

CHAP. 58.

An Act for amending the Public Schools Act, 1868. A.D. 1869.

[9th August 1869.]

WHEREAS by the Public Schools Act, 1868, power is given to the governing bodies and commissioners therein mentioned in the case of Westminster to establish a governing body for the school, including boys whether on the foundation or not, either wholly or partially distinct from the Dean and Chapter of Westminster: 31 & 32 Vict. c. 118.

And whereas doubts are entertained whether in the case of the schools to which the said Act applies, other than the School of Westminster, the said governing bodies and commissioners have power to establish a governing body for such schools respectively distinct from the existing governing bodies of the said schools:

And whereas it is expedient to remove such doubts:

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:

Power in case of all schools within the Public Schools Act, 1868, to constitute a distinct governing body for the school.

1. It is hereby declared that the power given by the said Public Schools Act to the said governing bodies and commissioners in the case of Westminster School shall be deemed to have extended and to extend to all the schools to which the said Act applies, and the fifth section of the said Act as from the date of the passing thereof shall be construed as if instead of the words "with power in the "case of Westminster to establish a governing body for the school, "including boys whether on the foundation or not, either wholly or "partially distinct from the Dean and Chapter of Westminster," there had been inserted the words "with power in the case of every "school to which this Act applies to establish a governing body for "the school, including boys whether on the foundation or not, either "wholly or partially distinct from the existing governing body of

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" such school, and all statutes made or to be made in relation to " the constitution of the governing body of each of the said schools, " shall be valid accordingly."

Governing bodies to be bodies corporate.

2. Any governing body established for any of the schools to which the said Act applies shall, as in the case of Westminster School, be a body corporate, with perpetual succession and a common seal, and with power to hold lands, for the purposes of the school for which it is established, without licence of mortmain.

Amendment of sect. 27. of recited Act.

3. The following amendment shall be made; (that is to say,) In section twenty-seven of the said Act the words "a part of" shall be substituted for the words " apart from."

Short title and construction of Act.

4. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Public Schools Act, 1869," and shall, so far as is consistent with the tenor thereof, be construed as one with the Public Schools Act, 1868.

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