ANNO DECIMO & UNDECIMO

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Cap. ccxi.

An Act to confirm an Agreement between the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the Honourable Society of *Lincoln's Inn* in the County of *Middlesex* and the joint Vestry of the joint Parishes of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury* in the same County and the Rector and Vestry of the separate Parish of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields*. [9th *July* 1847.]

WHEREAS the Piece of Land herein-after described, being Part of the Garden and Lands belonging to the Honourable Society of *Lincoln's Inn*, is situate within the Parish of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields* in the County of *Middlesex*: And whereas the said Society of *Lincoln's Inn* have recently erected on the said Piece of Land a new Hall, Library, Entrance Gates, Lodges, and other Buildings, and Questions have arisen and may hereafter arise whether the said Society, or the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench on behalf of the said Society, are liable to be assessed for the Relief of the Poor of the joint Parishes of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields* and

Saint George Bloomsbury in the County of *Middlesex*, and for other Purposes in respect of such Buildings and Premises: And whereas, in order to prevent Litigation, and to set at rest all Questions and Disputes, it has been agreed between the said Treasurer and Masters of the Bench, on behalf of the said Society, on the one Part, and the joint Vestry of the said joint Parishes of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, as regards the Relief of the Poor, and the Rector and Vestry of the separate Parish of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields*, as regards *Easter* Offerings and Church Rates, on the other Part, that the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the said Society shall waive the Question of Liability to be rated; that the rateable annual Value of the newly erected Buildings and uncovered Ground belonging to the said Society of *Lincoln's Inn* situate in the said Parish of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields* shall be deemed to be Two thousand Pounds; that the said Society shall pay to the Vestrymen for the Time being of the joint Vestry of the said joint Parishes the annual Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds for the Relief of the Poor, being an Average of One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound on Two thousand Pounds, and to the Vestrymen of the said separate Parish of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields* the annual Sum of Sixteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence, in lieu of Church Rates, being after the Rate of Two-pence in the Pound on Two thousand Pounds, and shall also pay to the Rector for the Time being of the said Parish of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields* the annual Sum of Ten Pounds Ten Shillings, in lieu of *Easter* Offerings; that the said Society shall pay their own Police and County Rates, and maintain their own Poor; and that all such Parts of the Garden and Ground and Sites of the newly erected Buildings belonging to the said Society of *Lincoln's Inn* as lie within the Boundary Line of the said Parish of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields*, and which are herein-after described, shall be severed from the said Parish, and annexed to the Township of *Lincoln's Inn*: And whereas it is expedient that the said Agreement should be confirmed, and carried into effect in the Manner herein-after mentioned, and that proper Powers should be given for securing the Payment of the said annual Sums of One hundred and fifty Pounds, Sixteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence, and Ten Pounds Ten Shillings; but the Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: And whereas Three several Maps or Plans have been made for the Purpose of more clearly ascertaining the Boundaries of the Piece of Land herein-after described, and it is intended that the same shall be signed by the Speaker of the House of Commons, and severally deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, the Steward's Office at *Lincoln's Inn*, and the Office of the Vestry Clerk of the said joint Parishes of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, and on each of such Maps or Plans the Piece of Land herein-after described is inclosed by a Line coloured Red: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it 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 said Maps or Plans shall immediately after the passing of this Act be signed by the Speaker of the House of Commons, and shall when so signed be severally deposited,

After passing of this Act, the Maps, as signed by the Speaker, to be deposited, and to be open to Inspection.

deposited, one in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, one in the Steward's Office at *Lincoln's Inn*, and the other in the Office of the Vestry Clerk of the said joint Parishes of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, and shall respectively remain so deposited; and that all Persons shall at all seasonable Times have Liberty to inspect the said Map or Plan so deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, and to take Copies thereof or of any Part thereof, paying the Sum of One Shilling for each Inspection, and Ten Shillings for each Copy taken; and the said Map or Plan, or any of the said Maps or Plans, so signed by the Speaker of the House of Commons, shall be received in Evidence for all Purposes relating to this Act.

Part of Lincoln's Inn severed from the Parish of Saint Giles-in-the-Fields and made Part of the Township of Lincoln's Inn.

II. And be it enacted, That the Piece of Land and Buildings belonging to the said Society of *Lincoln's Inn* which would be included by a Boundary Line running along the whole of the Western Side of the Township of *Lincoln's Inn* for Seven hundred and fifty-three Feet, little more or less, from a Stone in the North Wall of the Garden marked ($\frac{F.}{S.G.}$), through *Lincoln's Inn* Garden and a Part of the *New Square* or *Serle's Court*, to a Place where a Stone is sunk in the Grass Plot in the *New Square* or *Serle's Court* aforesaid marked ($\frac{F.}{S.G.}$), and from thence running Westward in an oblique Line through the *New Square* or *Serle's Court* aforesaid for Ninety-seven Feet Four Inches, little more or less, to the front Wall of the Building N° 11. in the said Square or Court whereon a Stone is affixed marked ($\frac{F.}{S.G.}$), and thence in a straight Line Westward through the said Building Fifty-two Feet Six Inches, little more or less, to *Serle Street*, and from the last-mentioned Point Northward, along and including the Garden Wall of *Lincoln's Inn*, Seven hundred and eleven Feet Nine Inches, little more or less, to *Great Turnstile*, and from the last-mentioned Point Eastward One hundred and thirty-seven Feet, little more or less, to the before-mentioned Stone in the North Wall of the said Garden, and including the Site of the said North Wall, (which Piece of Land and Buildings the Boundaries of which are herein-before set out as aforesaid is the Piece of Land delineated on the said Maps or Plans, and therein inclosed in a Line coloured Red,) shall henceforth be severed from and cease to be Part of the said Parish of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields*, and shall be deemed and taken to be and shall be extra-parochial, and shall be deemed and taken to be and shall be Part of the Ville or Township of *Lincoln's Inn*.

Treasurer and Benchers to maintain the Poor of that Part of the Inn.

III. And be it enacted, That the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench for the Time being of the said Society of *Lincoln's Inn* shall, out of the Funds and Property belonging to them as such Treasurer and Masters of the Bench, maintain and relieve any poor Persons who by reason of any Settlement acquired or to be acquired in or upon, or by being born or found in or upon, the said Piece of Land and Buildings herein-before described, would have been or become chargeable upon the said Parish of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields* if the aforesaid Piece of Land and Buildings had remained Part of the said Parish.

An annual Payment of 150*l.* to be made for

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Treasurer and Masters of the Bench for the Time being shall, out of the Monies and Property of the

the Relief of the Poor of the joint Parishes of St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. George Bloomsbury.

the said Society, pay or cause to be paid to the Vestrymen for the Time being of the said joint Vestry of the said joint Parishes of *Saint Giles-in-the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, or their Treasurer, Banker, or Collector of Rates for the Relief of the Poor for the Time being, the clear annual Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds for the Relief of the Poor of the said joint Parishes; and the Receipts of the said Treasurer, Banker, or Collector for the Time being shall be sufficient Discharges for the said annual Payments.

All Arrears of Rates to be paid to the joint Parishes.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Treasurer and Masters of the Bench for the Time being shall, within One Month after the passing of this Act, out of such Monies and Property as aforesaid, pay or cause to be paid to the Vestrymen of the said joint Vestry of the said joint Parishes of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, or to their Treasurer, Banker, or Collector for the Time being, for the joint Use of the said Parishes, the Arrears of all Rates and Assessments which shall have been made in respect of the said Piece of Land and Buildings herein-before described from the Thirty-first Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and forty-five up to the Time of the passing of this Act.

Commencement of the annual Payment of 150*l.*

VI. And be it enacted, That the Payment of the said annual Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds shall commence and the First half-yearly Payment shall be made on the Third Day of *November* next after the passing of this Act, and that from thenceforth the same shall continue to be paid by Two equal half-yearly Payments on the Third Day of *May* and the Third Day of *November* in every Year.

An annual Payment of 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to be made to St. Giles-in-the-Fields in lieu of Church Rates.

VII. And be it enacted, That the said Treasurer and Masters of the Bench for the Time being shall, out the Monies and Property belonging to the said Society, pay or cause to be paid to the Vestrymen for the Time being of the separate Parish of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields*, or their Treasurer, Banker, or Collector for the Time being, in lieu of every or any such Church Rate as might for the Time being have been payable if this Act had not been passed, the clear annual Sum of Sixteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence, to be applied by such Vestrymen on account of the said separate Parish to any Purpose to which Church Rates are or shall be legally applicable; and the Receipts of the said Treasurer, Banker, or Collector for the Time being shall be sufficient Discharges for the said annual Payments.

Commencement of the annual Payment of 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

VIII. And be it enacted, That the said annual Sum of Sixteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence shall be deemed to have commenced as from the First Day of *November* last, and that the First Payment thereof shall be made on the First Day of *November* next after the passing of this Act, and that from thenceforth the same shall continue to be paid by yearly Payments on the First Day of *November* in every Year.

Powers of Distress for Recovery of annual Payments.

IX. And be it enacted, That in case the said annual Sums of One hundred and fifty Pounds and Sixteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence, or either of them, or any Part thereof respectively, shall

at any Time be in arrear and unpaid for the Space of Thirty Days next after the same respectively shall have become due, and shall have been lawfully demanded by or on behalf of the said Vestrymen of the said joint Vestry of the said joint Parishes of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, or of the said Vestrymen of the said separate Parish of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields*, as the Case may be, by any Notice in Writing signed by the Vestry Clerk for the Time being of the Vestrymen to whom the said annual Sums respectively shall be payable, and addressed to the said Treasurer and Masters of the Bench, and left at the Office of the Steward of the said Inn, then and so often as such Default shall take place it shall be lawful for the said Vestrymen of the said joint Vestry of the said joint Parishes in respect of the said annual Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds, and for the Vestrymen of the said separate Parish of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields* in respect of the said annual Sum of Sixteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence, by any Person duly authorized by them respectively for that Purpose, to distrain and sell any Goods, Chattels, or Effects belonging to the said Society or to the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench for the Time being, or any of them, on behalf of the said Society, for the Purpose of levying and recovering the Amount so due, in the same Manner as Landlords are by Law enabled to do in case of Rent in arrear.

Actions may be brought in respect of the aforesaid Sums.

X. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Vestrymen for the Time being of the said joint Vestry of the said joint Parishes of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury* in respect of the said Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds, and for the Vestrymen for the Time being of the said separate Parish of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields* in respect of the said Sum of Sixteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence, if they shall think it more expedient, to bring or cause to be brought, in the Name of their Treasurer, Collector, or Clerk for the Time being, or in the Name of any One or more of the Vestrymen for the Time being of the said joint Parishes and separate Parish respectively, any Action of Debt or special Action on the Case against the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the said Society in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, for the Recovery of any Sum or Sums of Money which may be due to the said Vestrymen in respect of such annual Sums respectively, in which Action it shall be sufficient for the Plaintiff to declare that the Defendants are indebted to the Plaintiff in such Sum of Money as the said Plaintiff shall suppose to be due; and if the Plaintiff shall recover such Sum so declared for, or any Part thereof, he shall have full Costs of Suit; and no Action or Actions which shall be brought, commenced, or prosecuted by the said Treasurer, Collector, or Clerk, or One or more Vestrymen respectively, or any of them, as aforesaid, by virtue or on account of this Act, in the Name or Names of the said Treasurer, Collector, or Clerk, or of One or more of the said Vestrymen respectively, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death, Suspension, Resignation, or Removal of any such Treasurer, Collector, Clerk, or such One or more Vestrymen respectively, or either of them, or of the said Treasurer or Masters of the Bench, or either of them, but the said Treasurer, Collector, or Clerk, or One or more Vestrymen for the

Time being, shall be deemed Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, and the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench for the Time being shall always be deemed and considered Defendants; and in case of the Plaintiffs recovering in any such Action, Execution may issue therein against the Property belonging to the said Society or to the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench for the Time being, or any of them, on behalf of the said Society.

An annual Payment of 10*l.* 10*s.* in lieu of Easter Offerings to St. Giles-in-the Fields.

XI. And be it enacted, That the said Treasurer and Masters of the Bench for the Time being shall pay or cause to be paid to the Rector for the Time being of the said Parish of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields* the clear annual Sum of Ten Pounds Ten Shillings in lieu of *Easter* Offerings, on the First Day of *May* in every Year, the First Payment thereof to be made within One Month after the passing of this Act, and the next Payment thereof on the First Day of *May* next after the passing of this Act.

Rector may bring Actions in respect of the last-named Sum.

XII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Rector for the Time being of the said Parish of *Saint Giles-in-the-Fields*, in respect of the said Sum of Ten Pounds Ten Shillings, to bring or cause to be brought any Action of Debt or special Action on the Case against the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the said Society, in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, for the Recovery of any Sum or Sums of Money which may be due to the said Rector in respect of such annual Sum, in which Action it shall be sufficient for the Plaintiff to declare that the Defendants are indebted to the Plaintiff in such Sum of Money as the said Plaintiff shall suppose to be due; and if the Plaintiff shall recover such Sum so declared for, or any Part thereof, he shall have full Costs of Suit; and no Action or Actions which shall be brought, commenced, or prosecuted by the said Rector as aforesaid, by virtue or on account of this Act, in the Name of the said Rector, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death, Resignation, or Removal of the said Treasurer or Masters of the Bench or either of them, but the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench for the Time being shall always be deemed and considered Defendants; and in case of the Plaintiff recovering in any such Action, Execution may issue thereon against the Property belonging to the said Society or to the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench for the Time being, or any of them, on behalf of the said Society.

Benchers not to be liable individually.

XIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall render any Treasurer or Master of the Bench of the said Society of *Lincoln's Inn* individually, or any Goods, Chattels, or Effects belonging to any such Treasurer or Master of the Bench as an Individual, liable to the Payment of the said annual Sums of One hundred and fifty Pounds, Sixteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence, and Ten Pounds Ten Shillings, or any of them, or any Part thereof respectively, or to any Distress, Sale, Execution, or other Remedy for recovering or compelling Payment thereof.

General Saving.

XIV. Saving always to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and to all and every other Persons and Person, Bodies

Bodies and Body Politic and Corporate, Collegiate or Ecclesiastical, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, and their respective Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, other than and except the several Parties whose Rights, Claims, and Interests are expressed or intended to be bound by this Act, and all such Right, Title, Claim, and Demand as they or any of them would have had or been entitled to in case this Act had not been made.

Public Act.

XV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be jucicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others.

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