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the Most Honourable *Richard* the present Marquis of *Westminster* agreed to contribute the Sum of Five thousand Pounds towards the said Church, upon an Understanding that the Perpetual Advowson of the said Church should be vested in him the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster* in Fee Simple, and that Three Pews in the said Church should be allotted to the said Marquis in perpetuity, Rent-free: And whereas by Agreement in Writing, made on or about the Twentieth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and forty-six, between the Right Honourable and Right Reverend *Charles James* Lord Bishop of *London* of the one Part, and the Reverend *Thomas Fuller* Clerk, Perpetual Curate of the Church of the District Parish of *Saint Peter, Pimlico*, aforesaid, of the other Part, and by virtue of the Provisions of the Act of Parliament passed in the Session holden in the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled *An Act for the further Amendment of the Church Building Acts*, the said *Charles James* Bishop of *London*, as Bishop of the Diocese and Patron of the Perpetual Curacy of the District Parish Church of *St. Peter, Pimlico*, and the said *Thomas Fuller*, as Incumbent of the said District Parish, did mutually agree that the Right of Nomination to the said Church in *Chester Square* aforesaid should on the Consecration thereof belong to and be exercised by the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster*, his Heirs and Assigns, for ever: And whereas by Indenture, dated on or about the Twenty-first Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and forty-six, between the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster* of the First Part, *Richard Boswell Beddome* Gentleman of the Second Part, and the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster*, the Right Honourable *Thomas Atherton* Lord *Lilford*, and the Right Honourable *Arthur Lennox* commonly called Lord *Arthur Lennox*, of the Third Part, the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster* did grant, convey, and release unto the said *Richard Boswell Beddome* the Site of the said new Church then erecting, by the Description of all that Piece of Land situate at the South-west End and on the South Side of *Chester Square, Pimlico*, in the County of *Middlesex*, which Piece of Land abuts upon the Back Walls and Windows of Five Houses in *Elizabeth Street*, leased by *Robert* late Marquis of *Westminster* to *James Collis*, and then or late in the respective Occupations of *William Sproson*, *John Emmens Ireton Kerrey*, *Richard Bowtell*, *John Wood* the younger, and *Francis Wood*, and *John Joseph Guillaume*, and contained by Admeasurement One hundred and twenty-six Feet on the Side on which it abuts to the said Houses, and then runs North-eastward on the South-east Side One hundred and sixteen Feet towards the Square, and then runs North-westward on the North-east Side One hundred and twenty-six Feet, and then returns to the back of the said Houses in *Elizabeth Street* One hundred and nine Feet, forming

Agreement dated 20th March 1846, giving Right of Nomination to the said Church to the Marquis of Westminster pursuant to Provisions of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 70.

Indenture dated 21st March 1846, by which the Marquis of Westminster did convey certain Land in trust for the Site of the Church.

forming almost a Square, to hold unto the said *Richard Boswell Beddome*, his Heirs and Assigns, to the Use of the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster*, *Thomas Atherton* Lord *Lilford*, and Lord *Arthur Lennox*, their Heirs and Assigns, in trust, and to the Intent that a sufficient Part of the said Piece of Land might form the Site of the said Church, and that the said Church when consecrated should be used for the Celebration of Divine Worship according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* for ever, and that the Remainder of the said Land should be used for Purposes connected with the said Church and not otherwise; and it was provided, that no Part of the said Piece of Land, nor any Part of the said Church or of the Appurtenances thereto, should be used or appropriated for the Purposes of the Burial of the Dead, and that no Tomb or Monument should be erected or placed either in or on the said Ground, or in or on such Church or the Appurtenances thereto, or any Part thereof respectively, except such Tablets or Monuments as might from Time to Time, with the Consent of the Ordinary, Patron, and Incumbent of the said Church, be placed or inserted in or upon the Walls withinside the same, and that no School-house or other Building of any Kind whatsoever, other than the said Church, with the Appurtenances, should be erected or built upon the said Piece of Land, or any Part or Parcel thereof: And whereas by Deed Poll under the respective Hands and Seals of the said *Thomas Atherton* Lord *Lilford*, the said *Arthur Lennox* commonly called Lord *Arthur Lennox*, and the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster*, and dated on or about the Eighteenth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and forty-six, the said *Thomas Atherton* Lord *Lilford* and Lord *Arthur Lennox*, in pursuance of the Agreement herein-before referred to, did declare that the Pews therein-after mentioned in the Church called or intended to be called the Church of *Saint Michael the Archangel* in or near *Chester Square*, *Pimlico*, aforesaid, namely, One front Pew, numbered 20, in the North Gallery, and Two back Pews next adjoining to such front Pew, and numbered respectively 19 and 18 in the same Gallery, had been and should for ever continue appropriated to the Use of the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster* and his Heirs, free from Rent: And whereas the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster* hath relinquished the said Two back Pews, and desires to retain the said front Pew only: And whereas the Funds which had been thus raised by Subscription being inadequate to the Payment of all the Expenses of and attendant upon the Erection and Consecration of the said Church, a Sum of Two thousand Pounds was required to make up the Deficiency, and the same, with the Approbation of the said *Charles James* Lord Bishop of *London*, was borrowed at Interest of *John Hoper* Esquire, and for which the Right Honorable *William* Earl of *Denbigh*, *William Henry*

Deed Poll, dated 18th April 1846, as to Pews being appropriated to the Use of the Marquis of Westminster.

Deedes

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Deedes Esquire, and *Henry Kingscote* Esquire (Three of the Building Committee of the said Church) made themselves responsible, upon an Understanding that the same should be paid out of the Pew-rents of the said Church: And whereas by Indenture, dated on or about the First Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and made between the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster*, the said *Thomas Atherton* Lord *Lilford*, and the said Lord *Arthur Lennox* of the First Part, the said *Charles James* Lord Bishop of *London* of the Second Part, and the said *Thomas Fuller* of the Third Part, it was declared, that the Parties to the same Indenture of the First Part, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, and the Heirs and Assigns of such Survivor, should stand seised of the Piece of Land conveyed to them as the Site for the said Church upon the Trusts in the said Indenture expressed, namely, that the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster* and his Heirs might exercise the perpetual Right of Nomination to the said Church, and on Omission, Neglect, or Refusal for Six Calendar Months after any Vacancy to make such Nomination, then for the Bishop of *London* for the Time being to license a Clergyman to the same, that an Assistant Minister might be appointed, that Four hundred Sittings should for ever be used as free Sittings for the Use of the Inhabitants of the said District, and that the Remainder, except the said Three Pews so appropriated for the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster* as aforesaid, should be let and managed by the Trustees, and that they should stand possessed of the Monies to arise thereby, upon Trusts to keep the said Church in repair, to insure the same, to provide Surplices, Books, and other Necessaries for the said Church, to pay the Minister a Stipend, not being less than Six hundred Pounds *per Annum*, and the Salaries of the Clerk and other Officers of the said Church, and all other Expenses attending the Celebration of Divine Service and the Administration of the Sacraments therein, and to pay the Interest on the said Two thousand Pounds, and set apart a Sum of Seventy-five Pounds every Year as a Sinking Fund towards Satisfaction of the said Debt of Two thousand Pounds for Twenty Years, or less, if sooner discharged, and out of any Surplus to pay and discharge any further Expenses of the Building; and the said Trustees were empowered to lay out and invest any Surplus of the Rents and Monies arising from the letting of the said Seats for the Purpose of forming an Endowment Fund for the Repairs of the Church, or for building a House for the Residence of the Minister; and it was also declared, that the Church should be made a District Church as soon as Circumstances would admit; and it was provided, that inasmuch as the Provisions of the said Deed had not been sufficiently considered for Want of Time before the Time fixed for Consecration of the said Church, it should be lawful at any Time within Twelve Months thereafter, by and with the Con-

Indenture dated 1st April 1846.

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sent of the Parties of the First Part, and the Survivors and Survivor and the Party of the Second Part, or the Bishop of *London* for the Time being, to vary the Terms of any or either or all the Provisions therein-before contained, or to annul the same Deed, and execute another and more formal Instrument containing such Terms and Stipulations as might be agreed upon; and it was lastly declared, that the Marquis of *Westminster* or the Lord of the Manor of *Ebury* for the Time being should be always a Trustee when and as he should be of Age, provided he should be under no legal Disability and a Member of the Church of *England*, and willing to accept the Trust: And whereas although, as herein-after recited, the Provisions of the said Deed were incompatible with the Intentions of the Subscribers for the Erection of the said Church, and although they desired a Variation of the Provisions of the said Deed, yet no Amendment or Variation of the Provisions took place within Twelve Months as thereby authorized: And whereas on the Second Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and forty-six the said Church was consecrated by the said *Charles James* Lord Bishop of *London* by the Name of "*Saint Michael, Chester Square:*" And whereas pursuant to an Order of Her Majesty in Council on or about the Twenty-seventh of *August* One thousand eight hundred and forty-six a District by the Name of "The Chapelry District of *Saint Michael, Chester Square,*" was assigned to the said Church: And whereas the said *Charles James* Lord Bishop of *London* on or about the Sixteenth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and forty-six granted his Certificate in Writing that Banns of Marriages might be published and Marriages celebrated and solemnized in the said Church: And whereas the said *William* Earl of *Denbigh* and *Edward Snell* of *Belgrave Road, Pimlico*, Esquire, were soon after the Consecration of the said Church of *Saint Michael, Chester Square*, appointed Churchwardens for the said Church, and at *Easter* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven *Gathorne Hardy* of *Eaton Square* in the County of *Middlesex*, Esquire, and *Thomas William Bell*, of 43, *Upper Belgrave Place, Pimlico*, aforesaid, Esquire, were appointed Churchwardens for the said Church, and at *Easter* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight the said *Thomas William Bell* and *George Trollope*, of 57, *Chester Square*, Esquire, were appointed Churchwardens for the said Church, and they were again appointed such Churchwardens at *Easter* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and again at *Easter* last, and now act as the Churchwardens for the said Church: And whereas inasmuch as the Provisions of the herein-before recited Deed of Trust of the said Church, dated on or about the First Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and forty-six, were, as herein-before recited, in many respects contrary to the Wishes and Intentions of the Subscribers

Order in Council dated 27th Aug. 1846, by which a District was assigned to the Church.

Certificate of Bishop, dated 16th Sept. 1846, that Banns might be published and Marriages solemnized.

scribers for the Erection of the said Church, and especially in submitting the letting the Pews of the said Church and the Receipt and Application of the Pew-rents to the Management and Regulation of Trustees and not of Churchwardens, as is consonant to the Law and Usage of Parish Churches, the said Churchwardens who were so from Time to Time appointed for the said Church let the Pews of the said Church and received the Pew-rents, and applied such Pew-rents according to the Plan of the Provisions of the said Deed, but they did not apply any Portion thereof towards constituting an Endowment Fund, or a Fund for erecting a House for the Residence of the Minister of the said Church, such Objects being considered unnecessary, and for the Omission whereof they have the Sanction of the said *Charles James* Bishop of *London*, being the Bishop of the Diocese wherein the said Church is situate, and of the other Parties to the said Deed: And whereas various Law Costs and other Expenses have been incurred in seeking to vary or remedy the Provisions of the said Deed of Trusts, including the Costs of procuring the passing of this Act: And whereas the Sum of One thousand Pounds, in part of the said Debt of Two thousand Pounds so incurred on account of the said Church, was paid in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and the Sum of One thousand Pounds, the Residue of the said Debt, and all Interest thereon, have been discharged by additional Subscriptions of the Congregation of the said Church and various Noblemen and Gentlemen resident in or near to the said District of *Saint Michael, Chester Square*: And whereas the said Debt of Two thousand Pounds being so duly paid and discharged, there is not any Occasion for the Continuance of Trustees of the said Church, or for their Interference in the Appropriation, letting, or managing the Pews and Sittings of the said Church, or the Application of the said Pew-rents, but such Matters can be, and according to the usual Course of Church Government ought to be, attended to and managed by the Churchwardens of the Church duly appointed by Law: And whereas the Reverend *Joseph Harriman Hamilton* is the present Incumbent of the said Church: And whereas the said *Charles James* Lord Bishop of *London* as the Bishop of the said Diocese where the said Church of *Saint Michael, Chester Square*, is situate, the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster* as the Patron of the Curacy of the said Church, the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster*, *Thomas Atherton* Lord *Lilford*, and Lord *Arthur Lennox* as the Trustees of the said Church, the said *Thomas Fuller* as the Perpetual Curate of the said Church of the District Parish of *Saint Peter, Pimlico*, the said *Joseph Harriman Hamilton* as the Incumbent of the said Church of *Saint Michael, Chester Square*, and the said *Thomas William Bell* and *George Trollope* as such Churchwardens, with the Consent and

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Approbation of the Building Committee of the said Church, have mutually agreed and are desirous that the said Church, and the Management and Administration of the Pew-rents for the same, should no longer be subject to the herein-before recited Deed, dated on or about the First Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and the Provisions thereof, but that the Freehold of the said Church should be vested in the Minister thereof for the Time being, and that the Ecclesiastical and Lay Government of the said Church and the Pews thereof respectively, except as herein-after is provided, should be administered in like Manner as other Parish Churches are according to the existing Laws of this Realm; but such the Objects aforesaid cannot be effected 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 Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act the said Church of *Saint Michael, Chester Square*, aforesaid, and the Site of the said Church, and the Churchyard to the same, and the Appurtenances, and the Pews and Sittings of the said Church, except as herein-after is provided, and the Rents for the same, and the Monies that have arisen and may arise from such Rents, severally and respectively shall stand and be absolutely and for ever freed, released, and discharged from all the Limitations, Trusts, and Provisions contained in the herein-before recited Indenture or Deed of Trust for the said Church, dated on or about the First Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and that the Minister of the said Church for the Time being shall be a Body Corporate by the Name of "The Minister of the Church of *Saint Michael, Chester Square, Pimlico*, in the County of *Middlesex*," and that the said Church, together with the Seats and Pews and Sittings therein, except as herein-after provided, and the Churchyard thereof, and the Appurtenances, shall from and after the passing of this Act be vested in the said Minister for the Time being and his Successors, Ministers of the said Church, for ever, in the same Manner as the Freehold and Inheritance of a Parish Church by the Laws of this Realm are vested in the Incumbent thereof.

Church to vest in the Minister as a Body Corporate.

II. And be it enacted, That no Part of the Piece of Land or Ground forming the Site of or annexed to or surrounding the said Church, nor any Part of the said Church or of the Appurtenances thereto, shall be used or appropriated for the Burial of the Dead, and that no Tomb or Monument shall be erected or placed either in or on the said Ground, or in or on such Church or the Appurtenances, or any Part thereof, except such Tablets or Monuments as may from Time to Time,

Site to be only used for the Church.

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Time, with the Consent of the Ordinary, Patron, and Incumbent of the said Church, be placed or inserted in or upon the Walls within-side the same, and that no Schoolhouse or other Building of any Kind whatsoever, other than the said Church, with the Appurtenances, shall be erected or built upon the said Land or Ground, or any Part thereof.

Patronage vested in the Marquis of Westminster.

III. And be it enacted, That the Perpetual Advowson and the Right of Patronage, and free Disposition of and Nomination to the said Church doth and shall for ever hereafter appertain to the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster*, his Heirs and Assigns: Provided always, that if the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster*, his Heirs or Assigns, shall omit, neglect, or refuse to nominate a Clergyman or Minister in Holy Orders to be licensed to such Church or Chapel for the Space of Six Calendar Months next after the same shall become vacant, then and in every or any such Case, and so often as the same shall happen, it shall be lawful for the Bishop of *London* for the Time being to license such Clergyman as he shall think proper to the said Church.

District assigned to the said Church.

IV. And be it enacted, That the District assigned to the said Church shall be under the Care of the Minister of the said Church as regards the Visitation of the Sick, and other Pastoral and Ecclesiastical Duties, and for all other Purposes pursuant to the said Order in Council dated on or about the Twenty-seventh Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

Minister to appoint a Clerk, Organist, Pew Openers, and Sexton.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Minister for the Time being of the said Church annually to appoint such Persons as he shall think fit to officiate as Clerk, Organist, Pew Openers, and Beadle or Verger in the said Church, and also from Time to Time to displace and remove such Clerk, Organist, Pew Openers, and Beadle or Verger respectively, and that the Wages or Stipend of such Clerk, Organist, Pew Openers, and Beadle or Verger shall be fixed, with the Consent and Approbation of the Bishop of *London* for the Time being.

Keys of the Church to be kept by the Minister.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Keys of the said Church shall from Time to Time be kept in the Custody of the Minister thereof for the Time being, or by such Person within the said District as he may appoint, and the Plate, Furniture, and Records belonging to such Church shall be deposited in the Vestry Room thereof, or as the Minister and present or future Churchwardens shall from Time to Time direct, in a strong Chest to be for that Purpose provided, with a secure and sufficient Lock and Two Keys, one whereof shall be kept by the Minister or the Churchwarden chosen by him, and the other by the other present or future Churchwarden.

VII. And

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Marriages may be solemnized.

VII. And be it enacted, That Banns of Matrimony shall continue to be published and Marriages shall be celebrated in the said Church according to the Laws and Canons in force within this Realm in such Behalf; and all such Banns as shall be so published, and also every such Marriage as hath been or shall be so celebrated in the said Church, shall be as good and valid to all Intents and Purposes as if the same had been published and celebrated in any Parish Church in which Marriages may legally be celebrated.

All Marriages and Baptisms to be registered.

VIII. And be it enacted, That all Marriages and Baptisms had and solemnized within the said Church shall be registered in public Registers to be provided and kept in the said Church for that Purpose according to the Laws in force for keeping Registers in that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, and such Books or Transcripts thereof or therefrom shall be received in all Courts of Law and Equity as Evidence of such Marriages and Baptisms.

Lettings of Pews to be confirmed.

IX. And be it enacted, That all Lettings of the said Seats and Pews of the said Church which have been made by the present or past Churchwardens for the said Church shall be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed, and that all Receipts which have been given by the said Churchwardens for Pew-rents, and the Payments and Application of the Monies arising from the said Pew-rents that have been made by the said Churchwardens, and which respectively would have been valid and effectual under the Provisions of the herein-before recited Indenture or Deed of Trust, dated on or about the First Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and forty-six, if the same had been given or made by the Trustees of that Deed, or would have been valid and effectual if made by the Trustees of that Deed, in case the same had not contained any Provisions for constituting an Endowment Fund, or for forming a Fund for providing a Residence for the Minister of the said Church, severally and respectively shall be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed; and that the several Payments which by the present or former Churchwardens have been or shall be, from the Receipt of the said Pew-rents, made for Law Costs in seeking to vary the Provisions of the herein-before recited Deed of Trust, shall be submitted to the Inspection and Examination of the Auditors of Churchwardens Accounts to be next holden as hereinafter provided, and when allowed and approved by them shall be deemed valid and stand ratified and confirmed.

Power to Churchwardens to let Pews.

X. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the present and future Churchwardens of the said Church to let and manage the Pews and Sittings in the said Church, except as herein-after provided or mentioned, at Rents or Sums the Scale whereof shall be approved by

by the Lord Bishop of *London* for the Time being, reserving to the Parishioners of the said District, in preference to all Persons whomsoever not being such Parishioners, the Right of prior Choice and Selection of the said Pews or Sittings, but reserving to the present Holders of Pews or Sittings, being Subscribers to the Erection of the Church, the Pews or Seats allotted to them.

Regulation as to Seats.

XI. And be it enacted, That no Rent shall be charged for the Pew, No. 20, in the North Gallery of the said Church, allotted to and which shall for ever be enjoyed by the said *Richard* Marquis of *Westminster*, his Heirs and Assigns, nor for the Pew allotted for the Use of the Minister of the said Church for the Time being and his Family, and marked "Minister's Pew," nor for the Pew allotted for the Use of the Churchwardens for the Time being, and marked "Churchwardens Pew," and that Four hundred Seats or Sitting Places in the said Church at the least shall for ever be allotted and set apart for the Use of the poor Inhabitants of the said District without any Payment for the same, and that such Free Seats shall be arranged in such Parts of the said Church as the Churchwardens, with the Approbation of the Lord Bishop of *London* for the Time being, shall appoint.

Payment of Rents.

XII. And be it enacted, That every Person who shall rent or agree to rent a Seat or Pew in the said Church, except as aforesaid, shall pay to the present or future Churchwardens of the said Church the Rent payable in respect of the same by Anticipation on the First Day of *May* in each Year, and in case such Rent of any such Pew, Seat, or Sitting shall be unpaid for One Calendar Month next after the same shall have become due or payable, and Notice in Writing requiring Payment shall have been given to such Person or left at his usual or last known Place of Abode in *London*, then the said Churchwardens may enter upon such Pew, Seat, or Sitting Place and re-let the same, or the said Churchwardens may sue for the Rent so in arrear by Action or Proceeding in any Court of competent Jurisdiction.

Appointment of Churchwardens.

XIII. And be it enacted, That on *Easter Sunday* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and on *Easter Sunday* in each succeeding Year, the Churchwardens for the Time being of the said Church shall cause a printed or written Notice to be affixed on or close to the Doors of the said Church convening a Meeting of the Minister of the said Church and the Pew-renters in the Vestry Room of the said Church, at any Hour that the Churchwardens may deem eligible between the Hours of Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon and Three o'Clock in the Afternoon of the ensuing *Thurs-*

day in *Easter* Week, for the Appointment or Election of Churchwardens for the Year ensuing; and that at the Meeting to be holden pursuant to such Notice Two Persons resident within the District of the said Church shall be appointed as Churchwardens for the Year ensuing, one of them to be appointed by the Incumbent for the Time being of the said Church, and the other Churchwarden to be chosen by the Pew-renters of the Church, and such Churchwardens shall continue in Office until *Thursday* in the *Easter* Week of the ensuing Year, or until others shall be appointed in their Stead.

Appointment of new Churchwardens.

XIV. And be it enacted, That in case of the Death of any Churchwarden during the Year for which he shall be appointed, then and so often another Churchwarden resident within the said District shall, as the Case may require, be nominated by the Minister or by the Pew-renters at a Meeting of Pew-renters to be convened and holden in the Vestry Room of the said Church, pursuant to a printed or written Notice from the surviving Churchwarden, Three Days previously to such Meeting, and in like Manner, as near as may be, as the deceased Churchwarden shall have been appointed or chosen; and every Churchwarden so to be appointed in the Room of one dying in his Year of Office shall have and be invested with the same Powers and Authorities as his Predecessor.

Extraordinary Repair Fund.

XV. And be it enacted, That the present and future Churchwardens shall yearly and every Year, from and out of the said Pew-rents, appropriate the Sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling in the Purchase of Three *per Cent.* Consolidated or Three *per Cent.* Reduced Annuities in the Names of the Minister and Churchwardens of the said Church for the Time being, until by investing the resulting Income from Time to Time of such Annuities, and by means of such yearly Appropriation of Fifty Pounds and the Investments thereof, Five hundred Pounds of such Consolidated or Reduced Annuities shall be accumulated, to form a Fund for the extraordinary Repairs of the said Church; and that when and as a Fund to the Amount of Five hundred Pounds of such Annuities shall be so accumulated, then from Time to Time, so long as the extraordinary Repairs of the said Church shall not require any Appropriation from the said Accumulation Fund, the Churchwardens for the Time being of the said Church shall apply the Dividends thereof in or towards the ordinary Repairs of the said Church; and that when and as the said Fund of Five hundred Pounds Three *per Cent.* Consolidated or Reduced Annuities shall be wholly or partially applied for the extraordinary Repairs of the said Church, then the said Churchwardens for the Time being shall thenceforth recommence and continue making such yearly Appropriation of Fifty Pounds from the said Pew-rents, until by similar

similar Accumulations such Fund of Accumulation shall be restored to the Amount of Five hundred Pounds Three *per Cent.* Consolidated or Reduced Annuities, and so *toties quoties*, as the Case may require; and that when and as any extraordinary Repairs of the said Church shall become necessary, the said accumulated Fund, or a sufficient Portion thereof, shall be applied in making such Repairs, under the Direction of the Churchwardens for the Time being.

Application of Pew-rents.

XVI. And be it enacted, That the present and future Churchwardens of the said Church shall, from and out of the said Pew-rents, and besides and in addition to the yearly Appropriation of the said Sum of Fifty Pounds for constituting, whilst requisite, a Fund for the extraordinary Repair of the said Church as aforesaid, pay and discharge all Costs and Expenses of repairing and keeping in repair the said Church, and the Pews, Sittings, Bells, and Furniture thereof, and insuring and keeping insured against Loss or Damage from Fire the Church and Furniture and Effects thereof to an Amount not less than Six thousand five hundred Pounds, and in manner herein-after provided, and also the Costs and Expenses of providing Surplices, Books, and other Things requisite for the said Church, and the Celebration of Divine Service in and administering the Sacraments and performing the Duties and Offices of the said Church, and in paying the Salaries of the Clerk, Organist, Pew Openers, Beadle, and other Officers of the said Church, and all other Expenses attending the said Church, and all other Matters necessary or expedient for or concerning the Management and Support and good Order of the said Church.

As to Insurance of Church.

XVII. And be it enacted, That every Insurance of the said Church, and of the Furniture and Effects thereof, shall be made in the Names of the Churchwardens for the Time being in such Office for Insurance against Loss or Damage by Fire as the Churchwardens may think proper, and that as the present Insurance of the said Church, Furniture, and Effects hath been effected up to the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, so upon the Appointment of Churchwardens in that Year and in each succeeding Year the Insurance shall be paid a Year in advance by the retiring Churchwardens, to the Intent that the Church and the Furniture and Effects thereof may always be the more carefully and vigilantly kept insured.

Application of Insurance Monies.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That the Churchwardens for the Time being in whose Names the said Church, Furniture, and Effects have been or shall be insured as herein-before provided, and the Executors or Administrators of the Survivor of them, shall stand possessed of the Monies

Monies to arise from such Insurance, upon trust, in the event of the said Church, Furniture, and Effects, or any Part or Parts thereof, being destroyed or damaged by Fire, and at the Instance of the Churchwardens, to lay out and expend the same in restoring or re-edifying and replacing the said Church and Furniture in such Manner as shall be approved of by the Bishop of *London* for the Time being.

Minister's Stipend.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the present and future Churchwardens shall, within One Week after their Accounts shall have been audited and signed as hereafter provided, pay unto the said *Joseph Harriman Hamilton*, or other the Minister for the Time being of the said Church, and as and for his Stipend, the Residue or Surplus of the Monies that may for the current Year for which such Audit took place have been received from the Rents of the said Pews and Sittings in the said Church, from and after making the Payments thereout herein-before directed or authorized; and that when and in case during any Year in respect whereof such Stipend is to be paid any Incumbent shall die, resign, or be removed, then such Apportionment of the said Residue or Surplus to constitute the Stipend of the said Minister for the Time being for the then current Year shall be made and take place within One Week after the Audit of the Churchwardens Account for such Year, as the Case may require, between the then Incumbent and the preceding Incumbent, or his Executors or Administrators, and the said Churchwardens shall pay such Apportionment accordingly.

Apportionment of Stipend.

XX. And be it enacted, That if Default be made in Payment of the said Stipend, or any Part or any Apportionment thereof, to the said Minister for the Time being, or to the Executors or Administrators of a preceding or deceased Incumbent, by the Space of One Calendar Month after any of the Days of Payment whereon the same ought to be paid, it shall be lawful for such Minister or Incumbent, or such Executors and Administrators, to sue for and recover the same, with full Costs of Suit, against the Churchwardens or Churchwarden for the Time being by Action or Proceeding in any Court of competent Jurisdiction.

Fees.

XXI. And be it enacted, That there shall be paid into the Hands of the Minister of the said Church for the Time being the Fees, Dues, and Perquisites which are usually and of right ought to be paid for every Marriage, Baptism, and Churching solemnized and performed in the said Church of *Saint Michael*, and that the Fees to arise therefrom shall, during the Incumbency of the present Incumbent of the District Parish of *Saint Peter, Pimlico*, be equally divided between such Incumbent and the Minister of *Saint Michael*'s

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Church; and that from and after the first Avoidance which shall take place of the Church of the said District Parish of *Saint Peter, Pimlico*, the whole of the said Fees shall belong and be paid to the Minister or Incumbent for the Time being of the said Church of *Saint Michael.*

Churchwardens to keep Account.

XXII. And be it enacted, That the present and future Churchwardens of the said Church shall keep true and perfect Entries in a proper Book or Books, to be provided from the Funds of the said Church for that Purpose, of all Sums of Money by them received on account of the Rents of the Seats or Pews as aforesaid and otherwise, and of all Sums of Money by them paid; and that all such Books and Accounts, and also the Books containing the Entries of the Rents of the Seats or Pews and Sitting Places, so to be fixed and ascertained as aforesaid, may be inspected at all convenient Times by the Pew-renters in the said Church, and by the Minister of the said Church, and all other Persons interested therein.

Churchwardens Accounts to be audited annually.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the present and future Churchwardens respectively on their quitting Office shall do all necessary Acts for transferring unto or vesting in their Successors and the Minister for the Time being of the said Church the Amount of Three *per Cent.* Consolidated or Reduced Annuities so to have been accumulated as aforesaid, and shall deliver to their Successors all such Books as are herein-before directed to be kept as aforesaid, and render a complete and proper Account of their Receipts and Payments during their Year of Office; and that for the Purpose of auditing and settling the same Accounts Two Auditors shall be appointed or chosen at the Meeting so to be called for the Choice of Churchwardens for the then ensuing Year, one of such Auditors being appointed by the Minister, and the other Auditor being chosen by the Pew-renters present at such Meeting; and that such Two Auditors shall examine and audit the said Accounts, and the same, on being signed by the said Two Auditors as approved by them, shall effectually settle and adjust the Accounts of the Churchwardens, and be conclusive as to the Amount payable to the Minister for the Time being as and for his Stipend, and as to the Amount of every or any such Apportionment as aforesaid.

Regulations as to Meetings.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That in case the Minister of the said Church cannot from any Cause whatever attend at any Meeting of Pew-renters to be called or convened under the Provisions of this Act, he shall cause the Curate for him in the said Church to attend on his Behalf at such Meeting, and who shall be considered as the Minister attending such Meeting; and that at any Meeting of Pew-renters which may take place under the Provisions of this Act the

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Minister or Curate attending on his Behalf shall take the Chair and preside, and that every Matter to be decided on by the Pew-renters shall be determined on by a Majority of the Pew-renters then present, and in case of an Equality of Votes the Chairman shall have, if he think fit, a casting Vote.

Nothing to prejudice Rights of the Bishop of London.

XXV. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prejudice any Right, Property, Privilege, or Jurisdiction of the Lord Bishop of *London* for the Time being in right of his See, or to interfere with the Provisions of the Laws in force relative to Pluralities of Livings or Benefices, and that the Curacy of the said Church of *Saint Michael, Chester Square*, shall be subject to such Laws.

General Saving.

XXVI. Saving always to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, and to Her Heirs and Successors, and to all other Persons, all such Rights and Interests (other than those which are intended to be barred and destroyed by this Act) which they or any of them had before the passing of this Act.

Interpretation of Terms.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That in this Act the following Words and Expressions shall have the several Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction; (that is to say,) the Word "Pew-renters" shall comprehend any Person renting only a Seat or Sitting in any Pew; and the Word "Pew-rent" shall signify not only Rent for a Pew, but also Rent for a Seat or Sitting; and Words importing the Singular Number shall include the Plural Number; and Words importing the Plural Number shall include the Singular Number; and Words importing the Masculine Gender shall include Females.

Public Act.

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

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