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Management, and the Donors and Subscribers thereto were made a Body Politic and Corporate, with sufficient Powers to enable them to hold and enjoy their present Houses and Buildings, and to purchase and thenceforth hold and enjoy other Houses and Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, with sufficient Powers to sell the same respectively, and also to hold and retain all Monies and other Effects belonging to the said Institution, it would greatly promote its benevolent Designs; but the several Purposes aforesaid cannot be carried into effect without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King'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, That the President of the said Institution, together with the Vice Presidents and the Treasurer of the said Institution, respectively for the Time being, and every Person who shall have contributed or may hereafter contribute to the said Institution the Sum of Ten Pounds at any One Time as a Donation, or who may now or hereafter contribute a Sum not less than One Pound One Shilling as an annual Subscription, (so long as such annual Subscription shall be continued,) shall be and they are hereby declared to be One Body Politic and Corporate by the Name and Style of "The President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Bristol* Asylum or School of Industry for the Blind," and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued in all or any Courts or Court of Record, and all Places of Judicature within this Kingdom; and they and their Successors shall and may hold and retain the Houses and Buildings now belonging to the said Institution, and also purchase and thenceforth hold and enjoy any other Houses and Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, not exceeding Six Acres, within the said City of *Bristol* or within Two Miles of the Exchange of the same City, and shall and may hold, possess, and retain all such Monies, Securities, Chattels, and Effects as are now belonging to, and as shall be paid, given, or bequeathed to or purchased for the said Institution, to be holden by them and their Successors for ever for the Purposes of the said Institution, without incurring any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain.

President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, &c. incorporated.

II. And be it further enacted, That all and every Persons and Person in whose Names or Name any Estate or Interest, Estates or Interests, in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments is or are vested, or in whose Names or Name any Sum or Sums of Money, Stocks, Funds, Annuities, Securities for Money, or other Estate or Effects whatsoever, shall at the Time of passing this Act stand or be secured, whereof the beneficial Interest thereof shall belong to or be held in Trust for the said Institution, shall and they are hereby authorized and required, within Three Calendar Months next after the passing of this Act, to convey, assure, transfer, surrender, and assign the same respectively so and in such Manner as that the same may be and become vested in the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Bristol* Asylum or School

All Estates, Stocks, Funds, &c. to be conveyed and transferred to Corporation.

of Industry for the Blind, and their Successors, to and for the Use and Benefit of the said Institution absolutely and for ever.

Bodies Politic, &c. empowered to sell Lands.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, and all Corporations whatsoever, whether seised in their own Right, or as Trustees for any Purpose whatsoever, Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Purposes, Executors and Administrators, Guardians, Committees, Husbands, and all other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves and their Successors and their Heirs, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts or Wards respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, or entitled to Dower or other Interest therein, and for all Persons, whether Tenants for Life, in Tail, General or Special, or for Years determinable with any Life or Lives, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Successors and Heirs, but also for and on behalf of the Person or Persons entitled in Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy after them, and for all and every Persons and Person whomsoever, who are, or is, or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said City of *Bristol* or within Two Miles of the Exchange of the same City, which may be wanted for the Purposes of the said Institution, not exceeding in the whole Six Acres, to treat and agree with the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Bristol* Asylum or School of Industry for the Blind, or their Successors, for the absolute Sale thereof for an Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple, either in Possession or subject to any Lease or Term for Years which shall be subsisting therein, for any Sum or Sums of Money or such other Consideration as herein-after is mentioned, and the same, by any Deed or Deeds under the Common Seal of any such Corporation, or under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any such Person or Persons as aforesaid, to be respectively enrolled in the High Court of Chancery, to grant and convey, assign or surrender the same to the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members, and their Successors, for the Purposes of the said Institution.

Contracts, &c. made under the Act to be valid.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Contracts, Sales, Grants, Conveyances, Assignments, and Agreements which shall be made or entered into under or by virtue of this Act shall be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, without Fine or Recovery, and shall be a complete Bar to all Estates Tail, and other Estates, Rights, Titles, Trusts, and Interests whatsoever, any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom, or any natural or legal Incapacity of any Owner or Proprietor, Owners or Proprietors of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments as shall be so sold as aforesaid, or any Part thereof, to the contrary notwithstanding; and all such Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, Committees of Lunatics or Idiots, Husbands, and all other Persons making any such Sale or Sales, shall be and are hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue or in pursuance of this Act.

V. And

Corporation may sell and dispose of Houses, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members, and their Successors, from Time to Time to sell and dispose of the said Houses and Buildings now belonging to the said Institution or any Part thereof, and also of all such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments as shall become vested in them by Purchase as aforesaid, or any Part thereof, for a competent Price or Prices in Money; and upon the Payment of any Money which shall be contracted or agreed to be paid for the same, it shall be lawful for the Treasurer for the Time being to the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members to sign and give a Receipt or Receipts for the Money which shall be contracted or agreed to be paid as aforesaid, which Receipt or Receipts shall be a sufficient Discharge to any Purchaser or Purchasers for the Money therein and thereby expressed or acknowledged to be received; and such Purchaser or Purchasers, having *bonâ fide* paid the same, and obtained such Receipt or Receipts as aforesaid, shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any Loss, Misapplication, or Nonapplication of such Purchase Money or any Part thereof, or be bound to inquire or ascertain whether or not such Treasurer shall have been duly appointed to such Office.

Restraining the Company from purchasing more than Six Acres of Land from incapacitated Persons, &c.

VI. And whereas the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members are enabled to purchase Six Acres of Land by virtue of this Act, and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, and all Corporations and other Person or Persons whatsoever are empowered to sell such Quantity or Number of Acres to the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members: And whereas it is expedient to restrain the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members from selling any such Lands so purchased from any Corporation or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as herein-before mentioned, and again purchasing other Lands from the same or any other Corporation or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, in lieu or stead of the Lands so sold; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members to purchase from any Corporation or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid more than such Six Acres; and in case the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members shall afterwards sell the Whole or any Part of such Six Acres so purchased, it shall not be lawful for the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members to purchase of, or for the same or any other Corporation or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid to sell to the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members, any other Lands in lieu or stead of those Six Acres, or any Part thereof, so sold or disposed of by the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members.

Application of Compensation Money when exceeding 200*l.*

VII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Sums and Sum of Money which shall be agreed to be paid to any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or Corporation whatsoever, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, for or on behalf of any Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Cestuique Trusts, or to any Person or Persons whose Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are limited in strict or other

other Settlement, or to any Person or Persons under any other Disability or Incapacity, for the Purchase of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments by virtue of this Act, shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account *ex parte* the President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Bristol* Asylum, or School of Industry for the Blind, pursuant to the Method prescribed by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the better securing Monies and Effects paid into the Court of Exchequer at* Westminster *on account of the Suitors of the said Court, and for the Appointment of an Accountant General and Two Masters of the said Court, and for other Purposes*, and the General Orders of the said Court, and without Fee or Reward, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the Redemption of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Charges and Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Intents, and Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such or the like Uses, Trusts, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be so purchased, taken, and used as aforesaid stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing and undetermined or capable of taking effect; and in the meantime, and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court of Exchequer, upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Reduced Bank Annuities, or Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Consolidated Bank Annuities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purpose aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Proceeds of the said Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Corporation or Corporations or Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase and Settlement were made.

1 G. 4. c. 35.

When less than 200*l.* but amounting to 20*l.*

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed to be paid for the Purchase of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which shall be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under any such Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, or which shall be limited in strict or other Settlement, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Corporation or Corporations or Person or Persons who for the Time being would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so purchased, taken, and used, in respect whereof the same shall be so paid, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, Trustee or Trustees, in case of Infancy or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, or in case of a Corporation, then under their Seal, be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner hereinbefore directed (One of the Cashiers of the said Bank giving a Receipt for the said Money, which shall be a sufficient Discharge for the same); or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Party or Parties, Person or Persons, making such Option, and approved of by the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members, (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals or Common Seal or Seals of the nominating and approving Parties,) in order that such Principal Money and the Dividends arising therefrom may be applied by such Trustees in manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case may be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the said Court of Exchequer.

When less than 20*l.*

IX. And be it further enacted, That when such Money so agreed to be paid as next before mentioned shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be paid and applied to the Use of the Corporation or of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in respect whereof the same shall be paid, in such Manner as the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members shall think fit; or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, Trustee or Trustees, or other Person or Persons so entitled respectively; and the Receipt or Receipts of the Corporation or Person or Persons to whom the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members shall direct the same to be paid, shall be a sufficient Discharge for the same.

Respecting disputed Titles to Money.

X. And be it further enacted, That when any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Corporation or Corporations or Person or Persons to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of

of Exchequer, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, Charge, or Interest therein, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends and Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Corporation or Corporations or Person or Persons who shall have been in the Possession of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of such Purchase, in respect whereof such Money shall have been paid, and all Corporations or Persons claiming under such Corporation or Corporations, Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Corporation or Corporations, Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shown to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Exchequer; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, until it shall be made to appear that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein or Charge thereon.

Court may order the reasonable Expences of Purchases to be paid.

XI. And be it further enacted, That when, by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons or Corporation entitled to any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said Court of Exchequer, to be applied in the Purchase of other Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of the said Expences as to such Court shall seem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sum and Sums of Money out of the Funds of the said Institution for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Children may be bound Apprentices to Persons employed to instruct them.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members may and they are hereby empowered to bind Apprentice or Apprentices, Servant or Servants, all and every or any of the Children already received or hereafter to be received under the Care of the said Institution to any of the Persons employed or to be employed to instruct the Children in their own Premises, for such Time and Term and upon such Conditions respectively as the Committee for the Time being of the said Institution, or the major Part of such of them as shall be assembled at any of the Meetings of such Committee, shall think fit, so as no such Child so to be bound as aforesaid shall be obliged to serve and continue in such Apprenticeship or Service after the Age of Twenty-one Years; and the Person or Persons hereby empowered to take and retain any Child or Number of Children so apprenticed or bound shall not retain any

any such Child or Children longer than he, she, or they shall continue in the Service of the said Institution; and such Person or Persons on his, her, or their quitting or being dismissed from the Service of the said Institution, or the Executors or Administrators of him, her, or them who may happen to die during any such Apprenticeship or Service, shall assign over all Apprentices or Servants so bound to them to such Person or Persons (employed or to be employed as aforesaid) as the said Committee, or the major Part of such of them as shall be so assembled as aforesaid, shall direct, and so in like Manner the said Apprentices or Servants shall from Time to Time be assigned over as often as the Person or Persons to whom any such Assignment shall have been made shall quit or be dismissed from the said Institution, or die; and in case any such Person or Persons who shall quit or be dismissed from the said Institution, or the Executors or Administrators of him or her who may happen to die during any such Apprenticeship or Service, shall neglect or refuse, for the Space of Fourteen Days after being required so to do by the said Committee, to assign over all or any such Apprentices or Servants in manner aforesaid, he, she, or they shall for every such Neglect or Refusal forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, according to the Discretion of any Justice of the Peace for the County, City, or Place wherein such Person or Persons shall be or reside; and in case any such Penalty shall not be forthwith paid, it shall and may be levied, by virtue of any Warrant under the Hand and Seal of the said Justice, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person liable to pay the same, rendering to such Person the Overplus, after such Penalty and Charges of such Distress and Sale shall be deducted; and every such Penalty when recovered shall go and be applied to the Purposes of the said Institution, but such Penalty shall be without Prejudice to any other Suit or Proceeding to which such Person or Persons would otherwise be liable.

General Annual Meeting to be held.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That a General Annual Meeting of the Donors of Ten Pounds and upwards at any One Time, and the Subscribers of One Pound and One Shilling annually, to the said Institution, to be convened by public Advertisement, whereof Seven Days Notice shall be given in Two or more *Bristol* Newspapers, shall be held in the said Institution or Asylum, or in such other Place in the City of *Bristol* as the Committee for the Time being shall think fit, or within Seven Days next after the First Day of *May* in each Year, at the Hour of Twelve of the Clock at Noon, at which Meeting the Donors and Subscribers then assembled shall elect from amongst the Donors and Subscribers to the said Institution, under the Limitations and Provisions in this Act contained, a President, Two Vice Presidents, and a Treasurer, and also a Committee, for transacting and managing the Affairs of the said Institution, and Two Auditors of Accounts for the Year ensuing; and the said Committee shall consist of Fifteen of the said Donors or Subscribers (exclusive of the President, Vice Presidents, and Treasurer for the Time being); and such General Annual Meeting shall have full Power and Authority to direct the Committee to carry into effect any Measures relating to the Affairs of the said Institution which shall appear to such

General Annual Meeting to be necessary or expedient for the general Government thereof, so as no such Direction shall contravene any thing contained in this Act: Provided always, that the Members of the said Committee then going out of Office shall be eligible to be re-elected.

Committee may call Special General Meetings.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Committee for the Time being, from Time to Time when and as Occasion shall be or require, to call a Special General Meeting of the Donors and Subscribers to the said Institution, to be convened by public Advertisement, whereof Seven Days Notice shall be given in Two or more of the said *Bristol* Newspapers, to be held in the said Institution or Asylum, or in such other Place in the City of *Bristol* as the Committee for the Time being shall direct.

Questions to be decided by a Majority of Votes. Chairman to have a casting Vote.

XV. And be it further enacted, That all Questions which shall be propounded at any such General Annual or Special General Meeting shall be decided by the major Part or Number of the Donors and Subscribers present at such Meeting; and in case of an Equality of Votes, the President or Chairman of such Meeting shall have an additional or casting Vote: Provided always, that no Person shall be entitled to vote at any such Meeting until he or she shall have been such Donor or Subscriber as aforesaid for Six Calendar Months before any such Meeting.

President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Committee appointed.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That *George Thorne* Esquire shall be and is hereby appointed President of the said Institution; and *Richard Bright* Esquire and *John Haythorne* Esquire shall be and they are hereby appointed Vice Presidents; and *James George* Esquire shall be and is hereby appointed Treasurer; and *Daniel Fripp* Esquire and *James Ezekiel Nash* Esquire shall be and they are hereby appointed Auditors of the said Institution; and the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Auditors for the Time being, together with *George Bengough* Esquire, *Robert Bright* Esquire, *Thomas Durbin Brice* Esquire, *Daniel Cave* Esquire, *Thomas Daniel* Esquire, *Henry Davis* Esquire, *Daniel Fripp* Esquire, *George Gibbs* Esquire, *John Scandrett Harford* Esquire, *George Hilhouse* Esquire, *Thomas Kington* Esquire, *Philip John Miles* Esquire, *James Ezekiel Nash* Esquire, *Charles Pinney* Esquire, and *Frederick Ricketts* Esquire, shall be and are hereby appointed a Committee for transacting and managing the Affairs of the said Institution; and the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Auditors, and Committee shall continue in Office until the First General Annual Meeting of the Donors and Subscribers to the said Institution to be holden next after the passing of this Act, when a fresh Election is to take place in manner and according to the Provisions in this Act contained.

Chaplain to be appointed.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That a Clergyman of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* shall be elected to be the Chaplain of the said Institution at the First General Annual Meeting of the said Donors and Subscribers next after the passing of this Act, and at every susequent General Annual Meeting, but such Chaplain shall

be eligible to be re-elected; and in the meantime, and until such Election shall be had, and also in case of the Death, Resignation, or Deprivation of any such Chaplain, the said Committee shall appoint another such Clergyman to officiate in his Stead until the next General Annual Meeting; and every such Chaplain shall officiate in performing Divine Service, according to the established Rites of the said Church, in some convenient Part of the said Institution or Asylum to be provided by the said Committee and appropriated to that Purpose; and every such Chaplain as aforesaid shall be entitled to such yearly Salary or other Remuneration for his Services as the said Committee shall from Time to Time think fit.

Meetings of the Committee.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee for the Time being of the said Institution shall meet in the said Institution or Asylum on the First *Monday* in every Month, or on some other Day in every Month, and at such Hour as the said Committee shall from Time to Time appoint; and any Five of the said Committee shall be a Quorum for the Purpose of transacting and managing the Affairs of the said Institution; and all Questions to be propounded at any Meeting of the said Committee shall be decided by a Majority of the Votes of the Members present at any such Meeting; and in the Absence of the said President, Vice Presidents, and Treasurer for the Time being from any Meeting of the said Committee, the Majority of the Members of the said Committee then present may elect a Chairman from amongst themselves to preside at such Meeting; and the Person who shall act as Chairman at any such Meeting shall, in case of an Equality of Votes upon any Occasion, have an additional or casting Vote.

Power and Duty of Committee.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time to make such Bye Laws, Rules, and Regulations (not being repugnant to the Laws of this Realm, or to any thing in this Act contained,) for the general Management of the said Institution, and for the Admission, Employment, and Removal of the Pupils upon the charitable Foundation of the said Institution, as the said Committee shall from Time to Time think fit or expedient, and also for the Admission, Employment, and Removal of such Blind Persons as having Means for their own Support and Maintenance may from Time to Time apply for Admission into the said Institution for the Purpose of Instruction and Employment, either with or without Lodging and Board, upon such Terms as the said Committee shall from Time to Time think fit; all which said Bye Laws, Rules, and Regulations the said Committee shall have Power to alter, vary, or repeal when and as often as they shall think necessary or expedient; and shall also have Power and Authority from Time to Time to appoint such Persons as they shall think fit and proper to be Physician, Surgeon, Apothecary, Secretary, Solicitor, Matron, Superintendent, Collector, or other Officers of the said Institution, and also all Teachers and Servants to be employed therein, and from Time to Time to remove or suspend any of them, and to appoint others in their Stead in case of Death, Resignation, or any such Suspension or Removal, and to allow and pay such

Salaries and Wages or other Allowances to the said Officers, Teachers, and Servants as the said Committee shall from Time to Time think reasonable and proper; and shall have full Power and Authority to depute any of the Donors or Subscribers (whether Members of the Committee or not) to act as Visitors of the said Institution and of the Pupils therein, under such Limitations and Regulations as the said Committee shall deem expedient for the good Order thereof; and the said Committee shall have the Management and Application of the Estates, Property, and yearly and other Income of the said Institution, and shall have the Custody of the Common Seal of the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Bristol* Asylum or School of Industry for the Blind, and shall have Power to direct the same to be affixed to such Instruments as the said Committee shall from Time to Time think fit; and also shall have the Direction and Management of all the Affairs of the said Institution, subject nevertheless to the Proviso next herein-after contained: Provided always, that in case the Majority of the Donors and Subscribers assembled at any such General Annual or Special General Meeting as aforesaid shall have entered into any Resolutions for the Directions of the Committee, (such Resolutions not being repugnant to the Laws of this Realm, or to any thing in this Act contained,) whether the same shall relate to the making or altering, varying or repealing, any such Bye Laws, Rules, or Regulations as aforesaid, or to any other Matter or Thing to be done by the said Committee, shall be binding on and carried into effect by the said Committee.

Proceedings of Committee to be entered in Books.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee shall cause all the Dealings and Transactions of or relating to the said Institution, and all their own Proceedings and Resolutions, to be regularly and fairly entered in proper Books to be kept for that Purpose, and the same shall be laid before the Donors and Subscribers to the said Institution at their General Annual Meetings, and (if required) at any such Special General Meeting as aforesaid, together with a full and distinct general Balance Sheet, showing the actual State of the said Institution, and of all Monies received and paid by and under the Direction of the said Committee, and when and to whom and for what Purposes such Payments shall have been made, and also a Statement of all the Blind Persons who shall have been maintained and educated or instructed in the said Institution in the Year then ended, and of all such as shall then remain therein; and the Treasurer for the Time being shall at such General Annual or Special General Meeting, and also from Time to Time when thereunto required by the said Committee, produce and show to such Meeting or to such Committee respectively a full and particular Statement of his Account of all Monies received and paid by him for or on behalf of the said Institution; all which Books and Accounts of the said Committee and Treasurer shall be examined by the Auditors for the Time being Three Days at the least before the said General Annual or Special General Meetings.

Accounts to be kept of Receipts and Disbursements.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee shall and they are hereby required from Time to Time to order and direct a Book

a Book or Books to be provided and kept by their Secretary for the Time being, in which Book or Books such Secretary shall enter or cause to be entered true and regular Accounts of all Sums of Money received, paid, laid out, and expended for or on account of and for the Purposes of this Act, and of the several Articles, Matters, and Things for which such Sums of Money shall have been disbursed, laid out, and paid; and such Book or Books shall at all seasonable Times be open to the Inspection of the Donors and Subscribers to the said Institution, and all Persons and Bodies respectively possessing or entitled to any Securities affecting or charged upon the Estate and Funds of the said Institution, who may take Copies thereof or Extracts therefrom, without Fee or Reward; and in case the said Secretary shall refuse to permit or shall not permit the said Donors and Subscribers or other Persons as aforesaid to inspect the same at all seasonable Times, or take such Copies or Extracts as aforesaid, such Secretary shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, according to the Discretion of any Justice of the Peace for the County, City, or Place wherein such Secretary shall be or reside; and in case any such Penalty shall not be forthwith paid, it shall and may be levied, by virtue of any Warrant under the Hand and Seal of the said Justice, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person liable to pay the same, rendering to such Person the Overplus, after such Penalty and Charges of such Distress and Sale shall be deducted; and every such Penalty, when recovered, shall go and be applied to the Purposes of the said Institution.

Treasurer, &c. to account when required, or to be proceeded against by Action.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Treasurer and all other Persons having Monies or Securities for Money, or any Books, Papers, or Writings, in his or their Hands respectively belonging to the said Institution, shall pay, transfer, and deliver over the same when thereunto required by any such General Annual or Special General Meeting as aforesaid, or by the said Committee for the Time being, unto such Person or Persons as such Meeting or such Committee shall from Time to Time direct; and in case of the Neglect or Refusal of the said Treasurer or any other such Person or Persons as aforesaid to pay over such Monies, or to transfer or deliver any such Security or Securities, Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or any Part thereof respectively, for the Space of Twenty-one Days next after being required so to do by such General Annual or Special General Meeting or Committee as aforesaid, then all such Monies, Security or Securities for Money, Books, Papers, and Writings, may be recovered from the said Treasurer or such other Person or Persons as aforesaid from Time to Time, by and in the Name of the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Bristol* Asylum or School of Industry for the Blind, by Action of Debt, Trover, or otherwise, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*.

Collectors &c. to account.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Person appointed or to be appointed as Collector or Receiver of Donations or Subscriptions by or on behalf of the said Institution shall from Time to Time, when thereunto required by any General Annual or Special General Meeting

Meeting as aforesaid, or by the said Committee, deliver to such Person or Persons as such Meeting or such Committee shall for that Purpose appoint true, exact, and perfect Accounts in Writing under his Hand of all Monies which he shall have received, together with the proper Vouchers relating thereto, and shall pay and transfer and deliver over all such Monies as shall remain in his Hands to such Person or Persons appointed to receive the same; and if the said Collector or Receiver shall refuse or neglect to deliver up or produce such Accounts, and the Vouchers relating to the same, in manner aforesaid, or shall refuse or neglect to pay and transfer the Money due on such Account, or if the said Collector or Receiver shall refuse or neglect to deliver up to the Person or Persons appointed to receive the same, within Twenty-one Days after being thereunto required by the said General Annual or Special General Meeting, or by the said Committee, all the Books, Papers, and Writings in his Custody or Power relating to the said Institution, then and in every or any of the said Cases it shall be lawful for any Two Justices of the Peace for the County, City, or Place wherein such Collector or Receiver shall be or reside, upon Complaint made before them by or on behalf of the said General Annual or Special General Meeting, or such Committee, and such Justices are hereby required, to summon such Collector or Receiver to appear before them, and upon his appearing, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter of such Complaint in a summary Way, and to settle the said Account or Accounts if produced; and if upon Confession of the said Collector or Receiver against whom any such Complaint shall be made, or by the Oath or Oaths, or, being a Quaker or Quakers, by the Affirmation or Affirmations of any Witness or Witnesses, (which Oath or Affirmation such Justices are hereby empowered and required to administer and take without Fee or Reward,) or upon Inspection of the said Accounts if produced, it shall appear to such Justices that any of the Money which shall have been collected or received shall be in the Hands of such Collector or Receiver, such Justices may and they are hereby authorized and required, on Nonpayment thereof, by a Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Collector or Receiver; and if no Goods and Chattels can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money, and the Charges of distraining and selling the same, or if such Collector or Receiver shall not appear before the said Justices at the Time and Place by them appointed for that Purpose, unless for some sufficient Reason, or if appearing shall refuse or neglect to give and deliver to such Justices an Account or Accounts of all Receipts and Payments as aforesaid, or to produce and deliver up to such Justices the several Vouchers and Receipts relating to such Accounts respectively, or the Books, Accounts, Papers, and Writings in his Custody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, then and in any or either of the Cases aforesaid such Justices may and they are hereby authorized and required, by a Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to commit such Collector or Receiver to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the County, City, or Place wherein such Collector or Receiver shall be or reside, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize,

in case he should be committed for Nonpayment of any Money received by him or in his Hands, until he shall have accounted for and paid the full Amount thereof, or compounded with the said General Annual or Special General Meeting of the said Committee, and paid such Composition in such Manner as the said Meeting or Committee shall appoint (which Composition the said Meeting or Committee are hereby empowered to make), or in case he shall be committed for not delivering any Accounts, Books, Papers, or Writings as aforesaid, until he shall have delivered up such Accounts, Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or made Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Meeting or Committee: Provided always, that no Person who shall be so committed for Want of sufficient Distress shall be detained in Prison by virtue of this Act for a longer Space of Time than Six Calendar Months.

Executors or Administrators of deceased Treasurer, &c. to account.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That in case of the Death of any such Treasurer or other Person as last aforesaid, before he shall have paid and fully satisfied all the Monies which he shall have received by virtue of this Act, or made such Composition for the same as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the Executors or Administrators of such Treasurer or other Person so dying shall pay and satisfy the same out of the Estate and Effects of such Treasurer or other Person unto the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members, or their said Committee, or any Person appointed by them in that Behalf, in like Manner as other Debts are directed by Law to be discharged by such Executors or Administrators, and also shall deliver up all Books, Papers, Writings, and other Things concerning his Office or relating to the Execution of this Act which shall have come to the Hands of such Executors or Administrators, who shall and may plead such Payments in any Action or Suit which may be brought against them on account of the said Estate and Effects, and give the same in Evidence; and in case of the Nonpayment of such Monies, or the Nondelivery of such Books, Papers, Writings, and Things, for the Space of Fourteen Days after Demand made thereof in Writing by or on behalf of the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members, or their said Committee, it shall be lawful for the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members, or their said Committee, to commence and prosecute an Action or Actions in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* against such Executors or Administrators, for the Recovery of the said Monies, or for the Recovery of Damages for the Detention of such Books, Papers, Writings, and Things, in which Action or Actions full Costs of Suit shall be recoverable by the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members, or their said Committee.

Clerk or Secretary and Treasurer not to be the same Person.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Donors and Subscribers, or their said Committee, to appoint the Person who may be appointed their Clerk or Secretary in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk or Secretary, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or Secretary or of his Partner, to be the

Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or to appoint the Person who may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of such Treasurer or of his Partner, to be the Clerk or Secretary of the said Institution; and if any Person shall accept both the Offices of Clerk or Secretary and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk or Secretary, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or Secretary or of his Partner, shall accept the Office of Treasurer, or shall act as Deputy of the Treasurer, or in any Manner officiate for the Treasurer, or being the Partner of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer or of his Partner, shall accept the Office of Clerk or Secretary in the Execution of this Act, or shall act as Deputy of such Clerk or Secretary, or in any Manner officiate for such Clerk or Secretary, or if any such Treasurer shall hold or accept any Place or Office of Profit or Trust under this Act other than that of Treasurer, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person who shall sue for the same, to be recovered with full Costs of Suit in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or upon the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Power to lay out Money in Government Securities or on Mortgage.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Treasurer for the Time being of the said Institution, and he is hereby authorized and required, (but subject and without Prejudice to the Powers hereby vested in such General Annual or Special General Meeting as aforesaid,) from Time to Time, by and with the Consent and Approbation of the said Committee for the Time being at any of their Meetings, to lay out and invest in some or one of the Government Stocks or Parliamentary Funds of *Great Britain*, or at Interest in Government Securities, or on Mortgage of Freehold Lands of Inheritance in Fee Simple, to be situated in *England* or *Wales*, free from all Incumbrances except Chief or Quit Rents, in the Names of the President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Bristol* Asylum or School of Industry for the Blind, all and every such Sums and Sum of Money as hath or have been paid, given, devised, or bequeathed, or as shall at any Time or Times hereafter be paid, given, devised, or bequeathed by any charitable or well-disposed Person or Persons, to or for the Ends, Intents, or Purposes in this Act mentioned, or any Part thereof, other than and except such and so much thereof as the Exigencies of the said Institution shall call for the Application or Expenditure of in the Management of the Affairs of the said Institution, and to sell, assign, and transfer all or any of such Stocks, Funds, or other Securities, and to re-convey all such Lands as shall be held on Mortgage on Payment of the Principal Monies and Interest due thereon, with the like Consent and Approbation, and subject and without Prejudice as aforesaid.

Dividends to be applied for the Use

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That (subject and without Prejudice as aforesaid) the Dividends, Interest, and annual Produce which

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which from Time to Time shall arise from the Stocks, Funds, or other Securities belonging or which shall at any Time belong to the said Institution, shall from Time to Time be applied to and for the Uses, Ends, Intents, and Purposes in this Act contained.

How Notices are to be served on President, &c.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases wherein it may be necessary or requisite for any Person or Party to serve upon the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members, any Notice, Writ, or other legal Proceeding, or Proceedings in Equity, the Service upon the said President, or One of the Vice Presidents, or the Treasurer or Secretary of the said Institution, or left with some Inmate at the respective Houses or usual Places of Abode, or in case the same shall not be found or known, then Service upon any Officer of the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members, at the said Institution, shall be deemed good and sufficient Service of the same respectively upon the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members.

Notices from President, &c. how to be given.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases wherein it may be necessary or requisite for the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members, or their said Committee, to give any Notice to or make any Requisition upon any Person whomsoever, or to publish any Advertisement, such Notice, Requisition, or Advertisement (except where a different Method is herein-before expressly provided) shall and may be in Writing signed by their Secretary, without being required to be under the Common Seal of the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members, or to be made under any Authority authorized by such Common Seal.

Power of Appeal to Quarter Sessions.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall think himself aggrieved by any Order, Judgment, or Determination of any Justice of the Peace acting in the Execution of this Act, such Person may appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the first General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, City, or Place within which the Matter of Appeal shall arise, next after the Expiration of Four Calendar Months from the Time such Matter of Appeal shall have arisen, the Person appealing having first given Ten Days Notice at least in Writing of his Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Person or Persons against whom such Appeal shall be made, and forthwith after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for such County, City, or Place, with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal, and abide the Award and Order of the Court of General or Quarter Sessions thereon; and the said Justices at such Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice having been given and Recognizance entered into, are hereby authorized and required to hear and determine the Matter of such Appeal in a summary Way, and to make such Determination thereon, and to award such Costs to either of the Parties, or otherwise, as the said Court shall judge proper; and all such Determinations of the said Court shall be binding, final, and conclusive to and upon all Parties to all Intents and Purposes.

XXXI. And

Distress not unlawful for Want of Form.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That where any Distress shall be made for any Sum of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, for or on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Information, Summons, Conviction, Warrant of Distress, or other Proceedings relating thereto, nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio* on account of any Irregularity that shall afterwards be done by the Party or Parties so distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity shall and may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage in an Action on the Case.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form, or removed by Certiorari.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That no Order, Verdict, Assessment, Judgment, or other Proceedings touching or concerning any Offender or Offenders against this Act shall be quashed or vacated for Want of Form only, or be removed or removable by Certiorari, or by any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Limitations of Actions.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Action shall be brought or Suit commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, or in relation to the Premises, or any of them, every such Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Offence committed or Cause of Action or Suit accrued (and not afterwards); and every such Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced in the County, City, or Place where the cause of Action or Suit shall have arisen, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence in any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the same shall appear to have been so done, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be brought within the Time hereinbefore limited, or shall be brought in any other County, City, or Place than as aforesaid, or after sufficient Amends shall have been tendered, or the Damages to be found shall not exceed the Sum of Money which shall have been paid into Court (which it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in such Action to do), then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of his or their Action or Suit, or if a Verdict shall pass against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or if upon Demurrer Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall have Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have by Law for Costs in other Cases.

For paying the Expences of the Act.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expences incident to and attending the obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid and defrayed by the Treasurer to the said Institution by and out of any Money already received or hereafter

to be received by the said Treasurer, in preference to all other Payments whatsoever.

Public Act.

XXXV. 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, without specially pleading the same.

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