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CAP. LVI.

An Act to sanction the Service by Post of Notices relative to the Proceedings of certain charitable Institutions, and to make further Provision as to the Service of such Notices in future.

[1st *August* 1851.]

WHEREAS great Inconvenience has been occasioned, and may be occasioned, to incorporated and other charitable Institutions in *England*, by reason of Courts, Boards, and Meetings of Governors, Members, or Subscribers, and Elections of Presidents, Patrons, Treasurers, Hospitallers, Masters, Physicians, Surgeons, and other Officers of or to, and Recipients of the Benefits conferred by, such Institutions respectively, having from Time to Time taken place, of which the Notices or some of them have been issued through the Post, by the extreme Difficulty of proving the Service of such Notices, and by the Want of sufficient Provisions in the Charters, Statutes, Laws, or Rules of such Institutions as to the Service of Notices thereby required to be given: And whereas it is expedient immediately to provide a Remedy for the Inconvenience and Defects before mentioned: Be it therefore declared and enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal,

and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Courts, &c. already held and not avoided, &c. to be considered as having taken place after proper Notices served.

I. That every such Court, Board, or Meeting, the Acts whereof have not already been avoided or annulled by some Court of Law or Equity, nor are now the Subject of some Action, Suit, or other Proceeding for the Avoidance or annulling thereof now pending in some Court of Law or Equity, nor have been avoided or annulled by some subsequent regular Court, Board, or Meeting (as the Case may be) of any such Institution as aforesaid, and every such Election as aforesaid which hath not already been avoided or annulled nor brought into Litigation as aforesaid, nor avoided or annulled by some subsequent regular Election to the same Office or Benefit, shall be considered to have taken place respectively after sufficient Notice duly served on all Persons who ought to have had Notice thereof.

After passing of this Act all Notices may be sent by Post, &c.

II. That from and after the passing of this Act all Notices to the Governors or Members of or Subscribers to any present or future charitable Institution in *England*, whether incorporated or not, which by the Charter, Statutes, Laws, or Rules (as the Case may be) of such Institution for the Time being are or shall be required to be given, may be served by the same being transmitted through the Post, directed according to the Address given in the List of the Governors or Members of or Subscribers to such Institution for the Time being in use at the chief Establishment thereof, in such Time as to admit of their Delivery in the due Course of Delivery by Post at or before such Period (if any) as is or shall be prescribed by the Charter, Statutes, Laws, or Rules (as the Case may be) for the Time being of such Institution for the giving of such Notices; and in proving such Service it shall be sufficient to prove that such Notice was so directed as aforesaid, and put into a General Post Office in such Time as aforesaid; but so nevertheless that nothing in this Act contained shall be held to render invalid any personal Service of any Notice, or to render necessary to the effectual Service of any Notice any further Act, Matter, or Thing than would have been required for the Service thereof by the Charter, Statutes, Laws, or Rules for the Time being of the Institution which the same shall concern if this Act had not passed; and that no Notice of any intended Court, Board, Meeting, or Election shall be required to be served, either by Post or otherwise, on any Governor or Member of or Subscriber to any such Institution who shall not for the Time being be within the United Kingdom, anything in any such Charter, Statutes, Laws, or Rules to the contrary notwithstanding.

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