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An Act for erecting Two distinct Rectories within the Rectory and Parish of *Tilehurst*, in the County of *Berks*. [24th *July* 1820.]

WHEREAS *Thomas Sheppard*, late of *Amport* in the County of *Southampton*, Doctor in Divinity, deceased, being in his Life-time and at the Time of his Decease seized in Fee Simple of the Advowson of the Rectory of *Tilehurst*, in the Parish of *Tilehurst*, in the County of *Berks*, and within the Diocese of *Salisbury*, duly made and published his last Will and Testament in Writing, in such Manner as is required by Law for passing Real Estates, bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of *June* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twelve, whereby, after several Devises and Bequests not affecting the said Advowson, he gave, devised, and bequeathed all the Rest, Residue, and Remainder of his Real and Personal Estate whatsoever, not therein-before otherwise disposed of, unto his Wife *Sophia Sheppard*, and the Reverend Doctor *Martin Joseph Routh*, President of *Magdalen College* in the University of *Oxford*, the then and present Incumbent of the said Parish of *Tilehurst*, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, upon Trust to sell and dispose of, collect and get in the same; and the Money arising thereby and therefrom, to pay, apply, and dispose of in the following Manner; (that is to say), as to Two thousand five hundred Pounds Stock in the Four *per Cent.* Annuities, Part thereof to be applied in Manner therein mentioned, and the Residue thereof to remain and be to the Use and for the Benefit of such Person or Persons, and in such Shares and

and Proportions, Manner and Form, as the said *Sophia Sheppard* should in and by any Deed or Instrument in Writing to be sealed and executed by her in the Presence of and attested by One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, or by her last Will and Testament in Writing to be by her executed in the Presence of and attested by Two or more Witnesses, give, devise, direct, limit, or appoint the same, or any Part thereof; and in Default of such Gift, Devise, Direction, Limitation, or Appointment, in Trust and to and for the Use and Benefit of the President and Scholars of *Magdalen College, Oxford*, and their Successors; subject nevertheless, and the said Testator did thereby direct that a sufficient Sum of Money should be invested out of the same for the Purpose of raising Ten Pounds as an Augmentation to the Premium allowed for placing out each of the Boys Apprentice from the Blue Coat School in *Basingstoke*, for ever; and he did thereby nominate, constitute, and appoint his said Wife sole Executrix of his said Will, who duly proved the same in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of *Canterbury*: And whereas there were certain Codicils to the said Will, but the same did not in any Manner alter or revoke the said Devise of the Residue, so far as relates to the said Advowson: And whereas the said Testator departed this Life some time in the Month of *January* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen: And whereas the Parish of *Tilehurst*, in which are the Hamlet of *Theale* and a certain District of the same Parish called *North Street*, is very extensive, and hath in it one Parish Church called the Parish Church at *Tilehurst*, situate at a considerable Distance from *Theale* and *North Street* aforesaid, which last mentioned Places are become very populous, and in which, for the Accommodation of its Inhabitants, the said Testator *Thomas Sheppard* some Years ago erected a Chapel, with the Concurrence and Approbation of the said Doctor *Martin Joseph Routh*; and it was his Will and he did thereby endow the said Chapel with One hundred Bushels of Wheat annually for ever for the Service of the Duty to be performed there once on every *Sunday*, and Ten Bushels of Wheat annually for ever for the Purpose of keeping the said Chapel in good Repair, or so much Money as the said Wheat should amount to according to the average Price of Wheat, to be paid by the Incumbent of the said Parish for the Time being; the said Doctor *Routh* having consented and agreed thereto, and a Petition to Parliament having been presented for an Act to endow the said Chapel accordingly, but which had not as then been obtained; and in case such Act of Parliament should not thereafter be obtained, or the said Endowment could not be legally charged on the Great Tithes of the said Parish, then the said Testator did will and direct that the Land Tax then lately charged on the Advowson of the Parish of *Tilehurst* aforesaid, amounting to the Sum of Fifty-five Pounds and Five Shillings, which he had purchased, and the further Sum of Twenty-four Pounds and Fifteen Shillings to be issuing and payable out of the said Advowson, should be applied for the Service of the Duty and Repairs aforesaid, in the Proportions following, (that is to say), Sixty Pounds, Part thereof, for the Service of the Duty, and Ten Pounds, Residue thereof, as a Fund for Repairs: And whereas the Intention of the said Testator respecting the Endowment of the said Chapel hath never been carried into Execution, but the said Chapel hath been, and still is, served by an Officiating Curate, nominated by the said Rector of *Tilehurst*: And whereas owing to the Badness of the Materials with which the said Chapel was built, the defective Workmanship, or to some other Cause, it is deemed expedient

to take the same down; and the said *Sophia Sheppard* being desirous of erecting at her own Expence a substantial Church and a Parsonage House with suitable Offices in the said Hamlet of *Theale*, on a Piece of Ground of which she is seized in Fee Simple, nearly contiguous to the said Chapel, hath caused Plans to be drawn, and hath entered into a Contract with *William Garbett* of *Reading* in the County of *Berks*, Architect and Builder, for building such Church, with a Cemetery, and completing the same within Three Years, to be computed from the Eighth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, for the Sum of Seven thousand six hundred and eighty-seven Pounds and Ten Shillings, and the same is begun to be erected, and considerable Progress hath been made therein: And whereas the Revenues of the said Rectory and Vicarage of *Tilehurst*, with such Augmentations as the said *Sophia Sheppard* intends to make, and as are herein after mentioned, will be sufficient and ample for Two Rectories, and for the Maintenance of the Cure of Souls therein respectively: Therefore Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subject the said *Sophia Sheppard*, in order to promote the Cause of Religion, doth most humbly beseech 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 from and after the said Church and Parsonage House shall have been erected and completed, and after the Consecration of the said Church, the said Hamlet of *Theale*, with the said District of the said Parish of *Tilehurst* called *North Street*, shall become a Rectory separate from *Tilehurst*, and be exempted and discharged from all Power, Right, and Authority of the Rector and Parson of the Parish Church of *Tilehurst* for the Time being; and that the said Church shall be for ever thereafter a Church for all the Inhabitants within the Bounds or Precincts of the said Hamlet with *North Street*, and that the same shall be named and called "*The Church of Theale with North Street*," and that the said new Rectory shall be for ever thereafter called by the Name of "*The Rectory of Theale with North Street*;" and that the said Rector and Parson of the said Parish Church of *Tilehurst*, and his Successor, shall be from thenceforth for ever exonerated and discharged from the Cure of Souls of the Inhabitants of the said Hamlet of *Theale* with *North Street*: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to the making of a new Parish, or the altering of any Rates, Taxes, Assessments, or other Payments whatsoever, within the said Parish of *Tilehurst* and the Hamlet of *Theale* with *North Street*, except so far as relates to the Tithes as herein-after mentioned.

After the said Church shall have been erected and consecrated, the Hamlet of Theale and District called North Street to become a Rectory separate from Tilehurst.

Rector of Tilehurst to be exonerated from the Cure of Souls in Theale and North Street.

Act not to extend to Tilehurst and Theale with North Street, except as to Tithes.

II. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Tilehurst*, and of the said Hamlet of *Theale* and of *North Street*, shall not be liable to the Repairs of the said new Church, but the Expence thereof from Time to Time shall be borne and paid by and from the Means or Fund herein-after mentioned.

Inhabitants of Tilehurst, &c. not liable to the Repairs of the new Church.

III. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall exonerate or discharge the Inhabitants of the said Hamlet of *Theale* or of *North Street*, or such of them as are now liable, from contributing towards the Reparations of the said Parish Church of *Tilehurst* in like Manner as they are now liable to contribute to the same;

Inhabitants of Theale and North Street to contribute towards the Repairs of

Tilehurst Church as heretofore.

same; and that all Rights, Duties, and Exemptions touching the Repairs of the said Parish Church of *Tilehurst* shall be and remain as if this Act had not been made.

Tithes, &c. payable in respect of Lands situate in Theale and North Street, and of certain Lands in Tilehurst, to be annexed to the Rectory of Theale with North Street.

IV. And be it further enacted, That from and immediately after the Institution and Induction of a Rector to the said intended Rectory of *Theale* with *North Street*, all and every the Tithes, Tenths, Oblations, Fruits, and Obventions issuing out of and of Right due and payable to, and now had, received, and enjoyed by the Rector and Vicar of *Tilehurst* in respect of the several Lands and Hereditaments situate, lying, and being on the South Side of the Turnpike Road leading from *Reading* to *Bath*; and also in respect of the several Lands and Hereditaments comprising the said Hamlet of *Theale*, and the said District called *North Street*, situate North of the said Turnpike Road, which are bounded on the West by Lands in the Parish of *Englefield*, on Part of the North, on the East, and on the remaining Part of the North, by Lands in the Parish of *Sulham*, and on the South-east by an ancient Lane leading by *Pincent's Farm* into the said Turnpike Road at the *White Hart* Inn, and which several Lands and Hereditaments are particularly delineated and described in a certain Map of the Parish of *Tilehurst*, referred to in and annexed to a certain Award of the Commissioners appointed in and by a certain Act of Parliament made and passed in the Fifty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for inclosing Lands in the Parish of* Tilehurst, *in the County of* Berks; and also all Easter Dues, Surplice Fees, and other Emoluments payable to the present Incumbent of *Tilehurst*, or by the Curate of the said Chapel for parochial Duties within the said Hamlet of *Theale*, shall for ever thereafter be annexed to the said Rectory of *Theale* with *North Street*, and belong and be paid to the Rector thereof for the Time being for ever.

The Sum of 55*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* perAnn. Land Tax charged upon the Rectory of Tilehurst to be paid to the Rector of Theale with North Street for the Time being.

V. And be it further enacted, That from and after such Institution and Induction as aforesaid, the herein-before mentioned Sum of Fifty-five Pounds and Five Shillings *per Annum* Land Tax, charged upon the Rectory and Vicarage of *Tilehurst* aforesaid, and purchased, by the said *Thomas Sheppard* deceased, of the Commissioners appointed for the Purposes of an Act, intituled *An Act for making perpetual, subject to Redemption and Purchase in the Manner therein stated, the several Sums of Money now charged in* Great Britain *as a Land Tax, for One Year, from the Twenty-fifth Day of* March *One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight*, shall be annexed to the said Rectory of *Theale* with *North Street*; and that the Rector of *Tilehurst* for the Time being shall pay unto the Rector of *Theale* for the Time being for ever, the said Sum of Fifty-five Pounds and Five Shillings *per Annum*, being the Land Tax charged on the said Rectory of *Tilehurst*; the same to be paid on the usual and accustomed Days of Payment in each Year, and to be recoverable as is in and by the said Act or by any other Act or Acts of Parliament directed and provided.

Lands situate at Theale, on Part of which the new Church is now erecting, to be annexed to the Rectory of

VI. And be it further enacted, That from and after such Institution and Induction as aforesaid, all those Nine Acres of Land or Ground, be the same more or less, situate and being in *Theale* aforesaid, on Part of which the said Church is now erecting, with other the Hereditaments and Appurtenances comprized in and conveyed to the said *Sophia Sheppard*, her Heirs and Assigns, by certain Indentures of Lease and Release, bearing Date

Theale with North Street as Glebe Land.

Date respectively the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Days of *September* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, the Release being made between *Peter Lovegrove* of the First Part, *Sarah Sherwood*, Widow, of the Second Part, the said *Sophia Sheppard* of the Third Part, and *William Stone* of the Fourth Part; and by certain other Indentures of Lease and Release, bearing Date respectively the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Days of *November* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and made between *John Wilder* Esquire of the one Part, and the said *Sophia Sheppard* of the other Part, shall be for ever thereafter annexed to the said Rectory of *Theale* with *North Street*, and belong to and held and enjoyed by the Rectory thereof for the Time being for ever, as and for Glebe Land, and which Nine Acres of Land are particularly mentioned and described in the First Schedule to this Act annexed.

Power given to the said S. Sheppard, or any other Persons, to demise Lands, &c. in Trust for the Rector of Theale, in Augmentation of the Revenues of the Rectory.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Sophia Sheppard*, and to and for any other Person or Persons whomsoever, at any Time or Times hereafter, to give, grant, demise, or convey to or for the Use of or in Trust for the Rector of *Theale* with *North Street* aforesaid for the Time being, and his Successors for ever, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, not exceeding in the Whole the annual Value of One hundred Pounds, in Augmentation of the Revenues of the same Rectory, without any Licence to take or purchase in Mortmain, and notwithstanding any Law, Statutes, Custom, or other Impediment or Disability whatsoever.

Churchwardens and other Officers to be chosen for Theale with North Street.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That as soon after the Consecration of the said Church as conveniently may be, Two fit Persons shall be nominated and appointed Churchwardens thereof, until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, or within Fourteen Days after the said Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, next after such Appointment, and from thenceforth upon every Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, or within Fourteen Days after the said Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, yearly for ever, Two fit Persons shall be nominated and appointed out of the Proprietors and Renters of Land situate in *Theale* or *North Street*, or both of them, to be Churchwardens of the same Church for the Time being, one of such Churchwardens to be nominated by the Rector for the Time being, and the other by the Inhabtiants of *Theale* and *North Street*, to be assembled in Vestry for that Purpose; and the Rector for the Time being of the said Church of *Theale* with *North Street*, is hereby authorized and empowered to nominate and appoint proper Persons to the Offices of Clerk and Sexton, and to such other Offices or Places as he shall think proper, and from Time to Time remove, or displace any such Officer or Officers, and appoint others in his or their Stead, or in the Stead of such of them as shall die or decline or become incapable to perform their Offices respectively; and the said Church, and the Minister, and also the Churchwardens thereof, shall be under and subject to the ordinary Jurisdiction of the Bishop of *Salisbury*, and shall be visited in such Manner as other Churches within the Diocese of *Salisbury* are visited.

Fund for keeping the new Church in repair.

IX. And be it further enacted, That within Two Years after the Consecration of the said Church of *Theale* with *North Street* shall have taken place, the said *Sophia Sheppard*, or her Heirs, Appointees, or Assigns, and she and they are hereby required to place at Interest, upon good and

and sufficient Security, in the Name of the Rector and Churchwardens of the Church of *Theale* with *North Street*, for the Time being, the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and the Interest or Dividends thereof shall from Time to Time accumulate and be added to the Principal till the whole shall amount to Three hundred Pounds, for providing a Fund for and to be laid out and applied by the said Minister and Churchwardens for the Time being in the necessary Expences of supporting and keeping in Repair the Roof, Main Walls, Timbers, and all other Parts of the said Church, and the Churchyard and Fences, so that the same may at all Times be preserved in good Repair and Condition: Provided always, that in the Application of the said Sum of Money the same shall never be reduced below the Sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds, which Sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds shall be, as soon as may be done conveniently, laid out in the Purchase of Land, or other Hereditaments by the Rector of *Theale* with *North Street*, and the Churchwardens thereof for the Time being, which shall be conveyed to and vested in Feoffees being Inhabitants of *Theale* and *North Street*, to the Number of Ten, to be nominated and appointed by the Rector and Churchwardens who may be Feoffees, which Persons shall stand seized of such Land or other Hereditaments to the Use and for the Purpose of applying the Rents and Profits thereof as a continual Provision for Repairs of the said Church, Churchyard, and Fences, and for the beautifying or improving the said Church, as shall appear proper to the said Minister and Churchwardens thereof for the Time being; provided, that when and so often as such Feoffees shall by Death or other Incapacity to act be reduced to the Number of Four, the Survivors shall make and execute a fresh Deed of Feoffment, and convey the said Land or other Hereditaments to Six new Feoffees, being such Inhabitants, and to be nominated and appointed as aforesaid, who, together with such surviving Feoffees, shall stand seized thereof, to the Use and for the Purpose aforesaid.

Feoffees may lease Lands that may be purchased.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Feoffees for the Time being, by Indenture or Indentures under their Hands and Seals, with the Consent and Approbation of the Bishop of the Diocese and the Patron of the said Rectory, to lease or demise all or any Part or Parts of the Land so to be purchased to any Person or Persons whomsoever, for any Term not exceeding Twenty-one Years, to commence within Twelve Calendar Months next after the passing of this Act, so that the Rent or Rents for the same shall be thereby reserved to the said Feoffees for the Time being by Four equal Quarterly Payments in every Year, and so that there be thereby also reserved and made payable to such Rector the best and most improved Rent or Rents that can be reasonably had or gotten for the same, without taking any Fine, Premium, Foregift, Sum of Money, or other Consideration for the making or granting any such Lease or Demise, and so that no Lessee by any such Lease or Demise be made dispunishable for Waste by any express Words to be therein contained, and so that there be inserted and contained in every such Lease a Covenant for Payment of the Rent or Rents, and a Power of Re-entry, on Non-payment of the Rent or Rents to be thereby reserved, within a reasonable Time to be therein limited after the same shall become due, and so that a Counterpart of such Lease be duly executed by the Lessee or Lessees to whom such Lease shall be so made as aforesaid, and every

such Lease shall be good, valid, and effectual, any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

XI. And whereas the said Advowson of the Rectory and Vicarage of *Tilehurst* having passed under the herein-before mentioned Devise and Bequest contained in the said Will of the said *Thomas Sheppard*, of the Rest, Residue and Remainder of his Real and Personal Estate to the said *Sophia Sheppard* and *Martin Joseph Routh*, upon Trust to sell and dispose of the same, and the Money arising therefrom being by the said Will given to the Use and for the Benefit of such Person or Persons, and in such Parts, Shares, and Proportions, Manner and Form, as the said *Sophia Sheppard* should by any Deed or Instrument in Writing, to be sealed and delivered by her in the Presence of and attested by One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, or by her last Will and Testament in Writing to be by her executed in the Presence of and attested by Two or more Witnesses, give, devise, direct, limit, or appoint the same, or any Part thereof; and in Default of such Gift, Devise, Direction, Limitation, or Appointment, in Trust and to and for the Use and Benefit of the President and Scholars of *Magdalen College, Oxford:* And whereas it would be not inconsistent with the Views and Wishes of the said Testator, if the said Advowson were not sold, and if the said *Sophia Sheppard* were to exercise the same Power of Disposition and Appointment of the said Advowson, as she would have a Right to exercise over the Fund arising from the Sale thereof if the same were sold; be it therefore enacted, That the said *Sophia Sheppard* and *Martin Joseph Routh*, or their Heirs, shall not be obliged or compellable to sell the said Advowson of the Rectory and Vicarage of *Tilehurst*, but that it shall and may be lawful for the said *Sophia Sheppard* to give, devise, direct, limit, or appoint the said several Advowsons of the Rectories of *Tilehurst* and *Theale* with *North Street*, by Deed or Will, to the Use and for the Benefit of any Person or Persons whomsoever, it being by this Act expressly declared and intended that the said *Sophia Sheppard* shall have the same Power of Appointment and Disposition thereof respectively as she would have had in respect of the Money produced by the Sale thereof, if the same had been sold; and that her Disposition and Appointment of the said Advowsons shall be to all Intents and Purposes as valid and effectual as if she had appointed and disposed of the Money arising from the Sale thereof.

The said S. Sheppard and M. J. Routh (notwithstanding the Trusts of Dr. Sheppard's Will) not to be compellable to sell; but the said S. Sheppard to have the same Power of Appointment of the Two Advowsons as she would have had in respect of the Money produced by the Sale thereof if the same had been sold.

XII. And be it hereby further enacted, That in case the said *Sophia Sheppard* shall not by Deed or Will give, devise, direct, limit, or appoint the said Advowsons, then that the said President and Scholars of *Magdalen College* shall be absolutely entitled to the said Advowsons in failure of such Gift, Devise, Direction, Limitation, or Appointment: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend so as to bar, hinder, or prevent the said President and Scholars from having or enjoying such or the like contingent or eventual Right or Title to the said Advowsons as by virtue of the said Will they would have had to the Money arising from the Sale thereof, in case the same had been sold.

In default of Appointment by the said S. Sheppard, the President and Scholars of Magdalen College shall be absolutely entitled to the Advowsons.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Persons who from Time to Time shall be instituted and inducted to the said Rectory of *Theale* with *North Street*, shall be called 'The Rector of *Theale* with *North Street*,' and shall be entitled to all the Profits, Advantages, and Commodities belonging to

Rector of Theale with North Street for the Time being to en-

Joy all Rights within the same.

to the same Benefice, and shall have and enjoy all other Rights and Privileges which any Rectors or Spiritual Persons may claim or are entitled to by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm and no otherwise; and the

Right of Presentation to be vested in the said S. Sheppard until Power of Appointment be exercised.

Right of Presentation to the said Rectories of *Tilehurst* and *Theale* with *North Street*, until such Gift, Devise, Direction, Limitation, or Appointment of the said *Sophia Sheppard* shall take place which she is by this Act empowered to make, shall be vested in the said *Sophia Sheppard*; and she or such Person or Persons in Favour of whom such Gift, Devise, Direction, Limitation, or Appointment shall be made, shall be considered the Patron or Patrons of the said Rectories of *Tilehurst* and *Theale* with *North Street*, and shall and may have and maintain all such Writs and Actions as any Patron of any other Presentation Benefice may have or do by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, and no otherwise; and all Spiritual Persons from Time to Time presented as aforesaid, and canonically instituted and inducted, shall be deemed, allowed, and acknowledged as Rectors of *Tilehurst* and *Theale* with *North Street* respectively, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and shall have and enjoy all other Rights and Privileges which any Rectors or Spiritual Persons may claim or are entitled to by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, and no otherwise.

Rector of Theale not to be presented till Death of Rector of Tilehurst.

XIV. Provided, and it is hereby further enacted, That the intended Rector of *Theale* with *North Street* shall not be presented to the Rectory thereof until after the Decease or Resignation of the Rectory of *Tilehurst* by the present Incumbent.

New Church, when consecrated, subject to Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the said new Church of *Theale* with *North Street*, when the same shall have been duly consecrated, and every Minister officiating therein for the Time being, shall be subject in all respects to the ordinary Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction by Law established, and Divine Service shall be from Time to Time for ever thereafter performed in the said Church, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* as by Law established.

Marriages solemnized in the new Church to be valid.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That all Marriages to be duly solemnized in the said Church of *Theale* with *North Street* according to and in pursuance of the Provisions and Directions of an Act made in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the better preventing of Clandestine Marriages*, shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law; and a Register of every such Marriage, or a Copy thereof, shall be received in all Courts of Law and Equity as Evidence of Marriage, in such or the like Manner as the Register of any Marriage solemnized in any Parish Church is received in Evidence.

Laws concerning the Clergy to extend to the Rectory of Theale with North Street.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That all the Public and General Laws and Statutes of this Realm now in being concerning Rectories and Parochial Clergy, shall be in full Force and have Effect and Operation in all Respects in regard to the said Rectory of *Theale* with *North Street*, in like Manner as if the same had been originally a Rectory, except as otherwise directed by this Act.

Right of Appointment to Sittings, and Appropria-

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Right of Appointment from Time to Time to Sittings in and Appropriation of the Pews, Seats, and Benches in the said new Church shall, and the same is hereby declared to be

be vested in the Rector of *Theale* with *North Street* for the Time being, provided that such Appointment and Appropriation from Time to Time shall not extend to Persons not being Inhabitants of the Hamlet of *Theale*, and the said District called *North Street*, or actually dwelling within the Boundaries of the Lands and Hereditaments, in respect of which the Tithes, Tenths, Oblations, Fruits, and Obventions are by this Act annexed to the Rectory of *Theale* with *North Street*, except the Inhabitant or Inhabitants for the Time being, of a certain Messuage, Tenement, or Inn now in the Occupation of *George Button*, commonly called the *White Hart*, situate on the North Side of the *Bath* Road, leading and near to the said Hamlet of *Theale*, and that no Rent or other Consideration be had or taken for such Appointment and Appropriation: Provided also, that the Right of sitting in such Pews, Seats, and Benches by virtue of such Appointment and Appropriation, shall only continue so long as the Householder to whom such Appointment and Appropriation shall be made remains an Inhabitant of any of the said several Places, and that there shall be no such Right by Representation after the Decease of any such Person.

Appropriation of Pews to be in the Rector of Theale with North Street.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the said new Church and Parsonage House and Offices when erected and consecrated, and the Freehold and Inheritance thereof respectively, and of the Church Yard, with all and every the Appurtenances thereunto belonging, shall be vested in the Rector of *Theale* with *North Street* for the Time being for ever.

Freehold of Church, &c. vested in the Rector for the Time being.

XX. And whereas inasmuch as the Tithes of certain Lands and Hereditaments now received and enjoyed by the Rector of *Tilehurst* are by this Act annexed to the Rectory of *Theale* with *North Street*; be it enacted, That in lieu thereof Two several Farms, and divers Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments situate in the said Parish of *Tilehurst*, lately bought and purchased by the said *Sophia Sheppard* of the said *Martin Joseph Routh*, for the Sum of Nine thousand five hundred and two Pounds, and conveyed to the said *Sophia Sheppard*, her Heirs and Assigns for ever, by certain Indentures of Lease and Release, bearing Date respectively the First and Second Days of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twenty, and made between the said *Martin Joseph Routh* of the one Part and the said *Sophia Sheppard* of the other Part, and in the Second Schedule to this Act annexed more particularly mentioned and described, shall from and after the Institution and Induction of the Rector of *Theale* with *North Street*, be for ever annexed to the said Rectory and Vicarage of *Tilehurst*, and belong to and held and enjoyed, and the Rents, Issues, and Profits had, received, and taken by the Rector of *Tilehurst* for the Time being for ever.

Certain Farms, Lands, &c. situate in the Parish of Tilehurst to be annexed to the Rectory thereof.

XXI. And whereas by annexing to the said Rectory of *Tilehurst* the said Farms, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, the said *Martin Joseph Routh*, the present Incumbent thereof, will have from Time to Time an additional Number of Buildings to support and keep in Repair; be it enacted, That the personal Representatives of the said *Martin Joseph Routh* shall not be, in respect of Dilapidations, called upon or required to pay a greater Sum than Five hundred Pounds, although such Dilapidations exceed that Sum; provided that nothing herein contained shall entitle the succeeding Rector of *Tilehurst* to receive the Sum of Five hundred

Personal Representations of the present Incumbent of Tilehurst not to be liable to the Charges and Expences of Dilapidation beyond a certain Amount,

Pounds, unless the said Dilapidations shall in the Opinion of Two Surveyors amount thereto, one of which Surveyors shall be appointed by the personal Representative of the present Rector, and the other by his Successor.

General Saving.

XXII. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to all and every other Person and Persons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, their Heirs and Successors, (other than and except the said *Sophia Sheppard* and her Heirs, and also the said Rector of *Tilehurst* and his Successors,) all such Right, Title, and Interest which they or either of them had, or have, or has, in or to the said Rectory of *Tilehurst* before the passing of this Act, or could or ought to have had if this Act had not been made.

Public Act.

XXIII. 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.

The First SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

	A.	R.	P.	Quantity. A.	R.	P.	Annual Value. £	s.	d.
Chapel Fields and Chapel - -	7	0	0						
Arable Land adjoining thereto, with a Barn thereon - - - - -	2	0	0	9	0	0	17	0	0

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The Second SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

	Quantities. A. R. P.	Annual Value. £ s. d.
IVEY HOUSE FARM.		
Dwelling House, Barn, Two Carthouses, Yard and Garden	0 2 15	5 0 0
A Meadow	3 0 18	7 15 7
Six Acres	6 3 35	25 15 9
Upper Six Acres	5 3 28	
Widemoor	2 0 30	4 18 5
Eight Acres	7 0 31	14 7 9
Lawrence's Hill	7 1 27	12 19 8
Spring Close	7 1 14	10 5 5
Lower Lawrence Hill	4 2 25	9 15 7
Hop Garden	2 2 10	5 15 4
Common Allotment near Kentwood Farm	5 0 2	5 0 3
Total	52 3 35	101 13 9
Deduct Land Tax	- -	5 16 9
		95 17 0
NORTHCOTE FARM.		
A new Dwelling House, Brick and Tile built, Three Barns, Stabling for Six Horses, Cow Pens, Pig Sties, Yard and Garden	0 3 18	8 0 0
A Pightle	1 0 25	2 17 10
Meadow	2 0 4	5 1 3
In Northcote Meadow	6 1 30	20 5 7
Fifteen Acres	15 2 14	113 18 6
Ten Acres	10 3 12	
Fifteen Acres	14 3 27	
Nine Acres	12 3 27	
Newbury's	4 1 7	6 8 10
Picked Pightle	2 3 10	5 12 9
Hawkins's Pightle	1 3 22	
Common Allotment near Kentwood Farm	4 3 0	4 15 0
Cottages and Gardens near Kentwood Farm	0 1 8	1 0 0
Total	78 3 4	167 19 9
Deduct Land Tax	- -	9 12 3
		158 7 6
Close of Pasture near Tilehurst Parsonage House, called Lanton Creed	5 0 0	12 10 0

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