CHAPTER lxvi.

An Act for the abolition of the Perpetual Curacy of the Consecrated Chapel called "Grosvenor Chapel" in the Parish of Saint George Hanover Square in the County and Diocese of London and for vesting the said Chapel in the Rector of the said Parish and for other purposes. A.D. 1899.

[13th July 1899.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the year 1831 being an Act of the first and second years of the reign of His late Majesty King William IV. chapter iii. (Local) intituled "An Act for the "establishment of a chapel of ease to be called 'Grosvenor Chapel' "in the parish of Saint George Hanover Square in the county of "Middlesex and for providing for the maintenance of the said chapel "and a stipend for the minister thereof" (herein-after called "the Act of 1831") the said chapel was constituted a chapel of ease to the parish church of the said parish of Saint George Hanover Square and the minister of the said chapel was constituted perpetual curate thereof and the said chapel and the site thereof were vested in the vestry of the said parish and the said vestry were directed to let certain of the pews and sittings in the said chapel and to apply the proceeds towards providing a stipend for the perpetual curate and in payment of the incidental charges and expenses arising in connection with the chapel and the performance of divine service therein: 1 & 2 Will. 4. c. 3.

And whereas under the provisions of the said Act and shortly after the passing thereof the chapel was duly consecrated by the Lord Bishop of London:

And whereas the performance of divine service in the chapel could be more conveniently provided for by abolishing the perpetual curacy of the said chapel and by enabling the rector of the parish church of Saint George Hanover Square to undertake the responsibility for the performance of such divine service and to perform the same by himself or his licensed curates:

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And whereas the chapel is out of repair and unsuitable for the performance of divine service and it is desirable to rebuild the chapel out of moneys to be provided by voluntary subscription:

And whereas for the reasons aforesaid and for the better promotion of the usefulness of the chapel as a place of worship for the inhabitants of the said parish it is desirable that the chapel should cease to be subject to the provisions of the Act of 1831 and should become a chapel of ease to the parish church of Saint George Hanover Square subject to the general provisions of the law relating to such chapels and to the provisions of the Church Building Acts 1818 to 1884 and of the New Parishes Acts 1843 to 1884:

And whereas the perpetual curacy of the said parish is now vacant:

And whereas the purposes of this Act 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 as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Grosvenor Chapel Act 1899.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act unless the subject or context otherwise requires—

"The parish" means the parish of Saint George Hanover Square in the county and diocese of London;

"The rector" means the rector of the parish for the time being;

"The chapel" means the chapel called Grosvenor Chapel situate in South Audley Street in the said parish;

"The chapel and site" means the piece of ground with the said chapel and buildings erected thereon and the vaults under the same and all the other hereditaments belonging to the said premises which at any time before the passing of this Act were vested in the vestry of the said parish under the provisions of the Act of 1831.

Repeal of Act of 1831.

3. Subject to the provisions herein-after contained the Act of 1831 is hereby repealed.

Chapel and site to vest in rector.

4. From and after the passing of this Act the chapel and site shall vest in the rector as if he were the incumbent of the chapel and the chapel shall so vest as a chapel of ease to the parish church of the parish and the chapel and site shall be subject to the provisions of the Church Building Acts 1818 to 1884 and of the New Parishes Acts 1843 to 1884 in the same manner and as fully

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and effectually as if the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England had accepted a conveyance of the chapel and site under the provisions of the said Church Building Acts as and for such chapel of ease as aforesaid and the rector shall provide and be responsible for the due and proper performance of divine service in the said chapel.

As to letting pews and sittings.

5. Save as is herein-after mentioned the churchwardens of the chapel may let the pews and sittings in the same Provided always—

(1) That all persons to whom any pews or sittings in the chapel may have been let under the provisions of the Act of 1831 for a term which shall not have expired on the passing of this Act shall be entitled until the expiration of the said term to such pews and sittings so let to them or in the event of the chapel being rebuilt to similar pews and sittings in the new chapel upon the same terms and conditions as attached to such pews or sittings in the chapel;

(2) That none of the sittings set out and appropriated under the Act of 1831 as free and open sittings shall be at any time let;

(3) That the ordinary may by faculty convert any or all of the rented pews and sittings into free and open sittings.

Duke of Westminster entitled to retain pews &c.

6. Hugh Lupus Duke of Westminster his heirs and assigns shall be entitled to retain and enjoy any rights which he now has to pews confirmed to the heirs and assigns of Sir Richard Grosvenor by the Act of 1831:

Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Lord Bishop of London by a faculty decreed by the chancellor of the diocese to authorise the alteration or pulling down and rebuilding of the said chapel notwithstanding that such alteration or pulling down and rebuilding may interfere with the right to enjoy the said pews Provided always that if the said right of enjoyment is so interfered with the said Lord Bishop of London shall if then required by the said Duke of Westminster or other person or persons for the time being entitled as his heirs or assigns to the use and enjoyment of the said pews grant by faculty to the said Duke of Westminster his heirs and assigns such right to the use and enjoyment of other pews or sittings in the altered or new chapel in substitution for the rights so interfered with as may be deemed by the said chancellor to be equivalent to the right so interfered with or such less right (if any) as the said Duke of Westminster or other person or persons for the time being entitled as his heirs or assigns to the use and enjoyment of the said pews may agree to accept.

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As to application and disposal of rents &c.

7. The several rents which shall from time to time be receivable for such of the several pews and sittings in the chapel as shall be let under the provisions of this Act shall be paid to the churchwardens of the chapel and shall be applied and disposed of by them in or towards the payment of the incidental charges and expenses arising in connection with the chapel and the repair thereof and the performance of divine service therein the provision by the rector of the stipend or stipends of his curate or curates and the payment of the salaries of a clerk and other officials The said rents shall be applied to the said purposes in such proportions as may from time to time be determined by the rector and churchwardens of the chapel or in case of difference by the bishop of the diocese.

Saving rights.

8. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to alter prejudice or affect any provisions of any scheme under the Charitable Trusts Acts 1853 to 1894 whereby any income or funds are applicable for the benefit of or for any purpose connected with the chapel.

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