CHAPTER ix.

An Act to alter the name of the President Vice-Presidents Treasurer and Governors of the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb Poor and to enable them to acquire and hold additional lands and for other purposes. [19th May 1915.]

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WHEREAS by the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb Poor Act 1862 (in this Act called "the Act of 1862") after reciting amongst other things as follows:—

That in or about the year 1792 an institution was formed called the Asylum for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb Children of the Poor for the purpose of providing an asylum where deaf and dumb children of poor persons in Great Britain might be clothed and maintained and might be educated and instructed in religious and useful knowledge agreeably to the formalities of the Church of England and in particular might be instructed in articulation artificial speaking reading writing from dictation by signs and in such other special knowledge as would be beneficial and useful to deaf and dumb persons of both sexes and that the objects and purposes of the said institution had been subsequently extended to the education and instruction in the same manner of deaf and dumb children whose friends are able to pay for their board and also to providing out of the said institution apprentice fees or premiums for the purpose of apprenticing pupils to some useful trade upon their leaving the asylum;

That the said institution had been and was supported by the donations legacies and annual voluntary subscriptions of benevolent persons;

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the President Vice-Presidents Treasurer and Governors for the time being of the institution were (section 2) incorporated by the name of "The President Vice-Presidents Treasurer and Governors of the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb Poor" (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation") and it was enacted (section 4) amongst other things that the Corporation should by their corporate name be able and capable without incurring any penalties or forfeitures to hold and retain for the purposes of the institution certain hereditaments and premises in the Old Kent Road in the parish of St. George the Martyr Southwark for the residue of the term expressed to be created by a lease therein mentioned which lease was granted in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven and all other the then property of the institution and to purchase take or receive and hold and enjoy other lands for the purpose of building thereon another asylum and other buildings connected therewith for carrying out the objects of the said institution and so as such lands as were of freehold tenure or for terms of years or for lives were held by them in their corporate name and so as such lands as might be of copyhold tenure were surrendered to and held by one or more persons as a trustee or trustees for the institution and also to grant sell alien demise convey assign surrender and dispose of the said hereditaments and premises in the Old Kent Road and also any other hereditaments moneys and other estate and property as well real as personal for the time being belonging to the institution And it was thereby provided that nothing in that Act contained should make valid or confer any validity on any grant or purchase which would be void or impeachable under the enactments contained in an Act of Parliament passed in the ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second intituled "An Act to restrain the dispositions of lands" whereby the same became inalienable And it was thereby further provided that no moneys for the time being belonging to the institution should be invested in the purchase of any hereditaments excepting lands for a new asylum and for a garden thereto and for the purposes of exercise and recreation for the inhabitants of the asylum such last-mentioned lands not to exceed in quantity fifteen acres And it was thereby further provided that such last-mentioned lands should be always holden for the purposes therein before mentioned :

And whereas in or about the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three the Corporation under the powers of

the Act of 1862 purchased and acquired certain lands at Margate in the county of Kent and erected thereon an asylum known as the Royal School for Deaf and Dumb Children Margate and have thus exercised nearly to its full extent their powers under the Act of 1862 of purchasing additional lands not exceeding in quantity fifteen acres:

And whereas by the Deaf and Dumb Poor Asylum Act 1883 (in this Act called "the Act of 1883") the Corporation were authorised to purchase and acquire but by agreement only the fee simple and inheritance of the said hereditaments and premises in the Old Kent Road and duly purchased and acquired the same and the Corporation have since the erection of their asylum at Margate closed their original institution in the Old Kent Road Southwark and have sold the site thereof except a small portion of such site on which houses have been built which houses have been demised by the Corporation:

And whereas the Corporation are desirous of enlarging and extending their institution at Margate and of providing separate accommodation for children of more tender age than those formerly benefited by the institution and for this purpose it is expedient that the Corporation should be authorised to purchase and acquire by agreement additional lands for the purposes of the institution in addition to the fifteen acres of land mentioned in the Act of 1862:

And whereas for some years past the Corporation have been generally known as the "Royal School for Deaf and Dumb Children Margate" and it is expedient that the Corporation should be authorised to alter their present name and to adopt that name and that the further powers in this Act mentioned should be conferred on them:

And whereas the purposes of this Act 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 King'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:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Royal School for Deaf and Dumb Children Margate Act 1915. Short title.

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Interpretation.

2. In this Act the following expressions shall have the meanings respectively assigned thereto (that is to say):—

"The Act of 1862" means the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb Poor Act 1862;

"The Act of 1883" means the Deaf and Dumb Poor Asylum Act 1883;

"The Corporation" means the President Vice-Presidents Treasurer and Governors of the Asylum for Deaf and Dumb Poor incorporated by the Act of 1862 and upon whom further powers were conferred by the Act of 1883 and are conferred by this Act.

Change of name.

3.—(1) From and after the passing of this Act the Corporation shall be called and known by the name of the "Royal School for Deaf and Dumb Children Margate" with all the powers conferred upon them by the Act of 1862 and the Act of 1883 as extended and amended by this Act.

(2) The change of name shall not affect any rights or obligations of the Corporation or render defective any legal proceedings by or against the Corporation and any legal proceedings that might have been continued or commenced against them by their former name may be continued or commenced against them by their new name.

(3) Any devise or bequest which would take effect in favour of the President Vice-Presidents Treasurer and Governors of the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb Poor under the will of any person whether dying before or after the passing of this Act and which may not have taken effect at the passing hereof shall be deemed to have been made to the Royal School for Deaf and Dumb Children Margate and shall take effect in favour of the Royal School for Deaf and Dumb Children Margate as fully and effectually as it would have taken effect in favour of the President Vice-Presidents Treasurer and Governors of the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb Poor if this Act had not been passed.

Power to acquire hold and use lands.

4. The Corporation may without incurring any penalties or forfeitures by agreement or otherwise acquire and may hold for the purposes of their institution lands not exceeding twenty acres in extent in addition to any lands which they now hold or are authorised to hold and they may lay out and utilise such lands and erect construct provide fit up and furnish thereon suitable buildings and schools with dwelling-houses offices baths

workshops yards roads approaches conveniences and appurtenances connected therewith and with gardens and grounds for exercise recreation and instruction and they may from time to time repair maintain and alter such buildings schools dwelling-houses offices baths workshops yards roads approaches conveniences appurtenances gardens and grounds.

Power to sell exchange or lease lands.

5. The Corporation may sell or exchange or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the lands and hereditaments for the time being vested in them or any easements rights or privileges to be exercised or enjoyed in over upon or under the same or any part thereof or may demise the same or any part thereof for any term of years and upon such terms and conditions and subject to such covenants and provisions as the Corporation think fit and the Corporation may do and execute all such acts matters and things as may be necessary for effectuating and completing any such sale exchange demise or disposition.

The provisions of this section shall be in addition to the powers conferred upon the Corporation by section 4 (President &c. may hold lands) of the Act of 1862.

Application of moneys.

6. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act of 1862 the Corporation may apply for the purposes mentioned in this Act (including the payment of the expenses attending the purchase of lands) any moneys for the time being belonging to or under the control of the Corporation or in the hands of the treasurer for the time being thereof who shall pay the same accordingly.

Costs of Act.

7. The costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparation obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the treasurer for the time being of the Corporation out of their funds.

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