



## CHAPTER clxxi.

An Act to authorise the Institution known as the Bristol Asylum or School of Industry for the Blind to acquire and to hold lands for the purposes of that Institution and to make further provision with respect to the constitution of the committee of management and the management of the Institution the investment of the moneys of the Institution and for other purposes.

A.D. 1905.

[4th August 1905.]

**W**HEREAS a charitable institution for the relief of blind persons has existed for many years past in the city of Bristol under the name of "The Bristol Asylum or School of Industry for the Blind":

And whereas by an Act passed in the second year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth the president vice-presidents and treasurer of the said Institution and every person who had then contributed or might thereafter contribute to the said Institution the sum of ten pounds at any one time as a donation or who might then or thereafter contribute a sum of not less than one pound one shilling as an annual subscription (but only during the continuance of such annual subscription) were incorporated as a body corporate (hereinafter referred to as "the governing body") with a common seal and with power to hold the houses and buildings then belonging to the said Institution and to purchase and hold other houses buildings and lands tenements and hereditaments not exceeding six acres within the city of Bristol or within two miles of the Exchange of that city:

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And whereas the affairs of the said Institution are conducted by a committee (hereinafter called "the committee") annually appointed under the powers of the Act of 1832 by the general annual meeting of the donors and subscribers to the Institution:

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And whereas the said Institution is in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1832 carried on upon premises situate in the city of Bristol but such premises have become unsuitable and are inadequate for carrying out the objects of the Institution and it is expedient that the Act of 1832 should be amended and further powers conferred upon the governing body for the acquisition and holding of additional land as in this Act contained :

And whereas by the Act of 1832 provisions are made with reference to the time and place of meetings of the donors and subscribers to the Institution and as to the chairmanship of the committee appointed as in the said Act prescribed and it is expedient that such provisions should be altered and that the provisions in this Act contained should be made in respect thereto :

And whereas it is expedient to amend the provisions of the Act of 1832 with respect to the chaplaincy of the Institution and with respect to the investment of money :

And whereas the schools of the Institution have been certified by the Board of Education under the provisions of the Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act 1893 as suitable for providing education for blind children and the governing body have entered into arrangements with the lord mayor aldermen and burgesses of the city of Bristol as the local education authority for the district of that city for the reception of blind children residing within the district of such education authority and for the payments by such education authority to the governing body in respect of such children :

And whereas doubts have arisen as to the powers of the governing body to enter into such arrangements and it is expedient that powers should be conferred upon the governing body to enter into arrangements with any education or other authority or body having the care of or being responsible for the education or maintenance of blind persons and for the payments to be made by any such education or other authority or body :

And whereas it is expedient that the other provisions contained in this Act should be made :

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say):—

A.D. 1905.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Bristol Blind Asylum Act 1905. Short title.

**2.** In this Act the following expressions shall have the meanings respectively assigned thereto (that is to say):— Interpretation.

“The Act of 1832” means the Act 2 William 4. c. xxxix. intituled “An Act for better governing and regulating an Institution in the City of Bristol called and known by the name of the Bristol Asylum or School of Industry for the Blind”;

“The committee” means the committee annually appointed by the donors and subscribers to the Institution;

“The governing body” means the president vice-presidents treasurer and members of the Bristol Asylum or School of Industry for the Blind.

**3.** The governing body may at any time after the passing of this Act by agreement purchase or otherwise acquire and may hold for the purposes of the Institution lands not exceeding fifty acres in extent and within ten miles of the Exchange in the city of Bristol and they may lay out and utilise such lands and erect construct provide and fit up thereon suitable buildings and schools with dwellings offices workshops yards approaches conveniences and appurtenances connected therewith and they may from time to time repair and maintain or alter such buildings schools dwellings offices workshops yards approaches conveniences and appurtenances in such manner as to them shall seem fit. Power to acquire hold and use lands.

**4.** The committee may with the sanction of a meeting of the donors and subscribers to the Institution from time to time sell and dispose of either for a sum in gross or on fee farm rents or perpetual rentcharges any of the lands held on behalf of the Institution (including the existing site) and which in the opinion of the committee may not be required for the purposes thereof. As to disposal of lands.

**5.** From and after the passing of this Act the general annual meeting of the donors and subscribers to the Institution shall be held on such date in the months of March or April as As to holding of general annual meeting.

A.D. 1905. — the committee may from time to time fix and such meeting may be held at the Asylum or at such place in or near to the city of Bristol as the committee may determine.

Constitution of committee.

**6.**—(1) The committee shall consist of the president vice-presidents and treasurer and the fifteen other members for the time being appointed by the general annual meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1832 Provided that a general annual meeting may at any time increase the number of members of the committee.

(2) The committee may associate with themselves for transacting and managing the affairs of the Institution for their current year of office any person or persons who may at the instance of the committee and although not a donor or subscriber be nominated by any local educational or other authority or body who shall have entered into an agreement as by this Act provided with the committee and any such associated member shall notwithstanding anything in the Act of 1832 contained be entitled to exercise all the rights of a donor or subscriber:

Provided that the total number of such associated members of the committee shall not at any time exceed one fourth of the total number for the time being of the committee including such associated members.

Appointment of chairman of committee of management.

**7.** Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act of 1832 the committee may from time to time elect one of their number to be chairman of the committee for such period and subject to such conditions as the committee may determine.

As to appointment of chaplain.

**8.** After the passing of this Act the chaplain of the Institution shall be appointed by the committee anything contained in the Act of 1832 to the contrary notwithstanding.

Investment of money.

**9.**—(1) After the passing of this Act the funds of the Institution may be invested in any manner in which trustees are for the time being by law authorised to invest trust funds or in which moneys standing to the credit of any cause or matter in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice may be invested.

(2) The income from the stocks funds or other securities of the Institution shall be applied in or towards the carrying on and maintenance of the Institution under the provisions of the Act of 1832 and this Act.

(3) The committee may from time to time appoint such number of persons not being less than three as they may think

fit to be the trustees of the stocks funds or other securities of the Institution and the trustees so appointed shall exercise in lieu of the treasurer the powers of the Act of 1832 and this Act with respect to the investment of the funds of the Institution and such of the stocks funds and securities belonging to the Institution at the date of the appointment of such trustees as the committee may direct shall be transferred to or otherwise vested in such trustees and any moneys which would under the Act of 1832 have been laid out or invested in the names of the president vice-presidents treasurer and members of the Bristol Asylum or School of Industry for the Blind shall be laid out or invested by such trustees in accordance with the provisions of this Act either in their own names or as the committee shall direct.

(4) Any lands acquired by process of foreclosure shall be disposed of by the governing body within three years from the date of the acquisition thereof.

**10.** The committee may enter into and carry into effect agreements and arrangements with any local education authority or other authority or body charged with the maintenance or education of blind persons for the reception maintenance and education of such persons under the care of the Institution and with respect to the payments to be made for such reception maintenance or education.

Agreements with education and other authorities.

**11.** Nothing in this Act or in the Act of 1832 shall derogate from the powers of the Board of Education in respect of the Institution under the Charitable Trusts Acts 1853 to 1894 or under the Endowed Schools Acts 1869 1873 and 1874 and any provision of this Act or the Act of 1832 may on the application of the governing body be altered by scheme under the said Charitable Trusts Acts.

Saving for powers of Board of Education and as to alteration of Acts by scheme.

**12.** The costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the treasurer out of any moneys for the time being in his hands on account of the Institution.

Costs of Act.

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