# CHAPTER xx.

An Act for making further provision with respect to the Investment of the Moneys of the Law Life Assurance Society. [17th May 1877.] A.D. 1877.

WHEREAS divers persons engaged in the profession of the law formed themselves into a society or partnership, under the name of the "Law Life Assurance Society," (in this Act called "the Society,") for the purpose of granting assurances upon lives and survivorships, and the joint continuance of several lives, and for terms of years absolutely and contingently determinable on lives, by a deed of settlement or copartnership, dated the twenty-second day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, with a capital of one million pounds, in ten thousand shares of one hundred pounds each, whereof ten pounds a share was to be (and accordingly was) called and paid up; and the said deed provided for the formation of two funds, the one to be called "the proprietors' guarantee fund," and the other to be called "the assurance fund," and for the investment of parts of those funds respectively in Government securities or on real securities in the United Kingdom, at the discretion and under the direction of the directors of the Society, and in the names of three or more of the trustees of the Society:

And whereas the provisions of the deed of settlement have from time to time been altered in pursuance of power for the purpose contained in the deed:

And whereas by "The Law Life Assurance Society's Act, 1863," (herein-after called "the Act of 1863,") after repealing an Act of the 17th and 18th years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to give further powers to the Law Life Assurance Society with respect to the Investment of the Funds of the Society," provision was made (by section 13) with respect to the investment of moneys of the Society: 17 & 18 Vict. c. cxxxix.

And whereas the Society's proprietors' guarantee fund and assurance fund are respectively of large amount:

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And whereas it is expedient that further provision be made with respect to the investment of the moneys of the Society, but that object 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; (that is to say,)

Short title.

**1.** This Act may for all purposes be cited as "Law Life Assurance Society's Act, 1877."

Repeal of sections 13 and 14 of recited Act.

**2.** Sections 13 and 14 of the Act of 1863 are by this Act repealed, but the repeal thereof shall not have any retroactive operation.

General saving of rights under repealed sections.

**3.** Notwithstanding the repeal of the said sections of the Act of 1863, and except only as is by this Act otherwise expressly provided, everything before the passing of this Act done, suffered, and confirmed respectively by or under those sections, or either of them, shall be as valid as if the repeal had not happened, and the repeal and this Act respectively shall accordingly be subject and without prejudice to everything so done, suffered, or confirmed respectively, and to all rights, liabilities, claims, and demands, both present and future, which, if the repeal had not happened and this Act were not passed, would be incident to and consequent on any and every thing so done, suffered, and confirmed respectively; provided that the generality of this provision shall not be restricted by any other of the sections and provisions of this Act.

Investment of moneys of the Society.

**4.** The moneys of the Society (including moneys for the time being forming part of the Society's proprietors' guarantee fund and assurance fund respectively) not required to satisfy the immediate claims upon and the expenses of the Society may be laid out and invested in or upon any of the securities or in any manner herein-after mentioned; and any part of the moneys of the Society so laid out and invested, either in Great Britain or Ireland or India, may be called in or otherwise converted into money, and may be again laid out and invested as before provided from time to time as the directors think fit, and the directors may from time to time retain or set apart such sums as they think proper for conducting the current business of the Society, and deposit the same on current or deposit account in any banks or with any banking companies.

Restriction on investments.

**5.** Provided that, except as regards investments in or upon Government securities or real securities in the United Kingdom or

policies of the Society, or moneys thereby assured, no money of the Society shall be advanced, laid out, or invested in or upon any security or investment without in every case the approval of all or the major part of the directors of the Society assembled at a board, the number present and approving being not fewer than eight.

Moneys, how to be laid out.

**6.** The moneys of the Society may from time to time, under the powers of this Act, be laid out or invested—

(1.) On mortgage of freehold, copyhold, or leasehold hereditaments or chattels real in the United Kingdom:

(2.) In the purchase of any of the public stocks or funds of the United Kingdom or India, or of any colony or dependency of the United Kingdom, or of any bonds or other securities charged or secured upon the public revenue of the United Kingdom or India, or any colony or dependency of the United Kingdom, or on any mortgage of any such stocks, funds, bonds, or securities as aforesaid:

(3.) In the purchase of any stocks, funds, bonds, or securities of any foreign state, the dividends or interest on which are guaranteed mediately or immediately by the Imperial Government of the United Kingdom, or by the Government of India, or on mortgage of any such stocks, funds, bonds, or securities as aforesaid:

(4.) In the purchase of any stocks, bonds, or securities of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, or of the Metropolitan Board of Works, or of any corporation or board from time to time exercising the powers now exercised by the Metropolitan Board of Works, or on mortgage of any such stocks, bonds, or securities:

(5.) In the purchase of any stocks, bonds, or securities of any municipal corporation or local board or authority in the United Kingdom, or on mortgage of any such stocks, bonds, or securities:

(6.) In the purchase or on mortgage of any bonds, debentures, debenture stock, or guaranteed or preference shares or stock of any incorporated or chartered railway, canal, dock, gas, or water company which shall have paid a dividend on its ordinary shares during the five years prior to the purchase or mortgage of such bonds, debentures, shares, or stock, or of any incorporated

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dock or harbour board in the United Kingdom or India:

(7.) In the purchase of any stock, shares, bonds, mortgages, or debentures of any company carrying on business in India, the payment of the interest or dividends whereon, or the payment of the capital whereof, is guaranteed by the Government of India for the time being, or by the Secretary of State for India on behalf of such Government, or on mortgage of any such stock, shares, bonds, mortgages, or debentures:

(8.) In the purchase or on mortgage of the debentures of any incorporated or chartered company in the United Kingdom investing its funds exclusively in mortgages in the United Kingdom, India, or any colony or dependency of the United Kingdom, and which company shall have paid a dividend of not less than five per cent. on its ordinary shares during the five years prior to the purchase or mortgage of the debentures:

(9.) In the purchase of any shares or stock of any company whose undertaking shall be leased at a fixed rental to any incorporated railway company of the United Kingdom, or on mortgage of any such shares or stock:

(10.) In the purchase of any annuities for one or more life or lives, or for any number of years, subject or not subject to reduction, alteration, or determination on the dropping of any life or lives, or the expiration of any period, or the happening of any event or events, or on mortgage of any such annuities:

(11.) In the purchase of any legacies or sums charged upon any real, personal, or mixed property, or on mortgage of any such legacies or sums:

(12.) In the purchase of any ground rents, rents, or rentcharges issuing out of or charged upon real property in the United Kingdom, or on mortgage of any such ground rents, rents, or rentcharges:

(13.) In the purchase of life interests and interests determinable on life, whether immediate, postponed, vested, or contingent, in lands in the United Kingdom, or in any of the securities which the Society is authorised to hold as investments, or on mortgage of any such life or other interests:

(14.) In the purchase of any future reversionary or contingent estates or interests in real or personal property, or on mortgage of any such estates or interests:

(15.) In the purchase of any life policies granted by the Society, or any other society, company, or association in the United Kingdom, or of any bonuses accrued or to accrue in respect of any such policy, or on mortgage of any such policies or bonuses:

(16.) On mortgage of any local rates, tolls, or dues in the United Kingdom collected under any Act of Parliament or Royal Charter.

Expenses of Act.

**7.** All costs, charges, and expenses of and incidental to the preparing, applying for, obtaining, and passing of this Act, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall be paid out of the funds of the Society.

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