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Cap. xx.

An Act for better regulating the Privileges of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of *Glasgow*, and amending their Charter of Incorporation.

[10th *June* 1850.]

Charter dated 29th Nov. 1599.

Act of Scottish Parliament, 11th Sept. 1672.

WHEREAS the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of *Glasgow* were incorporated by Royal Charter granted by His Majesty King *James* the Sixth of *Scotland*, under the Privy Seal of that Kingdom, on the Twenty-ninth Day of *November* One thousand five hundred and ninety-nine, which Charter was ratified by an Act of the *Scottish* Parliament passed upon the Eleventh Day of *September* One thousand six hundred and seventy-two: And whereas by the said Charter the said Faculty were empowered to call before them and examine all Persons practising Surgery within the City of *Glasgow*, and the Counties of *Lanark*, *Renfrew*, *Dumbarton*, and *Ayr*, to admit and grant Licences to such of the said Persons as they should find qualified, and to debar all others from exercising the Profession of Surgery within the Limits aforesaid; which Powers the said Faculty have from the Date of the said Charter exercised, and still enjoy: And whereas the City of *Glasgow*, and the said Counties

of *Lanark*, *Renfrew*, *Dumbarton*, and *Ayr*, over which the Privileges of the said Faculty extend, comprehend a populous, wealthy, and important District of *Scotland:* And whereas it would be of Advantage to the Public, and also to the Medical Profession, if the exclusive Privileges enjoyed by the said Faculty were so relaxed and amended that all Persons found qualified and licensed to practise Surgery by any Corporation authorized by Law to grant such Licences might have Right to practise within the said District, and the Right of all Persons found qualified and licensed by the said Faculty to practise beyond the said Limits were better defined, and if the Members of the said Faculty were hereafter designated "Fellows of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of *Glasgow*:" And whereas the said Faculty have raised and established a Fund of Provision for the Widows and Children of the Members thereof, and it has hitherto been considered obligatory upon all Persons becoming Members of the said Faculty to become also Contributors to the said Fund; and it is expedient that such Obligations should cease; but these Objects 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 Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the present Members of the said Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of *Glasgow*, and such Persons as shall be hereafter admitted into the said Corporation, shall be known by the Name and Style of "Fellows" thereof; and shall, except in so far as hereby otherwise provided, possess, exercise, and enjoy the same Powers and Privileges as those heretofore possessed, exercised, and enjoyed by the Members of the said Faculty.

Altering Name of Members of Faculty, and transferring Powers and Privileges.

Fellows and Licentiates to have the same Privileges as those of other Colleges.

II. And be it enacted, That the Fellows and Licentiates of the said Faculty shall respectively enjoy the same Status and Privileges in the Practice of their Profession, and be equally eligible to the same Offices in connexion therewith, throughout Her Majesty's Dominions, as if the said Faculty had been specially authorized by Law to grant Licences or Diplomas in Surgery conferring the same Status and Privileges as those conferred by any other Corporation or Royal College in *Scotland* which now is or may hereafter be authorized by Law to grant such Licences or Diplomas: Provided always, that nothing herein contained or authorized shall interfere with any exclusive Privileges heretofore granted by competent Authority to any other Corporation or Royal College, so far and so long as such exclusive Privileges remain in force and unrepealed.

Fellows and Members of other Col-

III. And be it enacted, That the Fellows and Members or Licentiates respectively of any other Corporation or Royal College which now

now is or hereafter may be authorized by Law to grant Licences or Diplomas in Surgery shall, within the City of *Glasgow*, and Counties of *Lanark*, *Renfrew*, *Dumbarton*, and *Ayr*, enjoy the same Status and Privileges in the Practice of their Profession, and be equally eligible to the same Offices in connexion therewith, as the Fellows and Licentiates respectively of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of *Glasgow*.

leges entitled to practise within the Limits of the Charter of the Faculty.

IV. And be it enacted, That no Person who shall hereafter be admitted a Fellow of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of *Glasgow* shall be obliged to become a Contributor to the Fund raised and established by the said Faculty for the Widows and Children of the Members thereof as aforesaid; nor shall any such Person, or the Widow or Children of any such Person, have any Interest in the said Fund, unless such Person shall voluntarily become a Contributor thereto, according to the Regulations thereof in force for the Time being.

Fellows not obliged to contribute to Widows Fund.

V. And be it enacted, That neither the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of *Glasgow*, nor its Office-bearers, nor the Fellows of the said Faculty, in consequence of their Admission into the said Corporation, shall have any Claim to or Interest in any Part of the said Fund as presently vested in or under the Management of the Trustees thereof or Contributors thereto, but the same shall remain the sole Property, and be under the exclusive Management and Control, of the Contributors to and Trustees of the said Fund for the Time being; and the said Trustees shall have full Power to demand, sue for, uplift, and discharge all Sums owing to or invested for behoof of the said Fund, without the Interference or Concurrence of the said Faculty or its Office-bearers or Fellows, and to manage and from Time to Time to re-invest the same in the Name of the Trustees for the Time being of the said Fund, for behoof thereof.

Widows Fund to remain under Management of Contributors thereto.

VI. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall prevent the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of *Glasgow* from altering the Rules and Regulations heretofore made by the said Faculty under the Powers contained in the said Charter, or from making such new Rules and Regulations as may be necessary for carrying into effect the Purposes of the said Charter and of this Act: Provided always, that such new or altered Rules and Regulations shall not be inconsistent with this Act or with the Laws of the Realm.

Power to amend Bye Laws.

VII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect from and after the passing thereof.

Commencement of Act.

VIII. And

Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

Public Act. VIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.

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