riages belonging to or employed by them, the Words following, that is to say, "The Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, *Whitehall Place, Westminster*," or the Place where the Office of the said Commissioners shall for the Time being be situated; any Clause, Article, Matter, or Thing in the said recited Act of the First and Second Years of the Reign of His present Majesty to the contrary notwithstanding.

CAP. LVII.

An Act to continue and extend the Provisions of an Act passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of His Majesty King *George* the Third, for giving additional Facilities in Applications to Courts of Equity regarding the Management of Estates or Funds belonging to Charities; and for making certain Provisions respecting Estates or Funds belonging to Charities. [23d *June* 1832.]

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third it was, amongst other Things, enacted, that whenever, upon any Examination or Investigation taken or had by and before the Commissioners appointed or to be appointed under the Authority of certain Acts of the Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Years of His said late Majesty therein-before mentioned, any Case should arise or happen in which it should appear to the said Commissioners that the Directions or Orders of a Court of Equity were requisite for the remedying of any Neglect, Breach of Trust, Fraud, Abuse, or Misconduct in the Management of any Trust created for any charitable Purposes as therein-before mentioned, or of the Estates or Funds thereunto belonging, or for the regulating the Administration of any such Trust, or of the Estates or Funds thereof, it should and might be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, if they should think fit, to certify the Particulars of such Case in Writing under their Hands to His Majesty's Attorney General, and thereupon it should be lawful for His Majesty's Attorney General, if he should so think fit, either by a summary Application in the Nature of a Petition, or by Information, as the Case might require, to apply to or commence a Suit in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, or to or in His Majesty's Court of Exchequer sitting as a Court of Equity, stating and setting forth the Neglect, Breach of Trust, Fraud, Abuse, or Misconduct, or other Cause of Complaint or Application, and praying such Relief as the Nature of the Case might require; and after such Petition should have been presented or Suit instituted, such Proceedings were to be had thereupon as in the said Act now in recital mentioned: And whereas the Powers of the said Commissioners expired on the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and thirty, and many Charities still remain to be investigated: And whereas an Act was passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for appointing Commissioners to continue the Inquiries concerning Charities in* England *and* Wales *for Two Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament*, whereby His Majesty was empowered 1 & 2 W. 4. c. 34.

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'to issue a Commission, enabling the Commissioners therein to be 'named to investigate such remaining Charities: And whereas it 'is expedient that the Provisions of the said recited Act of the 'Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty should 'be continued in manner herein-after mentioned; and it is also 'expedient to facilitate the Proofs in Proceedings instituted or to 'be instituted under the said last-mentioned Act, or of this Act, in 'manner herein-after mentioned: And whereas it is expedient to 'make such Provisions respecting Estates or Funds belonging to 'Charities as herein-after mentioned:' Be it therefore 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 it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners appointed or to be appointed under the Authority of the said Act of the last Session of Parliament, or under the Authority of any Act to be hereafter passed for the like Purpose, or any Five or more of them, to make such Certificates from Time to Time to His Majesty's Attorney General as the Commissioners appointed under the Authority of the said Acts of the Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty were empowered to do; and thereupon such Proceedings shall or may be had and taken as were authorized or directed by the said recited Act of the said Fifty-ninth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, in the same Manner to all Intents and Purposes as if the Provisions of that Act, as to such Certificates and Proceedings, were embodied in and re-enacted by this Act.

Commissioners appointed under recited Act of 1 & 2 W. 4. authorized to make Certificates to the Attorney General as Commissioners under former Acts were empowered to do.

II. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases of Proceedings instituted or to be instituted by His Majesty's Attorney General in pursuance of the said recited Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, or of this Act, the Production to the Court of a Certificate under the Hand of His Majesty's Attorney General, stating that the Particulars of the Case in question, in Writing, have been certified to His Majesty's Attorney General for the Time being according to the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of His said late Majesty, or of this Act, as the Case may be, shall be deemed sufficient Evidence that such Particulars have been duly certified to His Majesty's Attorney General accordingly, to and for all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Attorney General's Certificate to be Evidence of Particulars of Cases having been duly certified by Commissioners.

III. And be it further enacted, That where the Person, or all the Persons if more than One, in whom any Lands, Hereditaments, Rent-charge, or other Real Property may have been vested in Trust for any Charity or charitable or public Purpose, shall be dead, it shall be lawful for the said Court of Chancery or the said Court of Exchequer, on the Petition of His Majesty's Attorney General, or of the Persons or Body administering such Charity or superintending such public Purpose, or of any Person on behalf thereof, to direct any Master or other Officer of the said Courts respectively to cause Two successive Advertisements to be inserted in the *London Gazette*, and in One or more of the Newspapers circulated in the County, City, or Place where such Land, Hereditaments, or Real Property, or the Lands or Hereditaments out of which such Rent-charge is issuing, shall be situated, giving Notice

Courts of Chancery or Exchequer empowered to direct Conveyances of Charity Estates in certain Cases.

Notice that the Representative or Representatives of the Person of the last Survivor of the Persons in whom any Land, Hereditaments, Rent-charge, or other Real Property may have been vested in Trust as aforesaid do within Twenty-eight Days appear or give Notice of his or their Title to such Master or other Officer, and prove his or their Pedigree or other Title as Trustee; and if no Person shall appear to give such Notice within such Twenty-eight Days, or the Person or Persons who may appear or give such Notice shall not within Thirty-one Days after such Appearance or Notice prove his or their Title to the Satisfaction of such Master or other Officer, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the said Courts respectively to appoint any new Trustees for such Charity or charitable or public Purpose, in case no Trustees for such Charity or Purpose duly appointed shall then be existing; and such Land, Hereditaments, Rent-charge, or other Real Property may be conveyed to such new Trustees when so appointed by the said Courts respectively, or to the existing Trustees previously duly appointed, as the Case may be, by any Person whom the said Courts respectively may direct for that Purpose by virtue of the Provisions in this Act, without the Necessity of any Decree.

For empowering resident Ministers and Churchwardens to receive Rent-charges belonging to Charities, where there are no existing Trustees.

IV. And be it further enacted, That whenever it shall appear to the said Commissioners to be appointed under the Authority of the said Act of the last Session of Parliament that the Property belonging to any Charity consists only of One or more Annuity or Rent-charge, Annuities or Rent-charges, not exceeding in the whole the yearly Sum of Twenty Pounds, and that there are no existing Trustees or Persons legally qualified to receive and give an effectual Discharge for such Annuity or Rent-charge, Annuities or Rent-charges, it shall and may be lawful for any Five of the said Commissioners, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to empower the resident Minister and the Churchwardens or Chapelwardens for the Time being of the Parish or Place interested in such Charity, in case only One Parish or Place is so interested, but if more than One Parish or Place is so interested, then the resident Minister and the Churchwardens or Chapelwardens of some one of the Parishes or Places interested, to receive the said Annuity or Rent-charge, Annuities or Rent-charges, or any Arrears thereof, and to apply the same according to the Purposes of the charitable Donations or Bequests thereof, in the same Manner as the Trustees of the said Charity would have been bound to do; and the Power so to be given to such Minister and Churchwardens or Chapelwardens shall remain in force until Trustees of the said Charity duly appointed shall appear and claim the Administration of the Funds thereof, or until Trustees of the said Charity shall be appointed by the Court of Chancery or Court of Exchequer; and all Receipts to be given by such Minister and Churchwardens or Chapelwardens shall be effectual Discharges to the Persons liable to the Payment of such Annuities or Rent-charges for all such Sums as in such Receipts shall be expressed to have been received in respect thereof; and in case of Nonpayment of such Annuities or Rent-charges, or any Arrears thereof, it shall and may be lawful for such Minister and Churchwardens or Chapelwardens respectively, during the Continuance of the Power to be given to them by virtue of the Provisions of this Act, to use and

and exercise all such Powers and Remedies for recovering and compelling Payment of the said Annuities or Rent-charges, and the Arrears thereof, as the Trustees of the said Charities respectively might or could have done if duly appointed.

CAP. LVIII.

An Act to extend the Provisions of an Act of the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for altering and amending the Law regarding Commitments by Courts of Equity for Contempts, and the taking Bills *pro Confesso;* and to explain certain Parts thereof.

[23d *June* 1832.]

1 W. 4. c 36.

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for altering and amending the Law regarding Commitments by Courts of Equity for Contempts, and the taking Bills* pro Confesso, it is amongst other Things enacted, that the Discharge of any Prisoner adjudicated upon under the Authority of an Act passed in the Seventh Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in* England, or any other Act which may hereafter be passed for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, shall and may extend to all Process issuing from any Court of Equity for any Contempt of such Court for Nonpayment of Money, or of Costs, Charges, or Expences in any such Court; and that in such Case the said Discharge shall be deemed to extend to all Costs which such Prisoner shall be liable to pay in consequence or by reason of such Contempt, or on purging the same; and that every Discharge so adjudicated as aforesaid, as to any Debt or Damages of any Creditor of such Prisoner, shall be deemed to extend also to all Costs incurred by such Creditor before the filing of such Prisoner's Schedule, in any Action or Suit brought by such Creditor against such Prisoner for the Purpose, for the Recovery of the same; and that all Persons as to whose Demands for any such Costs, Money, or Expences any such Person shall be so adjudged to be discharged, shall be deemed and taken to be the Creditors of such Prisoner in respect thereof, and entitled to the Benefits of all the Provisions made for Creditors by the said Act or any future Act, subject nevertheless to such ascertaining of the Amount of the said Demands as may be had by Taxation or otherwise, and to such Examination thereof as is in the said last-mentioned Act, or as shall be in any future Act provided in respect of all Claim to a Dividend of such Insolvent's Estate and Effects: And whereas it is expedient to extend the Provisions of the said Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty:' 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 in all Cases of Contempt other than and besides those provided for by the last-mentioned Act, where any Person or Persons are or is or shall at any Time hereafter be in Prison under or by reason of any Commitment or Attachment directed

Courts of Chancery and Exchequer respectively empowered to discharge