CHAPTER vi.

An Act for conferring further powers on the President and Governors of Guy's Hospital. [23rd May 1898.] A.D. 1898.

WHEREAS the institution situate in the county of London commonly known as Guy's Hospital (herein-after called "the hospital") is regulated pursuant to the provisions of an Act (herein-after called "the principal Act") passed in the eleventh year of His Majesty King George the First intituled "An Act for "incorporating the Executors of the last Will and Testament of "Thomas Guy late of the City of London Esquire deceased and "others in order to the better management and disposition of the "Charities given by his said last Will":

And whereas by the principal Act it was enacted that the election of members and governors of the Corporation by that Act constituted (herein-after called "the Corporation") should vest in a full court or court of committees of the Corporation and the number of such members and governors was by the principal Act limited to sixty at any one time:

And whereas by the principal Act it was enacted that the limit of value of land which might be purchased and acquired by the Corporation should not exceed twelve thousand pounds per annum nett:

And whereas the income of the Corporation has of recent years greatly diminished the result of which diminution has been that the Corporation have been compelled to close a part of the hospital and that such part remains closed:

And whereas unless the financial resources of the Corporation be considerably and permanently augmented the Corporation will be compelled to continue to curtail the usefulness and benefits of the hospital:

And whereas with a view to enable the Corporation to continue the benefits of the hospital to an extent commensurate with the demands made upon it an appeal to the public is being made for donations for the purpose of establishing a capital fund the income from which together with annual contributions also asked for

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should suffice to enable the Corporation to meet its annual expenditure:

And whereas there is reason to believe that it would conduce to the attainment of the object of the Corporation in reference to the establishment of the capital fund herein-before referred to if further powers were conferred upon the Corporation as herein-after provided in reference to the number and election of governors and the acquiring and holding of land by the Corporation:

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be attained 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 (that is to say):—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Guy's Hospital Act 1898.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act the expression "a general court" means a court or assembly of the Governors:

The expression the "Mortmain Acts" means the Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act 1888 and all other Acts amending the same or which in any way prohibit or limit the conveyance devise or holding of land for charitable uses:

The expression "land" means and includes tenements and hereditaments corporeal and incorporeal of whatsoever tenure and any estate or interest therein and personal estate to be laid out in the purchase of land.

Byelaws may be made for fixing the number of governors.

3. From and after the passing of this Act the Corporation may at a general court notwithstanding anything in the principal Act contained make alter and revoke byelaws for fixing and determining the number of members or governors of the Corporation Provided that such number shall not be fixed at less than sixty.

General court may elect new governors.

4. The sixth section of the principal Act is hereby repealed and in lieu thereof be it enacted that the Corporation may and shall as occasion may require at a general court choose and elect such fit and proper person or persons to be a member or governor or members or governors of the Corporation Provided that the total do not exceed the number so to be fixed and determined as herein-before provided and immediately on his election every new elected governor shall be vested with and enjoy the same privileges powers rights and authority as if he had been elected pursuant to the provisions by this Act repealed of the principal Act:

Provided also that nothing in this Act contained shall affect the privileges powers rights or authority of the existing members or governors of the Corporation.

Land may be conveyed to the Corporation.

5. Notwithstanding anything in the Mortmain Acts contained but subject to the provisions of this Act with reference to execution and enrolment any person body or corporation may grant sell deliver convey devise or bequeath to the use of or in trust for the Corporation any land and the Corporation may from time to time purchase receive hold and enjoy land Provided nevertheless that the Corporation shall not at any time hold land of a greater yearly value in the aggregate than sixty thousand pounds (exclusive of the site of the hospital and the schools buildings and ground used in connexion therewith) computing the same at the nett rack rent which might have been obtained for the same at the time of the acquisition thereof by the Corporation.

Deeds to be executed in presence of two witnesses and enrolled.

6. Every assurance by deed of land to or in trust for the Corporation must be executed in the presence of at least two witnesses and must within six months after the execution thereof be enrolled in the Central Office of the Supreme Court of Judicature.

Sanction of Charity Commissioners to sale mortgage or building lease.

7. The Corporation shall not sell mortgage or grant upon a building lease land acquired by the Corporation under or by virtue of this Act without first obtaining the sanction of the Charity Commissioners to such sale mortgage or building lease.

Unrepealed provisions of principal Act to apply to land acquired under this Act.

8. All the provisions relating to land not hereby expressly altered or repealed of the principal Act shall subject to the provisions of this Act apply to land acquired under or by virtue of this Act.

Death within twelve months of grantor by deed of land not to invalidate deed.

9. The death of the grantor of any land to the Corporation within twelve months from the date of the execution of the deed assuring such land to the Corporation shall not invalidate the said deed notwithstanding anything in the Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act 1888 contained but nothing in this section contained shall be deemed to authorise the Corporation to hold land in excess of the yearly value prescribed in section 5 of this Act.

Expenses of Act.

10. All costs charges and expenses of and incident to the preparing obtaining and passing of this Act or otherwise in relation thereto shall be paid by the Corporation.

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