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CAP. XXV.

An Act to extend the Powers given by former Acts for purchasing or hiring Land in connexion with or for the Use of Workhouses in *Ireland*; and for providing for the Burial of the Poor. [30th *June* 1848.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the more effectual Relief of the destitute Poor of* Ireland, Power was given to the Poor Law Commissioners to purchase or hire any Land of any Tenure, not exceeding Twelve Acres Imperial Measure, for the Purpose of building a Workhouse thereon, or to be occupied with any such Workhouse: And whereas by another Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to make further Provision for the Relief of the destitute Poor in* Ireland, further Power was given to the said Commissioners to purchase or hire Land not exceeding Three Statute Acres, in addition to the aforesaid Twelve Acres, to be used for the Site of a Fever Ward, or for a Cemetery, or for such other Purpose as the said Commissioners might approve: And whereas it is desirable that the Powers of the Commissioners for administering the Laws for the Relief

1 & 2 Vict. c. 56.

10 & 11 Vict. c. 31.

Relief of the Poor in *Ireland* to hire or purchase Land should be further extended, in order that a greater Quantity thereof may be cultivated for the Employment of Children or Persons under the Age of Sixteen who are Inmates of Workhouses, and for the further Purpose of thus instructing such Children in an improved System of the Cultivation of Land: Be it therefore 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 it shall be lawful for the Majority of the Guardians of any Union to memorialize the Commissioners to hire or purchase such additional Quantity of Land as may be deemed necessary for the aforesaid Purposes, according to the Circumstances of the Union; and on Receipt of such Memorial it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, by and with the Approval of the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, to hire or purchase such Quantity of Land as they shall think requisite for the Purposes aforesaid: Provided always, that the Quantity of Land so hired or purchased shall not exceed Twenty-five Statute Acres in addition to the Quantity heretofore authorized by Law, and shall be used solely for the Purposes above stated.

Boards of Guardians may memorialize Commissioners to purchase or hire additional Land, who may, with Consent of Lord Lieutenant, purchase or hire the same;

not to exceed 25 Statute Acres.

II. And be it enacted, That so much of the said recited Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty as extends to other Parts of *Ireland* certain Provisions of the said Act relating to the Establishment of Schools in the *North* and *South Dublin* Unions, and which authorizes the Poor Law Commissioners to combine Unions into School Districts for the Management of certain Classes of Infant Poor in the said Act specified, be repealed, and in lieu thereof it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for administering the Laws for the Relief of the Poor in *Ireland* to combine any Two or more Unions in *Ireland* for the Maintenance and Education of Children not above the Age of Fifteen Years, being Inmates of the Workhouses of such Unions respectively; and that all the Provisions of the said Act, which relate to the hiring and purchasing of Land for the like Purpose in respect of the *North* and *South Dublin* Unions, the Erection of a School on such Land, the Contribution to the Cost thereof, and the Expenses of furnishing, fitting up, and otherwise providing such School, the Mode of charging the Maintenance of the Children, and regulating the proportionate Numbers thereof to be received from each Union, the Establishment of a Board of Management of such School, and the Appointment of Officers for the Superintendence thereof, and all other the Powers and Provisions relating to the Establishment of such School for the Use of the *North* and *South Dublin* Unions, shall apply in like Manner to every Combination of Two or more Unions under this Act.

So much of recited Act 10 & 11 Vict. c. 31. as extends certain Provisions as to Schools in the North and South Dublin Unions to other Parts of Ireland repealed; and other Provisions enacted in lieu thereof.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Board of Guardians of any Union in *Ireland* to provide a Coffin for the Burial of any deceased Person who at the Time of his or her Death shall have been receiving Relief out of the Workhouse, at the Charge of the said Union or any Electoral Division therein, or who shall have been at the Time of his or her Death dependent for Support on any Person receiving such Relief, and to charge the Cost of providing

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such Coffin to the Union at large or Electoral Division to which such Relief shall have been chargeable, as the Case may be. ceiving Out-door Relief.

IV. And be it enacted, That the several Acts now in force for the Relief of the destitute Poor in *Ireland* and this Act shall be construed as One Act, except so far as the Provisions of any one of such Acts may repeal or alter the Provisions of any previous Act. Former Acts and this Act to be construed as One.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this present Session of Parliament. Act may be amended, &c.

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