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GEORGI III. REGIS.

Cap. xlvi.

An Act for amending Two Acts of His present Majesty, so far as the same relate to the Establishment of Chapels in the *East, West, and Wildmore Fens* in the County of *Lincoln*. [8th May 1818.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for altering, amending, and rendering more effectual an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled 'An Act for dividing and allotting a certain Fen called Wildmore Fen, in the County of Lincoln; and for dividing, allotting in Severalty, and inclosing the Parochial or General Allotments set out or to be set out in pursuance of the said Act, for compensating for the Tithes of such Allotments, and for declaring and determining to what Parish or Parishes the several Allotments of the said Fen shall belong:'* And whereas another Act was passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for amending and rendering more effectual an Act of His present Majesty, for dividing and allotting certain Fens called the East and West Fens in the County of Lincoln, and for dividing and inclosing the Parochial Allotments, Lands and Grounds belonging to and in certain Parishes having Right of Common on the said Fens, and for declaring to what Parishes such Allotments shall belong:'* And whereas the Commissioners in the said Acts named were required to allot Part of the Lands in the said Fens, unto the Chancellor of the Duchy of *Lancaster* for the Time being, the Lord Bishop of *Lincoln*, the Lord of the Manor of *Armtree* with *Wildmore*, the Lord Bishop of *Carlisle*, and the Archdeacon of *Lincoln*,

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and their Successors for the Time being, to be held by them and their Successors for the Time being for the Use and Benefit of such Person and Persons as might be duly appointed to serve as Minister or Ministers of any Chapel or Chapels which might by Authority of Parliament be built, consecrated and set apart for the Worship of Almighty God, according to the Laws Ecclesiastical of this Realm, within the said *East, West, and Wildmore Fens*, or any or either of them, for the Use of such Person and Persons as might from Time to Time inhabit Houses upon the said Fens respectively; and the Rents and Profits to arise from such Lands were by the said Acts directed to be applied towards discharging the Expences of building any Chapel or Chapels and House or Houses which might be authorized by Parliament to be erected and built within the said *East, West, and Wildmore Fens*, for the Residence of the officiating Ministers of such Chapel or Chapels, and for increasing the Stipend or Stipends of any Minister or Ministers, who might be appointed to officiate in such Chapel or Chapels, or for purchasing Lands for their Use as Glebe: And whereas the Commissioners in the said Acts named have, pursuant to the Directions of the said Acts, set out and allotted unto the said Trustees several Plots or Parcels of Land in the said *East, West, and Wildmore Fens*, containing together Five hundred and sixty-nine Acres Three Roods and Twenty-one Perches or thereabouts: And whereas Two Chapels have been erected in the said Fens, One of such Chapels upon a Part of the Lands in the said *Wildmore Fen* so allotted to the Trustees in the said Acts named, and the other of such Chapels upon a Piece of Land belonging to *John Holland Gentleman*, in the *West Fen*, being Part of the Parochial Allotment to that Part of the Parish of *Boston* called *Boston East*: And whereas Part of the Rents and Profits of the Lands so allotted to the Trustees in the said Acts named have been applied for the Purpose of erecting the said Chapels: And whereas from the increased and increasing Population of the said Fens it is expedient that the Trustees of the said Lands should be empowered to erect and build such additional Chapel or Chapels in the said Fens as Circumstances may require, and also to appoint Ministers with suitable Stipends, as well to the said Chapels already erected, as to any Chapels which may hereafter be erected; and that the said Trustees should also be authorized to erect or purchase Houses for the Residence of such Ministers, and to purchase or receive in Exchange any Lands, conveniently situated for the Erection of such Chapels or Houses, or suitable for Glebe Lands for the Use of any such Minister; but inasmuch as no Provisions are contained in the said Acts for such Purposes, it is desirable that the said Acts should, as far as respects the Establishment of Chapels in the said Fens, be amended; 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, That the Five Trustees in the said Acts named, *videlicet*, the Chancellor of the Duchy of *Lancaster* for the Time being, the Lord Bishop of *Lincoln*, the Lord of the Manor of *Armtree* with *Wildmore*, the Lord Bishop of *Carlisle*, and the Archdeacon of *Lincoln*, and their Successors for the Time being, shall be and they are hereby appointed Trustees for carrying this Act into Execution; and that all Powers, Authorities, Directions, Acts, Matters and Things by the said recited Acts or this Act given to or directed to be done by the said Trustees, may be done and executed by any Three of them, and shall be as valid and effectual as if executed by all of them.

Appointment
of Trustees.

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act.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees and their Successors for the Time being are hereby authorized and empowered to erect and build or cause to be erected and built such and so many additional Chapels as to them shall appear necessary in such Parts of the said Fens, as to them shall seem most convenient, and also to erect and build or to purchase or receive in exchange Houses with proper and convenient Offices appurtenant thereto, suitable for the Residence of the respective Ministers who shall be appointed to officiate, as well in the said Chapels already erected, as in those which shall be hereafter erected under the Authority of this Act, and to appropriate and inclose a sufficient Cemetery or Burial Ground to each of such Chapels, and to lay out and expend in erecting, building, and completing such Chapels and Houses, and in rebuilding or repairing the same from Time to Time as Occasion may require, so much of any Monies as have arisen or as may hereafter arise from the Rents and Profits of the said Plots or Parcels of Land so set out to the said Trustees as aforesaid, and also such further Sums of Money as the said Trustees may from Time to Time borrow under the Powers and Authority of this Act.

Trustees empowered to erect additional Chapels and Houses for the Residence of Ministers.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees to receive and apply any Voluntary Contribution or Gifts in aid of the Purposes aforesaid, and towards the building and completing of such Chapels and Houses.

Appropriation of Voluntary Contribution to Trustees ;

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees from Time to Time to borrow and take up at Interest any Sum or Sums of Money which may be necessary for the Purpose of building, erecting and completing any such Additional Chapel or Chapels, or Houses as aforesaid, and from Time to Time to pay off any Sums so borrowed, and to raise other Sums for the Purposes aforesaid, so as that the principal Sum so to be borrowed shall not at any one Time exceed Two thousand Pounds ; and it shall be lawful for the said Trustees by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to demise or mortgage any Part of such Plots or Parcels of Land to such Person or Persons as shall be willing to advance and lend Money thereon as a Security for the Re-payment of the Money so advanced, with Interest for the same.

who may borrow not exceeding Two thousand Pounds.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees to contract and agree with any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporation or Corporations, Aggregate or Sole, or with any Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbans, Guardians or Committees of or for Lunatics or Idiots who shall be or be deemed to be the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, or otherwise interested in any Lands, Grounds or Hereditaments which the said Trustees shall judge necessary and proper to be purchased for the Purpose of erecting any Chapel or Chapels thereon, or for a Burial Ground or Burial Grounds, House or Houses, and Glebe Lands which may be appropriated for the Residence and Benefit of any such Minister or Ministers, not exceeding One Acre for each Chapel and Burial Ground, nor exceeding Ten Acres for each such House and Glebe Lands to be attached thereto, and to pay for the same such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be agreed upon by the said Trustees and the Persons interested therein, out of the Monies which have arisen or may hereafter arise from the Rents and Profits of the Lands and Grounds so set out to the

Trustees may purchase Land.

the said Trustees by virtue of the said recited Acts, or out of any Money to be borrowed or raised by virtue of this Act.

Incapacitated
Persons may
sell Land.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate and Collegiate, and for all Corporations whether Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees of or for Lunatics and Idiots, and all other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on Behalf of themselves, but also for and on Behalf of their Cestuique Trusts respectively, whether Infants or Issues unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert or other Person or Persons under any Disability of acting for himself, herself or themselves, and also to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised in their own Right, and to and for all Persons whether Tenants for Life, in Tail general or special, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, who is or are or shall be seised, possessed of or interested in any Lands, Grounds or Hereditaments which it may be desirable to purchase for the Purposes of this Act, to treat and agree with the said Trustees for carrying this Act into Execution for the absolute Sale of any Pieces or Parcels of Land with or without any Buildings thereon, and to convey the same to the said Trustees and their Successors for the Purposes of this Act; and that all Contracts, Sales and Conveyances which shall be so made shall be valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, any Law, Statute, Usage or other Matter or Thing to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and that all such Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, Committees of Idiots and Lunatics, and Husbands, and all other Persons shall be and are hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue or in pursuance of this Act; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees and their Successors to hold such Lands and Premises so purchased without incurring or being subject to any of the Penalties and Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain.

On Payment
of Money
Premises to
be conveyed.

VII. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Money so contracted or agreed to be paid for the Purchase of such Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments by the said Trustees, or for the Purchase of any Estate or Interest therein to the Party or Persons respectively entitled to such Money or Monies, such Person or Persons shall make and execute, or procure to be made and executed, good, valid, and legal Conveyances, Surrenders, Assignments and Assurances in the Law to the said Trustees and their Successors, in Trust for the Purposes of this Act, and for the Purposes for which the said Lands set out by virtue of the said recited Acts have been allotted to the said Trustees; and upon the Conveyance of such Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim and Demand in Law and Equity of the Person or Persons respectively for whose Use the same shall be paid, in, to or out of such Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Trustees and their Successors for ever for the Uses and Purposes aforesaid; which Conveyances, Surrenders, Assignments and Assurances may be in the following Form; (that is to say,)

‘ I, *A. B.* of _____ in consideration of the Sum of _____
‘ paid by the Trustees acting by virtue of an Act of Parliament passed
‘ in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled
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[*here set forth the Title of this Act*], do hereby grant and release to the
 said Trustees and their Successors, all my Right, Title and Interest to
 and in the same and every Part thereof, to hold to the said Trustees and
 their Successors for ever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 Hand and Seal, the Day of in the Year
 of our Lord

VIII. And be it further enacted, That immediately after the Execution
 of such Conveyance, the Trustees acting under and by virtue of this Act,
 shall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Seisin or Possession thereof to
 all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as fully and effectually as if every Per-
 son having an Estate in the Premises had actually conveyed the same by
 Lease and Release, Bargain and Sale enrolled, Feoffment with Livery
 of Seisin, Fine, Common Recovery, Surrender or any other Conveyance
 or Assurance in the Law whatsoever; and such Payment shall not only
 bar all Right, Title, Interest, Claim and Demand of the Person or Per-
 sons to whose Credit such Payment shall have been made, but also shall
 extend to and be deemed and construed to extend to bar the Dower and
 Dowries of the Wife or Wives of such Person and Persons, and all Estates
 Tail and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder or Expectancy;
 and the Issue and Issues of such Person and Persons, and every Person
 claiming under them, as effectually as Fines or Common Recoveries
 would do if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of
 Law.

Premises to
 vest in
 Trustees.

IX. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed to
 be paid for any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments purchased by virtue
 of the Powers of this Act for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to
 any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons
 under any Disability or Incapacity, such Money shall, in case the
 same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds with all
 convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with
 the Privy of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to
 be placed to his Account *ex parte* the Trustees for executing this Act,
 pursuant to the Method prescribed by the Act of the Twelfth Year of the
 Reign of King *George* the First, Chapter Thirty-two, and the General
 Orders of the said Court, without Fee or Reward, to the Intent that such
 Money shall be applied under the Direction and with the Approbation of
 the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be
 preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have
 been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements or
 Hereditaments in the Purchase of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge
 of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances or Part thereof as the
 said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Lands, Tenements
 or Hereditaments, or affecting any other Lands, Tenements, or Heredita-
 ments standing settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Trusts,
 Intents or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then
 the same shall be laid out and invested under the like Direction and Ap-
 probation of the said Court in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements
 or Hereditaments which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such
 and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, and in the same
 Manner as the Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments which
 shall be so purchased as aforesaid, stood settled or limited, or such of them

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as at the Time of making the Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking effect; and in the meantime and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall by Order of the said Court of Chancery, upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated, or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and Annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid by Order of the said Court to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

Where less than 200 l. and exceeding 20 l.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments purchased for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Corporation or to any Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments so purchased, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank with the Privy and in the Name of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in Manner herein-before directed, or otherwise the same shall be paid at the like Option to Two Trustees to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by the Trustees for executing this Act; such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties, in order that such Principal Money and the Dividends arising thereon may be applied in any Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the said Court of Chancery.

Application where not more than 20 l.

XI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That when such Money so agreed to be paid, as last before-mentioned, shall not exceed Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments so purchased for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Trustees shall think fit; or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then to his, her or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

The Court may order reasonable Expences of Re-purchases to be paid.

XII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons or Corporation entitled to any Lands or Hereditaments to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase-money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said Court, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands or Hereditaments to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act,

it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the Court shall deem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said Trustees who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees and their Successors to exchange any Part or Parcel of any such Plots or Parcels of Land set out to them by virtue of the said Acts, for any other Lands or Hereditaments which they shall think proper and convenient for the Erection of any of such additional Chapel or Chapels, or of any House or Houses for the Residence of any of the Ministers so to be appointed as aforesaid, or which they shall judge fit and proper for Glebe Lands to be annexed to any of the said Chapels, and to support and maintain the Minister thereof for the Time being.

Power to exchange Lands.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Chapels already erected, and such additional Chapel or Chapels as may be hereafter erected under the Authority of this Act, when built and completed shall be set apart, consecrated, and dedicated to and for the Service of Almighty God as and for a Place of Divine Worship according to the Usage of the Church of *England* for ever; and all Houses to be assigned for the Residence of any Minister of such Chapels shall be from Time to Time for ever appropriated for the Residence of the Minister of such Chapel for the Time being.

Chapels to be consecrated for Divine Worship.

XV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees and their Successors for the Time being, from Time to Time to nominate to the Bishop of *Lincoln* such and so many Ministers to officiate as well in the said Chapels already erected as in those which shall be hereafter erected under the Authority of this Act, as to the said Trustees and their Successors for the Time being shall appear necessary for the Celebration of Divine Worship therein, and also by and out of the Rents and Profits of the said Plots or Parcels of Land at their Discretion to assign and allow unto every such Minister so to be appointed, such annual Stipend for his Maintenance and Support as the said Trustees and their Successors for the Time being shall think fit.

Trustees to appoint Ministers.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the Ministers of such Chapels respectively shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to solemnize Marriages in any of such Chapels whenever either of the Parties resides in any Part of the said Fen in which such Chapel shall be situated, in like Manner as Marriages may be legally solemnized in any Parish Church.

Ministers to solemnize Marriages.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That no Graves or Burial Places shall be made or allowed within or under the Body of any such Chapels; and all Marriages which shall be solemnized, and all Christenings or Baptisms which shall be administered in the said Chapels or any of them, and all Burials there, shall be registered in public Registers to be provided and kept for that Purpose, in which Registers respectively it shall be stated from what Parish or Place the Persons so to be married, and the Children or Person or Persons so to be christened or baptized or buried, were brought or

No Burials in the Chapel. Registers of Marriages, &c. to be kept.

or came, and a Transcript of such Registers, signed by the Minister for the Time being and Chapelwardens of every of the said Chapels, shall be yearly transmitted and sent to the public Registry of the Diocese of *Lincoln*, to be there kept and filed.

Each Chapel made a distinct Cure and Benefice and Corporation Sole.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That each of the said Chapels already erected, and also such additional Chapels as shall hereafter be erected by the said Trustees, under the Authority of this Act, as soon as the same shall have been erected, set apart, and dedicated to and for the Service of Almighty God, as and for a Place of Divine Worship, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of *England*, shall and the same is hereby declared to be a separate and distinct perpetual Cure and Benefice, and shall be called by such Name as shall be given to such Chapel at the Time of the Consecration thereof; and every Minister thereto licensed by the Bishop of *Lincoln* for the Time being, shall be deemed by virtue of this Act to be incorporated and made a Body Politic and Corporate by the Name of the Minister of such Chapel as shall be respectively named at the Time of such Consecration as aforesaid, and shall have perpetual Succession, and be enabled to sue and be sued by that Name in all Courts of this Realm; and all Lands and Hereditaments to be appropriated for Glebe Lands shall, after the same shall be so appropriated, and after every such Minister shall have been licensed to the said Chapel, be vested in such Minister for the Time being for ever; and the Minister of every such Chapel shall have Capacity, and he is hereby authorized and enabled to accept or take in Perpetuity to him and his Successors, Donations, by Deed of Gift or Will, of any Lands and Hereditaments, not exceeding in the whole the Annual Value of One hundred Pounds, for his Maintenance and Support, or otherwise for his Benefit, exclusive of any Lands, Stipend, or Remuneration which may be allowed to him by the Trustees for executing this Act, the Statute of Mortmain or any other Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Chapel and Minister's Dwelling House, and Chapelwarden to be under the Jurisdiction of the Bishop and Archdeacon of *Lincoln*.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That every such Chapel and the Minister thereof, and the Dwelling House of the said Minister, and also the Person or Persons who shall act as or in the Nature of Chapelwarden or Wardens thereof respectively for the Time being, shall be under and subject to the Order and Jurisdiction of the Bishop of the Diocese of *Lincoln* for the Time being, and to the Order and Jurisdiction of the Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of *Lincoln* for the Time being, and shall be visited as Ministers, Churchwardens, Churches or Chapels and Parsonage Houses in the Diocese and Archdeaconry of *Lincoln* are visited.

Lapse to the Bishop of *Lincoln* in Six Months, for want of Presentation.

XX. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Office of Minister of either of the said Chapels already erected, or of any Chapel or Chapels hereafter to be erected under the Authority of this Act, shall at any Time after the first Nomination be suffered to remain void for the Space of Six Calendar Months, without any Nomination thereto, then and in every such Case the Nomination or Presentation of a Minister to every such Chapel shall lapse to the Bishop of the Diocese of *Lincoln* for the Time being, and from him to the Metropolitan, and from the Metropolitan to the Crown, according to the Course of Law in Presentative Livings or Benefices; and the Right of Nomination of a Minister to each and every of the said Chapels shall and may be recovered,

recovered, and the Office and Place of Minister thereof shall and may cease and be determined in like Manner as the Presentation or Incumbency in any Presentative Benefice may now cease and be recovered.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Minister for the Time being of every such Chapel, and he is hereby required to nominate and appoint one Person residing in the Fen in which the Chapel shall be situated, to act as or in the Nature of Chapelwarden of every such Chapel; and also for the Inhabitants of the Fen in which such Chapel shall be situated being Householders, and they are hereby required on *Easter Monday* in every Year to nominate and choose one other Person to act as or in the Nature of Chapelwarden of such Chapel, and the said Chapelwarden so nominated shall continue in Office until the following *Easter Monday*, and until others be appointed and sworn in, in their Stead; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees from Time to Time to appropriate such Part of the Rents and Profits of the said Plots or Parcels of Land as to them shall appear necessary and proper for the Support and keeping in Repair of every such Chapel and the Appurtenances thereof, and for providing all Things necessary for the Performance of Divine Service therein; and such Chapelwardens are hereby required to make true and perfect Entries in a proper Book or Books to be provided for that Purpose, of all Sums of Money received by them of and from the said Trustees, and shall therein specify the Purposes for which such Money shall have been expended, and shall be accountable to and account with the said Trustees, for the due Application thereof.

Two Chapelwardens to be appointed.

Chapelwardens to account.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the Pews or Seats in every of the said Chapels shall be in the Disposal of the Minister and Chapelwardens thereof respectively for the Time being, who are hereby required to allot and assign the Pews and Seats in every such Chapel to and amongst the Inhabitant Householders of the Fen in which any such Chapel shall be situated, to be by them enjoyed during their respective Occupation of the said Houses; and in case of any Dispute or Complaint respecting the Pews or Seats in any such Chapel, an Appeal shall lie to the Ordinary, who is hereby authorized to decide the same: Provided always, that a sufficient open Space be left in every such Chapel for the Poor Inhabitants of the said Fens.

Seats to be at the Disposal of the Minister and Chapelwardens.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Minister of every such Chapel for the Time being is hereby authorized to appoint proper Persons to be Clerk and Sexton of his Chapel, and may from Time to Time remove any such Clerk or Sexton upon just and reasonable Cause to be approved and allowed by the said Bishop of *Lincoln*; and every such Clerk and Sexton shall be entitled to demand and receive such Fees for Marriages and Burials as the Bishop of *Lincoln* for the Time being shall authorize to be taken over and above any Salary which the said Trustees may think proper to allow and order to be paid, to any such Clerk or Sexton out of the Rents and Profits of the said Lands so set out to them as aforesaid.

Minister to appoint Clerk and Sexton.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Vicar of *Boston* for the Time being, or any Curate or Minister officiating for him, shall have no

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Power

Vicar of Boston not to interfere with

Chapel in the
West Fen.

Power or Authority to intermeddle or interfere with the said Chapel so erected in the *West Fen* as aforesaid, or the Cemetery or Burial Ground to be attached thereto, nor shall he or they be subject or liable to any Duty, or have any Burthen imposed upon him or them, by reason of such Chapel being erected in the Parochial Allotment belonging to that Part of the Parish of *Boston* aforesaid called *Boston East*; nor shall any Vicar, Rector or Curate of any other Parish, Township or Place, have any Power or Authority to intermeddle or interfere with any of the said Chapel or Chapels hereafter to be erected under the Authority of this Act, or the Cemeteries or Burial Grounds to be attached thereto; nor shall any such Vicar, Rector or Curate, or any of them, be subject and liable to any Duty, or have any Burthen imposed upon them by reason of the Land or Ground whereon such Chapels shall be erected being Part of the Parochial Allotment belonging to any such Parish, Township or Place.

Power to
Trustees to
apply Monies
in defraying
Expences
already in-
curred.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees and their Successors for the Time being, by and out of the Rents and Profits of the said Plots or Parcels of Land and the Accumulations thereof, to defray any Costs, Charges and Expences which have been already incurred in erecting the said Chapels or any Buildings and Conveniences, or in making, planting and raising any Fences necessary and proper for the Occupation of such Plots or Parcels of Land, or which shall hereafter be incurred, in erecting any other Buildings necessary for the Occupation of the said Lands; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees and their Successors from Time to Time, if they shall think proper, to insure or cause to be insured in some of the Offices in *London*, established for Insurance against Fire, any of the Chapels, Houses, Buildings or Conveniences which have been or shall be erected by the Direction of the said Trustees.

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Power for
Trustees to
appoint a
Receiver of
the Rents,
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XXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees for the Time being may, and they are hereby empowered by Writing under their Hands to appoint a fit and proper Person to be the Receiver of the Rents and Profits of the said Plots or Parcels of Land so allotted to them as aforesaid, or of any Lands or Hereditaments to be purchased or received in Exchange by them, by virtue of this Act, and from Time to Time to remove such Receiver and to appoint another in his Stead, and out of the Monies to arise from such Lands make such Allowances to the said Receiver as to them the said Trustees shall seem reasonable; and every Receiver shall under his Hand, when and as often as required by the said Trustees, deliver to the said Trustees, or to whom they shall appoint, a true and correct Account in Writing of all the Monies which he shall have received by virtue of his Appointment, and how much thereof hath been paid and disbursed by the Direction of the said Trustees, and for what Purposes, together with proper Vouchers for such Payments, and shall pay all Monies then remaining in his Hands to the said Trustees or to whom they shall appoint to receive the same; and if any such Receiver shall refuse to make and render such Accounts, or to produce and deliver up the Vouchers relating thereto, or to pay the Money due on such Accounts in Manner aforesaid, or shall not deliver up to the said Trustees or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, within Six Days after Demand thereof made by the said Trustees by Writing under their Hands, all the Books, Papers,

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and Writings in his Custody or Power, relating to the said Lands or to his Appointment, then and in every or any of the said Cases, upon Complaint being made by any One or more of the said Trustees, it shall be lawful for any One Justice of the Peace for the Division of *Lindsey* in the County of *Lincoln*, and he is hereby authorized and required by Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Receiver to be brought before him, and to make inquiry in a summary Way into such Complaint; and upon his appearing, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter, either by Confession of the Person against whom such Complaint shall be made, or by the Oath or Oaths of any credible Witness or Witnesses, (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered and required to administer); and if upon Inspection of the Accounts produced, it shall appear to such Justice that any of the Monies collected or received by such Receiver shall remain in his Hands, such Justice may, and he is hereby authorized and required, upon Non-payment thereof, by a Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Receiver; and if no Goods or Chattels can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money and the Charges of distraining and selling the same, or if such Receiver shall not appear before the said Justice, unless for some sufficient Excuse at the Time and Place by him appointed for that Purpose, or if appearing shall refuse to deliver up to such Justice an Account or Accounts of all Receipts and Payments as aforesaid, or to produce the several Vouchers relating thereto, or the Books, Accounts, Papers, and Writings in his Custody or Power relating to the said Lands or to his Appointment, then upon Conviction of any such Receiver of any or either of the Offences aforesaid, such Justice may and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the Division of *Lindsey* aforesaid, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he shall make and give a true and perfect Account or Payment as aforesaid, or shall have compounded or agreed with the said Trustees and paid such Composition in Manner as they shall appoint (which Composition the said Trustees are hereby empowered to make), or until he or they shall have delivered up such Books, Papers and Writings as aforesaid, or made Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Trustees; but no Receiver who shall be committed for want of sufficient Distress only, shall be detained in Prison upon any such Commitment for any longer Time than Three Calendar Months.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That every Receiver who shall be appointed as aforesaid, shall give such Security for the due Execution of the said Office as the said Trustees for the Time being shall at the Time of such Appointment think reasonable and necessary. Receiver to give Security.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and passing this Act, shall be paid and defrayed by the said Trustees out of any Monies which have arisen or which may hereafter arise from the Rents and Profits of the Lands set out to them by virtue of the said recited Acts. Expences of the Act how to be paid.

XXIX. And

Public Act.

XXIX. 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 the same being specially pleaded.

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