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Cap. cxxxii.

An Act for prohibiting Burying and Funeral Service in a Chapel of Ease intended to be built for the Parish of *Saint George Bloomsbury* in the County of *Middlesex*. [16th *July* 1830.]

WHEREAS His Majesty's Commissioners for building new Churches have applied to the Most Noble *John* Duke of *Bedford* to sell to them a Piece of Ground belonging to the said Duke, situate in or near the Centre of the East Side of *Woburn Square* in the Parish of *Saint George Bloomsbury* in the County of *Middlesex*, and abutting West on the said Square, North on Ground on the East Side of the said Square belonging to the said Duke and agreed to be leased to Messieurs *Sim*, and whereon Nine Houses are intended to be built, South on a Messuage or Tenement on the East Side of the said Square lately built by the said Messieurs *Sim* and intended to be leased by the said Duke to them, (the said Messuage or Tenement being the Ninth House Northward from the Entrance to *Upper Montague Mews*,) and East on the said Mews, and containing on the West and East Sides thereof One hundred and sixteen Feet or thereabouts, and on the North and South Sides thereof Ninety Feet Two Inches or thereabouts, for the Purpose of erecting a Chapel of Ease thereon for the said Parish; and the said Duke has agreed to sell the same, and to convey the Freehold and Inheritance thereof to them, upon Condition that no other Building than such Chapel shall be erected thereon, and that such Chapel or any Part thereof shall not be used for any other Purpose than a Chapel of Ease or a Parochial Chapel or Church, and

that no Funeral Service, or any Part of such Service, shall be performed, nor any Corpse be interred, buried, placed, or brought, nor any Grave, Vault, or other Place for the Interment, Burial, or placing of the Dead be made, in, upon, under, or over the said Piece of Ground or any Part thereof, either within or without the Walls of such Chapel, either before or after the Erection of such Chapel, or during the Progress of the Erection thereof, and on the Performance of such Condition being secured by Authority of Parliament, without which the same cannot be effectually secured: 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, That no other Building than such intended Chapel shall be erected on the said Piece of Ground, and that such Chapel or any Part thereof shall not be used for any other Purpose than a Chapel of Ease for the said Parish, or a Parochial Chapel or Church, and that no Funeral Service, or any Part of such Service, shall be performed, nor any Corpse be interred, buried, placed, or brought, nor any Grave, Vault, or other Place for the Interment, Burial, or placing of the Dead be made, in, upon, under, or over the said Piece of Ground, or any Part thereof, either within or without the Walls of such intended Chapel, either before or after the Erection of such Chapel, or during the Progress of the Erection thereof.

No Building but the Chapel to be erected; Chapel to be a Chapel of Ease; no Funeral Service to be performed, &c.

Any Person performing Funeral Service, or interring any Corpse, contrary to this Act, shall forfeit 100*l.*

II. And be it further enacted, That if any Person in Holy Orders or pretended Holy Orders, or any Undertaker, Conductor of Funerals, Sexton, or other Person, shall perform any Funeral Service, or any Part of such Service, or inter, bury, place, or bring any Corpse, or permit or cause any Corpse to be interred, buried, placed, or brought, or make or permit or cause to be made any Grave, Vault, or other Place for the Interment, Burial, or placing of the Dead, contrary to the Directions of this Act, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such his Offence the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, by any Person who shall inform or sue for the same, by Action of Debt or otherwise; one Moiety of every such Forfeiture to be to the Use of our Sovereign Lord the King, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to the Use of such Person as shall inform or sue for the same.

Act not to prevent the preaching of Funeral Sermons.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall prevent the preaching of Sermons commonly called Funeral Sermons, in relation to any Person deceased, whose Corpse shall before the preaching of such Sermon have been already interred elsewhere.

Public Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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