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intended to be benefited by the Society have from Time to Time become Members, and numerous other Persons of all Ranks in Life have also become Members, at various Rates of Subscription, or have made Donations to or left Legacies for the Benefit of the Society, and several distinguished Noblemen, Officers, and Gentlemen have accepted the Offices of President and Vice Presidents of the Society: And whereas the Society so established has been governed and carried on by means of a Committee of Management chosen from amongst the Officers, Clergymen, Merchants, and Gentlemen connected with the Shipping Interest, or otherwise conversant with Business, Members of the Society, and taking an active Interest in all its Affairs, and elected from Time to Time at an Annual General Meeting of the Society held at some public Place in *London*, at which Meeting all Matters connected with the general Administration of the Society and its Affairs have been from Time to Time discussed and determined: And whereas other Gentlemen of Business, Members of the Society, and taking an active Interest in its Affairs, have accepted the Offices of Trustees, Bankers, Auditors, Treasurer, Solicitor, and Secretary of the Society, and numerous other Gentlemen in all Parts of the Kingdom have kindly given their Services as Agents of the Society in the different Localities where they reside: And whereas the Proceedings of the Society have been regulated by Rules drawn up and approved, and from Time to Time altered, by the Committee of Management, with the Sanction of the President and some of the Vice Presidents, and submitted to the Society at its Annual General Meetings, or incorporated with the Report of the Proceedings, State, and Prospects of the Society presented for Consideration by the Committee at each such Meeting: And whereas the Society has established a Scale of Relief for the Members of the Society, their Widows and Children, or Parents dependent on them, according to the Length of Time during which such Members have belonged to the Society, or other the Circumstances of the Cases for Relief occurring; and the Society has also administered Relief to other Objects of the Classes for whose Benefit it was instituted, although not Members, according to the Circumstances of the Case and certain Rules or Principles laid down for that Purpose by the Society; but the prosperous State of the Society and its Funds has from Time to Time caused its General Meetings to adopt and authorize a more liberal Scale of Relief and more extended Benefits to the Objects of its Bounty: And whereas the Society since its Establishment has relieved numerous Widows, Children, and shipwrecked Persons according to their present Necessities and with a due Regard to the Scale and Principle of Relief from Time to Time authorized by the Society, but such has been the Number of Subscribers, and the Liberality of the Friends of the Society, that very considerable Funds, amounting

now to Fifteen thousand Pounds and upwards, have been accumulated by the Society, and are now standing in the Names of its Trustees in the Public Funds or Securities, the Income arising from which has been usually in a great measure appropriated towards providing more permanent Relief by way of Annuity to the Widows and Children of Members of the Society entitled to Relief according to its Rules: And whereas this prosperous State of the Society and its Funds has led its Managing Committee and General Meetings several Times to consider whether its benevolent Designs might not be further carried out for the Benefit of the Classes for whose Welfare it was instituted, and whether this Object might not be best attained by procuring the Society to be incorporated: And whereas there are at this Time in existence other Societies whose Objects are within the Principles on which the said Society is based, but whose Means of Usefulness have become from various Causes cramped and inefficient, and who might gladly and readily transfer their remaining Funds, Connexion, and Influence to this Society, if it were possessed of sufficient Authority to deal legally with such other Societies, and the Government or public Bodies or private Individuals might be the more readily induced to assist and confer Benefits on or make Donations or Bequests to the said Society if it were so incorporated, and made legally competent to accept and deal with the same: And whereas it has been accordingly considered that it would tend much to promote good Conduct and provident Habits amongst and be essentially for the Welfare of the Members of the said Society, and others of the Classes for whose Benefit the said Society was designed, that its Operations should include not only the Objects hitherto undertaken by it, but also, if at any future Time found expedient, other Objects of a benevolent Character calculated to promote the Welfare of Seamen generally, their Wives, Widows, and Children, and others dependent on them, and that the said Society should be authorized to use its Machinery and Funds present and future, and make them available as far as necessary for the several additional Objects and Purposes of such Society, and that the said Society should be incorporated and empowered to acquire and hold a limited Quantity of Land, if the same shall be given to it or become needful for the Purposes thereof, with Power to sell, lease, or otherwise deal with the same, and also to hold, retain, and dispose of the aforesaid Funds of the said Society, and other Personal Estate and Property which the Society already possesses or may hereafter attain; but the several Purposes aforesaid cannot be sufficiently carried into effect without the Aid and 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

present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the following Words and Expressions shall have the Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the Subject Matter or Context repugnant to such Construction; that is to say,

Interpretation of Terms.

Words importing the Singular Number only shall include the Plural Number, and Words importing the Plural Number only shall include also the Singular Number:

Words importing the Masculine Gender only shall include Females:

The Word "Lands" shall include Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of any Tenure, and also any Estate or Interest therein:

The Words "the said Corporation" shall mean the Corporate Body herein-after established: And

The Words "the said Committee" shall mean the Committee of Management of the said Corporation for the Time being.

Title of Act.

II. And be it enacted, That in citing this Act in other Acts of Parliament, and in legal Instruments and Proceedings, it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners Royal Benevolent Society's Act, 1850."

Incorporation of Society.

III. And be it enacted, That the President, Vice-Presidents, Committee of Management, and other Members for the Time being of the said Society called the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners Royal Benevolent Society shall be and are hereby declared to be One Body Politic and Corporate by the Name of "The Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners Royal Benevolent Society," and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, with Power to change, alter, break, and make new the same when and as often as the said Corporation shall judge the same to be expedient, and by the same Name may sue and be sued, implead, indict, prosecute, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, or take other Proceedings in any Court of Law or Equity, or other Court or Place of Record or Judicature, and before any Judges, Justices, or Officers, within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and may become Parties to any Deed, Agreement, Bond, or Covenant, and may act and do in all Matters and Things whatsoever in as ample Manner and Form, and as fully and effectually, as any Subjects of the Realm lawfully may or can.

As to the Custody and Use of the Common Seal.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Common Seal of the said Corporation shall be kept under the Custody and Control of the said Committee, who shall have full Power and Authority to use the same, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the said Corporation for the Time being.

V. And

Power to purchase Lands, and to sell or dispose of the same, as well as other Property.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall also be able and capable at all Times hereafter, without incurring any Forfeiture or Penalty by so doing, to acquire by Purchase, for a full and valuable Consideration *bonâ fide* paid for the same, and hold and retain, for the Purposes of the said Corporation, any Lands, of any Nature or Kind, either in Fee or for Terms or for Life or Years, or otherwise, so that the Lands to be so obtained, acquired, held, and retained for the Purposes of the said Corporation by virtue of this Act (other than by way of Mortgage) do not exceed Five Acres at each Port or Place at any one Time, and so as such of the said Lands as are of Freehold Tenure, or for Terms of Years or for Lives, be conveyed to and held by the said Corporation, and so as such of the said Lands as are of Copyhold Tenure be surrendered to and held by One or more Person or Persons as a Trustee or Trustees for the said Corporation, and to be disposed of as the said Corporation shall from Time to Time direct; and also that the said Corporation shall for the Purposes thereof have full Power to grant, sell, alien, mortgage, demise, lease, convey, assign, surrender, or otherwise dispose of all or any of the Lands for the Time being acquired by and belonging to the said Corporation, and to effect any Exchange or Exchanges of or concerning the same or any Part or Parts thereof, and to receive and pay any Sum of Money for Equality of Exchange, and generally to do and execute all such Acts, Deeds, Matters, and Things as may be necessary for the effecting and completing of any or every such Grant, Sale, Alienation, Demise, Lease, Conveyance, Assignment, Surrender, Exchange, or other Disposition; and further, that for the Purposes aforesaid all the Clauses and Provisions contained in "The Land Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," with respect to the Sale, Conveyance, or Release of Lands, or any Estate or Interest therein, by Parties being seised, possessed, or entitled to any such Lands, or any Estate or Interest therein, as in the said Act mentioned, and with respect to the Purchase Money or Compensation coming to Parties having limited Interests, or prevented from treating, shall (so far as the same shall be applicable) be incorporated with this Act; provided that nothing in this Act contained shall make valid any Grant or Purchase which would be void under the Enactments contained in an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act to restrain the Disposition of Lands whereby the same become inalienable.* 9 G. 2. c. 36.

Trustees of Stock, &c. belonging to the Corporation to make over the same.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for all Persons in whose Names the aforesaid or any other Stock in the Public Funds is standing, or in whom or whose Names any other Personal Property is vested or standing in trust for the Purposes of the said Society or the said Corporation, to transfer, assign, and make over the same into the

the Name of or unto the said Corporation, or the Trustees thereof for the Time being, or according to its Direction, and the same respectively shall be so transferred, assigned, and made over as soon as may be after the passing of this Act, and when so transferred, assigned, and made over shall, together with the Dividends and annual Produce thereof, be held and possessed by the said Corporation for the Purposes thereof, and the Persons so transferring, assigning, or making over the same respectively shall not be bound to see to the Application thereof or any Part thereof, and shall not be answerable or accountable for the Loss, Misapplication, or Nonapplication thereof or of any Part thereof.

The Right of suing on Bonds, &c. transferred to the Corporation.

VII. And be it enacted, That all Bonds, Obligations, Covenants, or Agreements heretofore entered into, whereby any Persons are bound or liable to the Treasurer or to any Persons as Trustees or otherwise for or on behalf of the said Society, or whereby any Persons are bound or liable to do or perform any Duty, Act, Matter, or Thing touching or concerning the said Society or the Business or Concerns thereof, or whereby any Persons are Sureties or otherwise responsible for any other Persons doing or performing any Duty, Act, Matter, or Thing touching the said Society, or the Business or Concerns thereof, shall, together with the full Benefit and Advantage thereof, upon and by virtue of the passing of this Act, be vested in and transferred to the said Corporation and their Successors, and on Breach or Nonperformance of any such Covenant or Agreement, or of the Condition of any such Bond or Obligation, the said Corporation and their Successors may sue and take such Proceedings thereon at Law or in Equity or otherwise as if they were now and had originally been the Obligees of such Bond or Obligation, or the Parties to take the Benefit of such Covenant or Agreement; provided nevertheless, that the Persons appearing on the Face of such Bond, Obligation, Covenant, or Agreement as Obligees thereof or interested therein may, if expedient, sue and take any Proceedings thereon at Law or in Equity or otherwise as if this Act had not been passed.

As to Investment of Corporate Funds.

VIII. And be it enacted, That any of the Monies for the Time being belonging to the said Corporation may be from Time to Time invested, either in the Name of the said Corporation or in the Names of Trustees for the said Corporation, on Mortgage of any Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of a clear and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple in *England*, *Wales*, or *Ireland*, free from Incumbrances, except Quit Rents and other small annual Payments, or held upon any Lease or Leases for any Term or Terms of Years of which not less than Sixty Years shall be unexpired, or in the Purchase of Stock in the Public Funds of *Great Britain* or

Ireland, in Exchequer Bills, *South Sea* Stock, or Bank Stock, and that the Monies or any Part of the Monies so invested may be called in, and the Payment of the same and of the Interest thereof or any Part thereof respectively may be required and enforced, when thought advisable so to do on the Part of the said Corporation; provided nevertheless, that no Money shall be so invested on Mortgage unless, as a further Security for the Repayment of the Money invested and the Interest thereof, the Mortgage be accompanied with a Power of Sale exercisable by or on behalf of the said Corporation.

As to Foreclosure of Mortgage Investments.

IX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That when any Lands are vested in the said Corporation, or any Trustees for the said Corporation, for securing by way of Mortgage any Monies belonging to the said Corporation, and the Persons entitled in Equity to redeem the said Lands shall release the Right to redeem the same, or shall be absolutely foreclosed their Equity of Redemption in the said Lands, then the said Lands may, after such Release or after the final Order upon the Decree of Foreclosure (as the Case may be), be held by the said Corporation in addition to any Lands otherwise authorized to be held by this Act, and the said Corporation shall not be liable to the Penalties and Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain for holding and retaining the same after such Release or final Order, provided the said Corporation absolutely sell and dispose of the same within Twenty-four Calendar Months next after the obtaining such Release or final Order as aforesaid: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Corporation to retain and hold any Portion of any Lands so foreclosed or released as shall not together with other Lands vested in the Corporation exceed Five Acres in One Place for the Purposes of the Corporation.

Receipts of Treasurer or Agents of Corporation sufficient.

X. And be it enacted, That the Receipt under the Hand of the Treasurer for the Time being of the said Corporation, or its Agent or Agents or other Person or Persons from Time to Time or for the Time being authorized by the said Corporation to receive Monies or Property, shall be a sufficient Discharge to every Purchaser, Tenant, and other Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate whatsoever, paying or making over to such Treasurer, Agent or Agents, or other Person or Persons so authorized any Purchase Money, Rent, or other Sum of Money or Property, or the Dividends or Interest of any Stock, Security, or Sum of Money, belonging to or for the Purposes of the said Corporation, for so much Money or Property as in such Receipt shall be expressed to be received, and shall wholly exonerate the Person or Body paying or making over the same on account thereof and also from seeing to the Application thereof.

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As to the Services of Notices upon the Corporation.

XI. And be it enacted, That any Summons, Notice, or Writ, or other Proceeding at Law or in Equity, requiring to be served upon the said Corporation, may be served by the same being given personally to the Secretary or Clerk of the said Corporation at its Office or Place of Business in *London*, or being delivered to some Inmate thereof, or in case there be no such Office or Place of Business, or no Secretary, Clerk, or Inmate shall be found thereat, then by giving the same personally to any one of the Presidents or Vice Presidents of the said Committee or to the Treasurer of the said Corporation for the Time being.

As to the Appointment of President, &c. of the Society or Corporation.

XII. And be it enacted, That Admiral the Right Honourable Sir *George Cockburn*, G.C.B., shall be and he is hereby appointed President of the said Society or Corporation; and the Right Honourable the Earl of *Haddington* and Admiral *Robert Dudley Oliver*, his Grace the Duke of *Grafton*, the Most Honourable the Marquess *Camden*, K.G., the Most Honourable the Marquess of *Breadalbane*, the Most Honourable the Marquess of *Donegal*, G.C.H., Rear Admiral the Right Honourable the Earl *Waldegrave*, C.B., Captain the Right Honourable the Earl of *Hardwick*, R.N., Captain the Right Honourable the Earl *Spencer*, R.N., K.G., C.B., Rear Admiral the Right Hon. Earl *Cadogan*, C.B., the Right Hon. the Earl *Manvers*, the Right Honourable the Earl *De Gray*, K.G., the Right Honourable Sir *Robert Peel* Bart., M.P., the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (for the Time being), Major General Sir *James Cockburn* Bart., G.C.H., Sir *Thomas Dyke Acland* Bart., M.P., Admiral Sir *Charles Adam*, K.C.B., Rear Admiral Sir *George F. Seymour*, G.C.H., C.B., Vice Admiral *Hawker*, and *John Rye* Esquire, shall be and they are hereby appointed Vice Presidents of the said Society or Corporation; and Rear Admiral *Hope*, C.B., Chairman, and Captain *James Lamont*, R.N., Deputy Chairman; and *Arthur Anderson* Esquire, M.P., Captain *C.A. Barlow*, R.N., C.B., Captain *Charles R.D. Bethune*, R.N., C.B., Captain *Henry Bristow*, H.C.S., *Benjamin Bond Cabbell* Esquire, M.P., F.R.S., the Right Honourable Lord *Henry Cholmondeley*, Captain *T.P. Clark*, R.N., *Antony Close* Esquire, Lieutenant *Colquhoun*, R.N., Sir *James Flower* Baronet, *Richard Green* Esquire, *Peter Hardy* Esquire, F.R.S., *Andrew Henderson* Esquire, the Reverend *David Laing*, M.A., F.R.S., &c., the Reverend *Charlton Lane*, M.A., Lieutenant *James Sedgwick Lean*, R.N., *Edward Frederick Leeks* Esquire, F.L.S., *Frederick Malcolm* Esquire, Captain *Charles E. Mangles*, *John Masterman* Esquire, M.P., Captain the Honourable *Francis Maude*, R.N., *James Josiah Millard* Esquire, Captain *W. Miller*, R.N., Captain Sir *George Otway* Baronet, R.N., the Right Honourable Lord *Alfred Paget*, M.P., *Jonathan Rashleigh* Esquire, *G. R. Robinson*

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G. R. Robinson Esquire, M.P. (Chairman of *Lloyd's*), Captain *M. H. Sweny*, R.N., Vice Admiral *Sykes*, Captain Sir *George Augustus Westphal*, R.N., Captain *Whish*, R.N., *William Wilson* Esquire, *Henry Wise* Esquire, *Edward Wyndham* Esquire, Captain *Wigley*, R.N., and *George Frederick Young* Esquire, shall be and they are hereby appointed the Committee of Management of the said Society or Corporation; and *John Deacon* Esquire shall be and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of the said Society or Corporation; and *Thomson Hankey* the younger, *Thomas Hankey*, and *Benjamin Williams*, Esquires, shall be and they are hereby appointed Trustees of the said Society or Corporation; and *Francis Lean*, R.N., shall be and he is hereby appointed Secretary of the said Society or Corporation; and Vacancies which shall from Time to Time be occasioned by their respective Deaths and Resignations or annual Secession or other Removal from Office, as the Case may be, or by the Death, Resignation, or annual Secession or other Removal from Office of the Persons who shall hereafter fill the Offices aforesaid respectively, shall be filled up in such Manner as the Laws, Rules, and Regulations for the Time being of the said Society or Corporation shall direct: Provided always, that during the Vacancy of the Office of Treasurer or Secretary the said Committee may nominate any Person whom they may think proper to discharge the Duties of such Office till a Treasurer or Secretary be regularly appointed in the Manner directed by such Rules and Regulations.

Officers to continue.

XIII. And be it enacted, That all other the Officers or Agents of the said Society at the Time of the passing of this Act shall continue in their respective Offices or Employments as Officers or Agents of the said Corporation as if this Act had not been passed.

Existing Laws of Society continued, except as may be altered under this Act.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the Laws, Rules, and Regulations by or under which the Qualification and Election or Appointment of President, Vice Presidents, Committee of Management, Treasurer, Trustees, Secretary, and other Officers, and the Admission or Cesser of Members of the said Society, have been regulated, and the Meetings of the Committee of Management or Members, and the Business of such Meetings, and the Rights, Powers, and Functions of such Members, Committee, or Officers as aforesaid, or of any such Meetings, have been regulated, managed, conducted, or defined, and the Subscription to the said Society, and the Scale or Principle of Relief administered by the same, and generally the Affairs thereof, have been regulated, laid down, or carried on, and the Property thereof has been managed and accumulated, and generally the existing Rules, Laws, and Regulations of the said Society, shall, after the passing of this Act, be and continue to be the Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the

the said Corporation, except so far as the same may be amended, altered, or repealed, or any new Laws, Rules, and Regulations may be made by this Act or otherwise as herein-after mentioned.

New Laws may be made by the Corporation.

XV. And be it enacted, That all or any of the Laws, Rules, and Regulations which now are or shall for the Time being be the existing Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the said Society or Corporation may be amended, altered, repealed, or suspended, and any new Laws, Rules, and Regulations for the said Society or Corporation, and for the Management of and carrying on the Affairs and Business thereof, and settling the Scale or Principle of Relief thereby given, and for the Management and Distribution, Investment or Application, of the Property thereof, may be made (so as such Amendments, Alterations, Laws, Rules, and Regulations be not repugnant to this Act or to the Laws or Statutes of this Realm) in such Manner as is or shall be prescribed by the present or any future Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the said Society or Corporation.

Power to the Corporation to accept Trusts of a similar Character;

XVI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Corporation, at any Time or Times after the passing of this Act, to accept or take any Monies, Funds, or Property, whether annual or in gross, of the Nature and Kind authorized by this Act to be taken and held by the said Corporation, either from the Government or any Body or Society willing or authorized to make over the same to the said Corporation, to be held and administered by the said Corporation for the Purposes thereof for the Time being, or any of them, or any other analogous Purposes as herein-after mentioned, and to give good and effectual Receipts and Discharges for the same in manner aforesaid, and to hold and administer the same accordingly as if the same had been Part of the original or accumulated Monies, Funds, or Property of the said Corporation, and to make Rules, Orders, and Regulations relative thereto accordingly in manner aforesaid.

or undertake new Objects of a like Character.

XVII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Corporation, at any Time or Times after the passing of this Act, to undertake or promote, as Part of the Objects and Designs of the said Corporation, not only the Objects and Purposes herein-before mentioned to have been sought and undertaken by the said Society, but also to establish, at such Ports or Places in the United Kingdom and in *Scotland* as the Committee of Management for the Time being may think necessary, Asylums to be devoted exclusively for the Benefit of Members of this Society in furtherance of its Design, "to board, lodge, clothe, and forward home wrecked Seamen "and other poor Persons," and also for the Purpose of affording a

temporary Domicile for such Members of the Society as may be desirous of remaining in such Asylum during their casual Stay in such Port or Place; and also to establish at various Ports and Places along the Coasts of the United Kingdom and of *Scotland* a System of Life-boats, and to keep the same on foot, and apply the Funds of the Society in the Purchase of the requisite Boats, Gear, and other Things necessary thereto, and to keep in the Pay of the Corporation a limited Number of Seamen, who shall always be ready to render Assistance in Cases of Shipwreck, and be systematically trained in the Management of Life-boats; and also to establish in each such Port or Place an Office for the Receipt, and be permitted to receive from the Members of this Society, and to invest at Interest in any of the Government Funds or Securities, such Sums by way of Deposit at Interest (not exceeding the Amount for the Time being allowed by Government for Deposits in the Savings Banks of *England*) as they the said Members may be disposed to deposit with the said Corporation, and also to extend the Object of this Society, "for "assisting Widows and Orphans of drowned Fishermen, Mariners, "Pilots, and Boatmen," by enabling the Committee of Management for the Time being to adopt such further Means by receiving Deposits and granting Annuities or other Benefits to Seamen (Members of the Society), their Widows, Children, or Parents, as they (the said Committee of Management) may see fit and find beneficial to the Class; and also to apply the Funds of the said Corporation in building and exhibiting at such Ports and Places a certain Number of Fishermen's Boats of an improved Construction, for the Purpose of showing to Fishermen how much better and safer decked Boats would be than the open Boats generally used by them; also any other Objects, Designs, or Purposes of a benevolent Character for the Benefit and Welfare of all and every or any of the Classes of Men for whose Benefit the said Society was originally established or those dependent on them, either by the Establishment of any Institution or Institutions of the Character herein-before mentioned, to be under the Control of the said Corporation, or by more extended Modes or Principles of Relief or Assistance to be adopted by the said Corporation, or in such other Manner as the said Corporation shall from Time to Time think fit; and for all or any of the Purposes aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the said Corporation to use, employ, mortgage, pledge, or make liable all or any of its present or future Monies, Funds, or Property for the Time being not vested in such Corporation for any specific Purpose or Purposes, but held by the said Corporation for or subscribed to the general Purposes thereof, or of the said Society, in manner aforesaid, or in any other Manner; and also to use and employ any of the Officers or Machinery of the said Corporation, or its Name or Influence, for any such last-mentioned Purpose;

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Purpose; and also to make Resolutions, Rules, Orders, and Regulations relative thereto accordingly in manner aforesaid, but so, nevertheless, that no such Resolutions, Rules, Orders, and Regulations as last aforesaid shall be binding and conclusive, or be acted upon in any Manner, unless and until the same shall have been reduced into Writing, and submitted to and approved by an annual or other general Meeting of the Members of the said Corporation duly convened and held according to the Rules and Regulations of said Corporation in that Behalf for the Time being.

Power to Corporation to take advantage of Public Acts for that Purpose.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That for the Purpose of enabling the said Corporation to establish and carry on any such benevolent Institution or Institutions, Scheme or Schemes, as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Corporation, or its Officers or Members, or any of them, to adopt and carry out and take and have the Benefit of all or any of the Provisions of any Public or General Act or Acts of Parliament passed or to be passed for the same or the like Purposes, in the same or the like Manner as any Person or Persons is or are or shall be thereby or otherwise enabled to take advantage of the same, and so far as such Provisions are or shall be or can be made or construed as consistent with the Provisions of this Act, or as near thereto as may be.

Expenses of Act.

XIX. And be it enacted, That all the Costs and Expenses attending the preparing and applying for, obtaining and passing this Act, shall be paid by the Treasurer for the Time being of the said Society or Corporation out of any Money already received or hereafter to be received by such Treasurer for the Purposes of the said Corporation.

Public Act.

XX. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.

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