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An Act to explain and amend the Provisions of certain Acts for the erecting and establishing Public Infirmaries, Hospitals, and Dispensaries in *Ireland*. [28th *August* 1833.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Provisions contained in certain Acts relating to the erecting and establishing Public Infirmaries and Hospitals and Dispensaries in *Ireland* should be explained and amended: And whereas the Vice-Treasurer or Vice-Treasurers of *Ireland* is or are empowered and directed, Irish Act,
by an Act of the Parliament of *Ireland* of the Fifth *George* Third, 5 G. 3. c. 20.
to pay a stated Sum half-yearly to the Treasurers of each Infirmary
or Hospital in *Ireland*: And whereas it is enacted by an Act of the 54 G. 3. c. 62.
Fifty-fourth *George* Third, that it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of any County, County of a City, or County of a Town in *Ireland* to present a certain Sum as an Addition to the Salary of the Surgeon or Physician of the Infirmary or Hospital of such County, County of a City, or County of a Town, over and above the Sum to be advanced by the Vice-Treasurer or Vice-Treasurers aforesaid: And whereas it is also provided by the aforesaid Act, that before any such Presentment shall be made a Certificate signed by at least Five Governors of such Infirmary or Hospital, as therein directed, shall be laid before the Grand Jury: And whereas it is also provided by an Irish Act,
Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Fifth of *George* Third, 5 G. 3. c. 20.
that the Governors or Governesses of any Infirmary or Hospital aforesaid shall at a General Meeting appoint a standing Committee to regulate the Economy thereof: Be it therefore enacted by the King's

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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 from and after the passing of this Act no Donor or Donors of any Sum or Sums of Money to any of the said Infirmaries or Hospitals shall be permitted to vote at any Election upon any Vacancy which may hereafter occur for the Office of Surgeon or Physician to such Infirmary or Hospital, unless he, she, or they shall have respectively paid the Donation by virtue of which he, she, or they claim a Right to vote at such Election One Year at least before such Vacancy shall have occurred.

No Person to vote for Surgeons to Hospitals or Infirmaries in Ireland who has not paid Subscription for One Year previously.

II. Be it further enacted, That all Sum or Sums of Money directed to be issued by the Vice-Treasurer and Vice-Treasurers of *Ireland*, under the said recited Act or Acts, shall be applied either to the Payment of a Surgeon and a Physician, or to the Payment of a Surgeon or a Physician, except as excepted by the said Act.

Sums paid by Vice-Treasurer to be appropriated to Surgeon and Physician.

III. Be it further enacted, That any such Presentment as is directed by the said recited Act or Acts shall be made half-yearly, and the Amount thereof paid to the Treasurer of such Infirmary or Hospital of such County, County of a City, or County of a Town; and also that the Certificate as directed by such recited Act or Acts aforesaid shall, in addition to what is required by the said Act or Acts, contain the following Words; that is to say, "That the said Surgeon or Physician hath since the late Assizes diligently complied with the Rules and Regulations of the Governors of the said Infirmary or Hospital;" and also that true Copies of such Letters Testimonial as are required by the Act of the Parliament of *Ireland* of the Thirty-sixth *George* Third to be obtained by such Surgeon or Physician shall be laid before such Grand Jury previous to their making any such Presentment.

Amount of Presentment to be paid to Treasurer of Hospital.

Certificate to contain certain Words.

Testimonials to be laid before Grand Jury.

IV. Be it further enacted, That in every Case where the Surgeon or Physician of any Infirmary or Hospital is now required or enabled by Law to receive any Patient into the Hospital or Infirmary in his Charge, other than by the written Recommendation of one of the Governors or Governesses aforesaid, the said Surgeon or Physician is hereby required to report such Case to the standing Committee at the next Meeting, as well as to preserve the Certificates of all Persons recommended on their Admission; and should any Patient be so recommended by any Governor or Governess of any such Infirmary or Hospital, who, on Examination by such Surgeon or Physician, shall appear to him or them to be inadmissible, from the Rules and Regulations of the Governors or Governesses of any such Infirmary or Hospital, it shall be lawful for the said Surgeon or Physician to reject such Patient as an intern Patient, and he is hereby required to explain, in Writing on the Back of such Certificate of Recommendation, to such Governor or Governess so recommending every such Patient, the due Cause of his not admitting every such Patient as aforesaid.

Admission of Patients.

V. And be it further enacted, That no Subscriber to any Dispensary for the Support of which any Grand Jury in *Ireland* shall

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hereafter present any Sum or Sums of Money shall be entitled to vote at the Election of any Surgeon or Physician of any Dispensary as aforesaid, unless such Person shall have paid his or her Subscription to the Treasurer of such Dispensary at least One Year completed before any such Election shall take place, save and except such Persons as shall have subscribed to the said Dispensary at its original Formation, or prior to the first Grand Jury Presentment in aid of the same.

vote at Elections unless Subscription previously paid for One Year. Exception.

VI. And be it further enacted, That any Grand Jury may appoint to the Care of County Gaols, subject to the Provisions of the said recited Acts, a Surgeon being a Member or Licentiate of one of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons, or a Physician being a Member or Licentiate of one of the Royal Colleges of Physicians; and that whenever the Surgeon or Physician so appointed to the Care of any County Gaol shall also be the Surgeon of a County Infirmary situate within Five Miles of such County Gaol, he shall for and in consideration of such additional Salary which the Grand Jury is empowered to present to the Surgeon of an Infirmary, pursuant to the Provisions of the aforesaid recited Act of the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, give his professional Services and Attendance to the Prisoners and others within such County Gaol, without other Fee, Salary, or Reward; and it shall not be lawful for any Grand Jury to present any Sum as a Salary to be paid to such Surgeon in virtue of his Appointment as Surgeon or Physician of such County Gaol: Provided nothing herein contained shall prevent any Grand Jury presenting a Sum as Salary for the Physician or Surgeon of County Gaols, if such Person be other than the Surgeon of an Infirmary situate within Five Miles of the County Gaol of same County.

Grand Jury to appoint a Surgeon to County Gaols without Salary if he be Surgeon of an Infirmary within 5 Miles of same, but otherwise with a Salary.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Grand Jury in *Ireland*, at the Assizes or Presenting Term next ensuing after the Election of any such Surgeon or Physician as aforesaid, to call him before them, and to examine such Surgeon or Physician so elected, or any other Person or Persons in said County, upon Oath, touching the said Election; and if it shall appear that any Offer, Gift, Promise, or Loan of any Money or other valuable Thing shall have been made, with the Privity or on behalf of any such Surgeon or Physician, either then or in prospect, to procure any Vote or Votes for his Election, it shall then be competent for the said Grand Jury, and the said Grand Jury are hereby authorized and required, thereupon to withhold any Sum or Sums of Money presented or to be by them presented for or as the Salary of the said Surgeon or Physician of such Infirmary, Hospital, or Dispensary aforesaid, and then and in that Case such Surgeon or Physician shall be deemed incapable of receiving at any future Time any Money by Presentment from the said County for the Management of any Infirmary, Hospital, or Dispensary within the same.

Grand Jury empowered to withhold Presentment in case of Bribery at Elections of Surgeons, &c.

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