CHAP. 40.

An Act to exempt from rating Sunday and Ragged Schools. A.D. 1869.

[26th July 1869.]

WHEREAS for many years and until lately buildings used as Sunday and Ragged Schools for gratuitous education enjoyed an exemption from poor and other rates, and it is expedient that they should be exempted from such liability:

Be it therefore 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:

From 30th Sept. 1869 Sunday and Rag ged Schools may be exempted from rates for relief of poor, &c.

1. From and after the thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine every authority having power to impose or levy any rate upon the occupier of any building or part of a building used exclusively as a Sunday School or Ragged School may exempt such building or part of a building from any rate for any purpose whatever which such authority has power to impose or levy: Provided, that nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the right of exemption from rating of Sunday or Infant Schools, or for the charitable education of the poor in any churches, district churches, chapels, meeting houses, or other premises, or any vestry rooms belonging thereto, or any part thereof, by virtue of an Act passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of King William the Fourth, chapter thirty, intituled "An Act to exempt "from poor and church rates all churches, chapels, and other "places of religious worship."

Interpretation of ter ms

2. A "Sunday School" shall mean any school used for giving religious education gratuitously to children and young persons on Sunday, and on week days for the holding of classes and meetings in furtherance of the same object, and without pecuniary profit being derived therefrom.

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A "Ragged School" shall mean any school used for the gratuitous education of children and young persons of the poorest classes, and for the holding of classes and meetings in furtherance of the same object, and without any pecuniary benefit being derived therefrom except to the teacher or teachers employed.

Extent of Act.

3. This Act shall not extend to Ireland.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the "Sunday and Ragged Schools (Exemption from Rating) Act, 1869."

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