shall remain there until the Person or Persons entitled thereto shall, upon Petition to be presented to the Court of Chancery in a summary Way, obtain an Order for the Payment or Transfer thereof to him or them, or otherwise; and the said Court shall have Authority, upon any summary Application or otherwise, to order all or any Part of the Monies so deposited to be paid as aforesaid to any Person or Persons rightfully entitled thereto, and in the meantime to be laid out in the Public Funds, and the same Investments, and the Dividends thereof, to be disposed of, or to make such other Orders in the Premises as it shall think fit.

For quieting Titles of Share-holders in

XIII. Every Person whose Name shall be entered in pursuance of this Act as the Proprietor of a Share of the Company in lieu or respect of any Closet, Stall, or Stand now possessed by him, shall be deemed for

case of Non-claim.

for all Purposes to be the rightful Proprietor of such Share, unless some Action or Suit shall have commenced at Law or in Equity for the Recovery thereof, within the Space of Six Years next after the passing of this Act, and shall be effectually prosecuted, or unless the same Share shall have been otherwise recovered by or relinquished to some adverse Claimant thereof within the same Period.

As to Appointment of Committee of Management.

XIV. The several Trustees or Members of the Committee appointed by or as recited in the said Indenture of the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and forty-four, of the said Halls and other Property, and the Survivors of them, shall, together with the other Persons to be from Time to Time elected as herein-after mentioned (if any), be the Managing Committee of the said Company, and shall respectively continue in Office for such Period as they would have continued in Office by virtue of their Appointment under the said Indenture if this Act had not been passed; anything herein or in the said "Companies Clauses Consolidation Act" contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Election of Members of Managing Committee.

XV. When the Number of Trustees appointed by the said Indenture of the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and forty-four shall be reduced to Ten, it shall be lawful for the said Company, in manner provided by the said "Companies Clauses Consolidation Act," for the Election of Directors in the Place of Directors going out of Office by rotation, at any Ordinary or Extraordinary Meeting, to elect any Number of Persons not exceeding Five to be Members of the Managing Committee, in the Place of the Five Trustees who shall first have ceased to be Members of such Committee; and when the Number of Trustees appointed by the said last-mentioned Indenture shall be reduced to Five, it shall be lawful for the said Company, in manner aforesaid, at any Ordinary or Extraordinary Meeting, to elect any further Number of Persons not exceeding Five to be Members of the Managing Committee in the Place of the Five Trustees who shall secondly have ceased to be Members of such Committee; and when the remaining Five Trustees appointed by the said Indenture shall cease to be Members of such Committee, it shall be lawful for the Company, in manner aforesaid, to elect any Number of Persons not exceeding Five to be Members of the Committee of Management in the Place of the Five Trustees who last ceased to be Members of such Committee; and the Members elected as aforesaid shall go out of Office by rotation, and others be elected in their stead, in manner prescribed by the said "Companies Clauses Consolidation Act," but in the Order following; (that is to say,) the Members who shall be elected in the Place of the Five Trustees appointed by the said Indenture of the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and forty-four first ceasing to be Members of Committee shall go out of Office annually

annually until Members shall also be elected in the Place of the Five Trustees secondly ceasing to be Members of such Committee; and then they and such last-mentioned Members shall go out of Office biennially, Half of them in one Year, and Half in the Year following, the Members elected in the Place of the Five Trustees first ceasing to be Members of Committee going out at the first Ordinary Meeting which shall be held after the Members elected in the Place of the Five Trustees secondly ceasing to be Members of Committee shall have been first elected; and when Members shall be elected in the Place of the Five Trustees who shall last cease to be Members of the Committee, they and the other Members elected as aforesaid shall go out of Office triennially, the said other Members going out of Office in the Order in which they would have gone out if no Members had been elected in the Place of the Five Trustees who last ceased to be Members of the Committee, and the Members elected as last aforesaid going out at the Ordinary Meeting which shall be held in the Year next after that in which the Members elected in the Place of the Five Trustees secondly ceasing to be Members of Committee shall go out of Office; and every Member who shall go out of Office by rotation shall be eligible for Re-election immediately, or at any future Time.

Power to reduce the Number of Managing Committee.

XVI. It shall be lawful for the Company from Time to Time to reduce the Managing Committee to any Number not less than Six, and again to raise them to any Number not exceeding Fifteen, so often as the Company shall think fit: Provided that no such Trustee as aforesaid shall thereby be removed from Office as a Member of the Managing Committee.

Quorum at Meetings.

XVII. At all Meetings of the Managing Committee Three shall be a Quorum.

Meetings of the Company.

XVIII. The Ordinary Meetings of the Company shall be held in the Month of *January* in every Year, and the First General Meeting of the Company shall be the Ordinary Meeting to be held in the Month of *January* next after the passing of this Act; and every Meeting of the Company shall be held in some convenient Place within the Town of *Bradford*; and at every Meeting of the Company every Shareholder shall be entitled to One Vote for every Share held by him in the Capital of the Company.

Votes of Shareholders.

General Saving of Rights.

XIX. Saving always to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and to all Persons and Bodies Politic or Corporate, and their respective Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Successors (other than and except the several Persons claiming or to claim by virtue only of any of the Instruments and Transactions hereinbefore recited, any Estate or Interest in the said Halls, Buildings, Ground,

Ground, Hereditaments, and Premises vested by this Act in the said Company, or any Part or Parts thereof,) all such Estates, Rights, Titles, Interests, Claims, and Demands whatsoever in or to the Premises, or any Part thereof, as the said Parties respectively, or any of them, had before the passing of this Act, or might have recovered or enforced if this Act had not been passed.

Act as printed by the Queens' Printers to be Evidence.

XX. This Act shall not be a Public Act, but shall be printed by the several Printers to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty duly authorized to print the Statutes of the United Kingdom, and a Copy thereof so printed by any of them shall be admitted as Evidence thereof by all Judges, Justices, and others.

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