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Tenements for the Support of the same Poor in Frankalmoign, and reciting that other Lands and Tenements were appurtenant to the Chapel, and that the Charters and Grants concerning the Foundation and Endowment of the aforesaid Hospital and Chapel had been lost or become decayed, His said Majesty declared (amongst other things) that the Hospital of *Saint Mary Magdalene* should be an Hospital to consist of a Master and Three poor single or unmarried Brethren in the same Hospital, to be supported, the Master to be at least a Master of Arts, and the Brethren to be advanced in Years and Free Burgesses of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne;* and by the same Charter the Mayor and Burgesses of the Town of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and their Successors for the Time being were declared to be the Patrons of the same Hospital, and were to have the Presentation, Nomination, and Appointment of the Master thereof, and were from Time to Time to revise, examine, expunge, amend, alter, or extend the several Statutes and Ordinances, and also make new Statutes and Ordinances, as well concerning the Performance of Divine Service to be celebrated from Day to Day as concerning the Government and Direction of the said Master and Brethren; and His said Majesty by His said Charter also granted to the said Master and Brethren and their Successors for ever the said Hospital and Chapel, and the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments belonging to the said Hospital and Chapel, or either of them, and declared that the Master of the said Hospital for the Time being should have and enjoy One Third Part of the Rents, Revenues, and Profits of the Lands and Hereditaments thereby granted, and the said Brethren for the Time being should have and enjoy for their Use and Maintenance the remaining Two Third Parts of the same Rents, Revenues, and Profits: And whereas the ancient Chapel on *Tyne Bridge* continued to be used for Divine Service until the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, when the Site thereof was contracted to be sold to the Corporation of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* (herein-after called the Corporation) in pursuance of certain Powers contained in an Act passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third for improving the Town of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne:* And whereas by an Act passed in the Session holden in the Seventh and Eighth Years of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth the said Master and Brethren of the said Hospital and their Successors were required to expend the Money produced by the Sale of the said ancient Chapel, together with other Monies, in erecting another Chapel, in substitution for the ancient Chapel, upon Lands lying in the Parochial Chapelry of *Saint Andrew* in the Town and County of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*, to be maintained in repair at the Costs and Charges of the said Master and Brethren and their Successors, and a Hundred free Sittings in the said Chapel, to be appropriated for the Use of the Poor in the said Town and County;

County; and the said Act provides, amongst other things, for the Performance of Divine Service in the said Chapel so to be erected, either by the Master for the Time being of the said Hospital or by a sufficient Chaplain to be appointed by him, and also for Payment to the Master, out of the annual Income of the Hospital, such Stipend or Remuneration not exceeding Three hundred Pounds *per Annum*, and not less than One hundred Pounds *per Annum*, as the Corporation should, by any Statute, Law, Ordinance, or Constitution, in Writing, at any Time and from Time to Time ordain and direct; and in the said Act are also contained Powers for the Master and Brethren and their Successors to grant building, improving, and repairing Leases of the Lands and Hereditaments vested in them for any Term of Years not exceeding Ninety-nine Years, and subject to the Restrictions and Reservations in the said Act mentioned, and to renew such Leases from Time to Time: And whereas the ancient Chapel on *Tyne Bridge* aforesaid, which was of small Dimensions, was pulled down shortly after the passing of the last-mentioned Act, and the existing Chapel, situate near the *Barras Bridge* in the said Parochial Chapelry of *Saint Andrew*, was erected in lieu thereof, and is now known as the Chapel of *Saint Thomas*: And whereas, in pursuance of the Power for that Purpose vested in the Corporation by the said last-mentioned Act, the Common Council of the said Town, by an Order in Writing made at a Meeting held on the Thirtieth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and thirty, ordered and directed the Payment to the Master of the Hospital, as a Stipend or Remuneration for the Performance of Divine Service in the Chapel then newly erected near the *Barras Bridge* aforesaid, either personally or by a Chaplain appointed by him, of the yearly Sum of Three hundred Pounds out of the Funds of the said Hospital: And whereas the charitable and religious Objects of the Charity, as regulated by the herein-before recited Charter and Act of Parliament, have been complied with in all respects: And whereas on the Death, on the Eighth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, of the Reverend *Richard Clayton*, the late Master of the said Hospital, a Desire was expressed by the Inhabitants of the said Town of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*, and concurred in by the Corporation, that the Benefit of the Charity should be extended, the net annual Income whereof then exceeded One thousand five hundred Pounds: And whereas on the Twenty-eighth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six the Reverend *Clement Moody*, Vicar of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*, was appointed Master of the Hospital upon the Terms contained in a written Application made by him to the Corporation, as such Patrons of the said Hospital as aforesaid, previously to such Appointment, in which Application he expressed his Readiness to assent to such Alteration in the Constitution of the Hospital and in the Emoluments of the Master and Brethren as might be

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adopted with a view of rendering the Hospital more generally useful to the said Town, and if he ceased to be resident in the said Town to resign the Mastership: And whereas since the Appointment of the said *Clement Moody* as such Master as aforesaid all the Brethren of the Hospital who were alive at the Time of such Appointment have departed this Life, and those appointed after that Time have severally given an Undertaking in Writing that they will hold the Situation subject to such Alteration in the Constitution of the Hospital and in the Rights and Emoluments of the Master and Brethren as may from Time to Time be adopted: And whereas the Free Burgesses or Freemen of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* are willing that the annual Payment out of the Income of the Charity for the Benefit of the Brethren shall be restricted to the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, on condition that the Number of such Brethren be increased: And whereas there is not at present nor has there been for a very long Period any Hospital, Almshouse, or other Building used or occupied by the Master and Brethren as a Place of Residence: And whereas in or about the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight the then Master and Brethren of the said Hospital, assisted by the Congregation who attended Divine Service in the said Chapel, established by voluntary Subscription Schools for the Education of Children and Adults, or Children only, of the poorer Classes of the Inhabitants of the said Town, which Schools are called *Saint Thomas* Schools, and are under the Management and Control of a Committee consisting of the Master of the Hospital for the Time being and of other Persons elected annually on the First *Monday* in the Month of *March* by the Subscribers to the Schools of not less than One Guinea *per Annum:* And whereas the aforesaid Schools have been erected on Part of the Lands belonging to the Charity demised under the Power of the said Act of Parliament of the Seventh and Eighth Years of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth for the Term of Ninety-nine Years to Trustees, the Trusts being declared by a Deed dated the Second Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, in which Deed the Method of Instruction in the said Schools is prescribed: And whereas the Sum of Twenty Guineas *per Annum* is contributed to the Support of the Schools out of the annual Income of the said Charity: And whereas it is expedient to alter the Mode in which the annual Income of the Charity is applied, to define the Payments to be made to the Master and Brethren out of the said annual Income, to increase the Number of the Brethren, to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Buildings adapted for the Purposes of an Hospital and a Master's House, to provide for contributing out of the Income of the Charity to the Support of the said Schools, and to apply the Surplus or Residue of the annual Income in aid of local, medical, and other Charities: And whereas

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the various Objects aforesaid 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 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:

Interpretation of Terms.

1. In this Act, unless the contrary is expressed or is to be implied from the Context,—

"The Corporation" means the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*:

"The Council" means the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors for the Time being of the Borough of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*:

"The Master" means the Master of the Hospital of *Saint Mary Magdalene* in the Borough of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*:

"The Brethren" means the Brethren of the Hospital of *Saint Mary Magdalene* in the Borough of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*.

Constitution of Hospital.

2. On and after the Second Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight the said Hospital shall consist of a Master, who shall be at least a Master of Arts, and of not more than Sixteen Brethren, who shall be Free Burgesses or Freemen of the Borough of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*, and of the Age of Fifty Years at least, to be appointed in manner herein-after provided.

Council to be the Manager.

3. From and after the same Second Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight the Management of the Charity and of all the Possessions thereof, and the Patronage and Right of Nomination and Appointment appurtenant thereto, with the Power of making Laws, Statutes, or Ordinances, and all other Powers and Privileges whatsoever (including the aforesaid Power of granting building, repairing, and improving Leases, and of renewing the same,) granted by the said Charter dated the Twelfth Day of *June* in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *James* the First, and by the said Act of Parliament passed in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, shall be vested in the Corporation in like Manner as the same are now held or enjoyed by the Master, or the Master and Brethren, or any other Person or Persons, and shall be exercised by the Corporation through or by means of the Council, save that in the Case of the Fourth and every succeeding Fourth Vacancy in the Office of a Brother of the said Hospital the Appointment shall be made by the present Master so long as he retains his Office.

Hospital Estates, &c. to vest in Corporation.

4. From and after the same Second Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight all the Real Estates of the said

said Hospital, and all the Personal Estate and the Right to recover the same respectively, shall be vested in the Corporation for all such Estates or Interests therein as are respectively held or enjoyed by the Master and Brethren.

Application of present Income.

5. The Income of the Charity which shall accrue due down to the said Second Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight exclusive shall, subject to the Liabilities chargeable thereon, belong to the present Master and Brethren in like Manner as heretofore; but in case of the Death of the present Master or any of the present Brethren before the said Second Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight the respective Shares of the Master or Brethren so dying in the Income accruing after their respective Deaths shall be applicable to the Purposes of this Act, and dealt with accordingly.

Ground adjoining not to be built on.

6. The Yard in which the Chapel stands and the open Ground about the same belonging to the said Charity shall not be built upon, except for the Purpose of making Additions to the Chapel or the Vestry connected therewith.

Additional Number of free Sittings.

7. In addition to the Number of One hundred free Sittings provided under the said Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, the further Number of Fifty commodious Sittings on the Ground Floor of the said Chapel shall be provided and appropriated; and there shall be provided and appropriated in the said Chapel Two hundred and seventy Sittings at least for the Use of the Children of *Saint Thomas* Schools, Seats for the Master and his Family, and Sixteen Sittings for the Use of the Brethren of the said Hospital, all which Sittings shall be kept open for the Use and Benefit of the Parties entitled to use the same respectively during the Hours in which Divine Service shall be performed in the said Chapel, and upon none of which Sittings shall any Rent, Assessment, or Payment be at any Time imposed.

Payment to the Master of the Hospital.

8. In lieu of the yearly Sum of Three hundred Pounds which the Corporation, in pursuance of the Powers conferred on them by the said Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, ordered should be paid for the Performance of Divine Service in the said Chapel, there shall be paid to the Master the yearly Sum of Five hundred Pounds by equal half-yearly Portions to be computed from the said Second Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and upon any Avoidance of the Office in the Interval between Two half-yearly Days of Payment there shall be paid to him, his Executors or Administrators, a proportionate Part of the aforesaid Stipend from the last

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Payment down to the Time of his ceasing to be Master: Provided always, that the present Master, so long as he shall continue to hold his Office, shall receive a further Payment after the Rate of One hundred Pounds *per Annum*, so always, nevertheless, that out of the said Sum of Five hundred Pounds the Sum of Three hundred Pounds shall be apportioned and applied to the Master, Chaplain, or Chaplains, as the Case may be, who shall perform Divine Service in the said Chapel, and that so long as the present Master shall continue in Office, and hold any Ecclesiastical Benefice with Cure of Souls, he shall appoint and continue a Chaplain and an Assistant Chaplain, not holding any other Appointment, to conduct the Services of the said Chapel, and the said Sum of Three hundred Pounds shall be apportioned by the Master between such Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain, and paid to them accordingly, and that Divine Service shall be performed in the said Chapel as may be from Time to Time appointed, so always that there shall be at least Two full Services with Sermons on every *Sunday*, and One full Service with a Sermon on *Christmas Day* and *Good Friday* and on every *Wednesday* Evening throughout the Year, and also on all public Fasts and Days of Thanksgiving; and in case of any Question arising with respect to the Exercise by the said Master or his Chaplain or Chaplains of any Ecclesiastical Function, the same shall be submitted to the Bishop of *Durham* for the Time being, whose Decision shall be conclusive on all Parties.

Appointment of Chapelwardens.

9. For the Purpose of superintending and managing the said Chapel there shall be appointed Three Chapelwardens, to be elected annually, One by the Master and Two by the Votes of a Majority of the Renters of Seats in the Chapel present at a Meeting to be held at the Hour of One in the Afternoon of the *Wednesday* in *Easter* Week in every Year; and the Chapelwardens so elected shall continue in Office until the Election of their Successors; and the said Chapelwardens shall appoint and employ and have the Power to remove the several Officers and other Persons required for the proper Conduct of the Services, or for the Care and Management of the Chapel, except the Master, Chaplain, and Assistant Chaplain, and shall also, subject only to the Control of the Council, if they shall think fit to intervene, have Authority to select the free Sittings, and fix the Scale at which the Seats in the Chapel shall from Time to Time be let, and to let the same accordingly for any yearly or shorter Period; and the Rents of the Seats in the Chapel shall be due and payable in advance, and shall be recoverable by the Chapelwardens, if Occasion shall be, by Suit of them or any Two of them in the County Court.

Vacancies to be filled up.

10. If any of the said Chapelwardens shall die or decline or become unfit or incapable to act as such during the Tenure of his Office, it shall

shall be lawful for the Master, if the Chapelwarden so dying or declining or becoming unfit or incapable to act, shall have been appointed by him, to appoint some other Person to act in his Place; and if such Chapelwarden shall have been appointed by the Renters of Seats in the Chapel, then it shall be lawful for a Majority of them present at a Meeting held for that Purpose, and convened by the surviving or continuing Chapelwarden appointed by the Renters of Seats, to fill up the Vacancy at a Meeting specially convened by them or any of them in pursuance of a Notice affixed to the Door of the Chapel of not less than Twenty-one Days.

Application of Seat Rents.

11. The Rents received for Seats in the Chapel shall be applied primarily in paying the Salaries and Wages of the several Officers, Servants, and other Persons (except the Master, Chaplain, and Assistant Chaplain) who shall be engaged in the Conduct of the Service of the Chapel, or employed in or about the Management thereof, and also in paying the current Expenses of properly cleansing, lighting, warming, and managing the Chapel, and insuring the same against Loss or Damage by Fire to such an Amount as shall from Time to Time be directed by the Council, and then in defraying the Costs of the Repairs of the Fabric of the Chapel, and its Fittings and Furniture, and the Fencing and Care of the aforesaid open Ground about and attached thereto; and the Surplus of such Rents, after satisfying the aforesaid Charges, shall, if such Rents shall not amount to Fifty Pounds, or if they shall exceed that Amount, then the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds, Part of such Surplus, shall in the first instance be applied to the Constitution and Maintenance of a permanent Fund for the Repair of the said Chapel, to be called the Repair Fund.

Repair Fund.

12. The Capital of the Repair Fund shall be added to from Time to Time by the Accumulation and Investment of the Interest and Dividend thereof until the annual Income shall amount to at least One hundred Pounds *per Annum*; and if such Income shall at any Time be reduced below that Sum, the same shall from Time to Time be raised to that Amount by the further Application of the surplus Income of the Seat Rents of the Chapel, and the Interest or Dividend of the Repair Fund; and the Capital of the Repair Fund shall be applied exclusively to discharging the Cost of any extraordinary Repairs or Improvement of the Chapel, and, subject to the Payments and Deductions herein-before directed to be made, the clear Residue of the Seat Rents, together with the Income arising from the Repair Fund, shall be paid to the Master for his own Use.

In case of Deficiency of Repair Fund.

13. In case of any Deficiency in the Repair Fund hereby provided, the Costs of the Repairs of the Fabric of the Chapel and its Fittings and Furniture, the Fencing and Care of the aforesaid open Ground attached thereto, shall to the Extent of such Deficiency be a Charge on the Real Estates of the said Hospital.

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Master not to hold Ecclesiastical Benefice.

14. Every Master hereafter to be elected who shall at the Time of his Election hold any Ecclesiastical Benefice having a Cure of Souls annexed thereto shall effectually relinquish the same within Six Months next after his Election, and shall not during his Mastership accept any such Benefice, and the Office of every Master who shall accept or retain any Ecclesiastical Benefice contrary to this Provision shall become *ipso facto* void.

Duties of Master.

15. The present and every future Master shall reside during his Tenure of Office within the Borough of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*; and if any Master shall discontinue such Residence for the Space of Six Months in the Year, or shall neglect to reside within Six Months after his Appointment, without sufficient Cause, or shall fail to discharge effectively the Duties of Master, it shall be lawful for the Council to remove him from his Mastership and to declare the Office vacant.

Master may build Residence.

16. Within Five Years from the Avoidance of the Office of Master by the present Master the Council shall provide or build out of the Hospital Estate and upon the Land of the Hospital a Dwelling House for the permanent Residence of the Master, together with all necessary Outbuildings, Conveniences, and Appurtenances, so that the same be not built upon the open Ground around the Chapel, but as nearly as conveniently may be in connexion with any Hospital to be erected under the Provisions of this Act, but the Sum to be expended on such Building shall not exceed Two thousand Pounds, unless with the Consent of the Charity Commissioners.

Fund for Maintenance of Hospital.

17. On and after the Second Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight the Council shall apply yearly the Sum of Five hundred Pounds out of the Income of the Charity to the Maintenance and Accommodation of the Brethren of the said Hospital.

Erection of Hospital.

18. The Council shall within Five Years from the passing of this Act, by the Application of the Income of the Charity or of the Capital Funds thereof, erect an Hospital at a convenient Distance from the said Chapel, to be occupied by the Brethren as a Place of Residence, either on the Lands by this Act vested in the Corporation or on some convenient Site within the Borough of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*, so that the Sum to be expended on such Building do not exceed Four thousand Pounds, unless with the Consent of the Charity Commissioners; and until the Erection of a permanent Hospital the Council may, if they see fit, hire or rent any Building or Part of a Building for the Purposes of such Hospital, or make any temporary Provision for the Reception and Accommodation of the Brethren in any existing Building or Institution.

Loan for Erection of Hospital.

19. The Council may raise, upon Security of the Real Estate of the said Hospital, any Funds required for the Purchase, Erection, or fitting

fitting up of the Hospital and the Master's House, so that the Principal Money borrowed shall be paid off out of the Proceeds of such Real Estate within Thirty Years from the borrowing thereof by equal quarterly Instalments, or by means of a Sinking Fund to be created by the Appropriation thereto of annual Instalments of like Amount.

Appointment of Brethren.

20. The Brethren shall be poor Free Burgesses or Freemen of the said Borough, of good and sober Habits, to be appointed, save as aforesaid, by the Council, and shall be Sixteen in Number, when the Income of the Charity shall be sufficient to provide them with the Allowances herein-after prescribed, after the Payment of all Outgoings incident to the Maintenance, Management, and Government of the Hospital, and after making any fit Reserves for such Purpose, or they may be reduced in Number, temporarily or from Time to Time, as the Income for the Time being available for their Benefit may require.

Rate of Payment to the future Brethren and Matron.

21. The Brethren, except the present Brethren, shall be constantly resident in the Hospital, wherever the Building appropriated for that Purpose shall be erected, and they shall receive in Money from the Council the weekly Amount of Ten Shillings each for their Support, and it shall be lawful for the Council from Time to Time to employ, as they may think fit, a Nurse or Matron at any reasonable Salary for the better Promotion under their Orders of the Comfort or Well-being of the Brethren, and the Cleanliness, Order, and good Regulation of the Hospital.

Conduct of the Brethren.

22. The Brethren shall conform and be obedient to such Regulations as shall from Time to Time be made by the Council for the Management of the Hospital and its Inmates, and the Tenure of the Places of the Brethren may be made by any such Regulations to be conditional on such Conformity and Obedience.

Payment to existing Brethren.

23. Notwithstanding the Provisions herein-before contained, the Council shall pay to each of the present Brethren the Sum of One hundred Pounds by the Year for the Term of his Life out of the said yearly Sum of Five hundred Pounds applicable to the Maintenance of the Brethren of the said Hospital; and none of the present Brethren shall be required to reside in the Hospital, nor be entitled to receive any further or other Payment than the said Sum of One hundred Pounds each.

Support to the Schools.

24. The Council may apply, by way of Subscription or otherwise, out of the Income of the Charity any Sum not exceeding One hundred Pounds annually towards the Support and Maintenance of the Schools and Schoolhouses at present existing or hereafter to be provided in connexion with the Chapel, and known as *Saint Thomas's* Schools, and, if deemed advisable by the Council, for the Purchase or

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Erection of Residences for the Teachers belonging to the said Schools already established or hereafter to be established in connexion with the Chapel.

Council to be Patrons and Visitors of the Schools.

25. The Council shall be Patrons and Visitors of the said Schools in connexion with the Chapel, and in the event of the Subscribers of One Guinea each to the said Schools being reduced below the Number of Eight the Council shall during such Time as such Subscribers shall continue below such Number be the Managers thereof, with the Power of appointing the Teachers, who shall be subject to Removal for any Cause which the Council shall think sufficient, and the Council shall have Power from Time to Time (if and when they become Managers as aforesaid) to make such Rules for the regulating the Conduct and Management of the said Schools, and the Terms of Instruction therein, as they shall think proper, provided such Rules be not inconsistent with the Constitution and Regulation of the Schools as determined by the said Deed of Trust dated the Second Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

Application of surplus Revenue.

26. All the net surplus Income of the Charity which shall not be applicable to the foregoing Purposes, or any of them, shall be applied by the Council in aid of such Medical Institutions now established or hereafter to be established in the Borough of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* to the Promotion whereof they shall consider that such Income may be most beneficially applied, or to the Establishment, Endowment, or Aid of any Medical Institution or Institutions for the Benefit of the sick Poor of *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and its Vicinity, or to which free Access shall be secured to such Poor, whether having the general Objects of Infirmaries or Hospitals for the Sick, or designed for the Relief of any particular Kinds of Diseases or bodily Suffering, or for the Advancement of Convalescence from Disease or bodily Suffering, or any kindred Objects; and the Council may annex such Conditions to the Receipt of the Bounty hereby authorized and make such Regulations with reference to the same as they shall think fit, and may capitalize or accumulate the said net surplus Income for such Period as they shall deem requisite for better effecting the aforesaid Purposes or any of them; and in case of any surplus Income after answering the Purposes aforesaid the same may be applied by the Council to any other charitable Objects they may see fit which shall be approved by the Charity Commissioners.

Application of Capital Funds.

27. The Council may, subject and without Prejudice to the Objects herein-before specially provided for, apply any Capital Funds of the Charity, or any Accumulations to be made for this Purpose, or the Income thereof, in or towards the Foundation or Establishment of any such Institution or Institutions as aforesaid which shall in their Judgment be most needed for and beneficial to the Class of Persons described in the last preceding Section.

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Council to be Patrons and Visitors of Medical Hospital.

28. When any such Institution as aforesaid shall have been established the Council shall thereupon be Patrons and Visitors of such Institution, and shall from Time to Time make Orders, Ordinances, and Regulations proper for the Government thereof, whether such Institution shall have been established by the Council alone or with the Aid of charitable Funds contributed from other Sources.

Delegation of Powers of Council to Committee.

29. For the Execution of any of the Purposes of this Act the Council may delegate to any Committee appointed out of their own Body such of the Powers and Duties of the Council under this Act as the Council shall think fit, and the Acts and Proceedings of such Committee, within the Limits of the Authority so delegated to them, shall be deemed to be the Acts and Proceedings of the Council, and shall annually, or oftener if required, be reported to the Council, and the Council may from Time to Time make such Regulations as they shall think fit for the Guidance of such Committee.

Accounts of the Charity.

30. All the Monies and Effects belonging to the Charity and the Accounts thereof shall be kept separate and distinct from the other Accounts of the Council, and the Books containing the Accounts of the Rents and other Monies received and expended for or on account of the Charity shall at all reasonable Times be open to the Inspection of the Aldermen or Councillors of the Borough; and all Accounts, with the Vouchers and Papers relating thereto, shall, in the Month of *September* in every Year, be submitted to the Auditors of the said Borough, to be examined and audited, from the First Day of *September* to the Thirty-first Day of *August* inclusive in the succeeding Year, and if the Accounts are found correct the Auditors shall sign the same; and after the Accounts have been so audited an Abstract shall be made out by the Agent or Treasurer, and printed, and a Copy shall be open to the Inspection of Ratepayers and Freemen of the Borough, and Copies supplied at a reasonable Charge to all Ratepayers and Freemen requiring the same.

Commencement of Act.

31. This Act shall come into operation on and after the Second Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

Expenses of Act.

32. The Costs, Charges, and Expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing, applying for, obtaining, and passing of this Act shall be paid in the first place out of the Borough Fund, but shall be repaid out of the Income of the Charity which shall accrue on and after the Second Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

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