

Chapel hath been duly licensed for the Performance of Divine Service, according to the Rights and Usages of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Chester*, and is intended to be called or named the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin *Mary*, and the Inmates and Pupils of the said Institution have attended the Service of Almighty God therein: And whereas the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Common Council of the said Town of *Liverpool*, the Patrons of the Rectory and Parish of *Liverpool*, have consented and agreed to give and grant the Freehold and Inheritance in the Scite of the said Chapel, now belonging to the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses, upon Condition that the said Chapel be for ever set apart, consecrated, and dedicated to the Worship and Service of Almighty God, and the Celebration of all Divine Offices, according to the said Rites and Usages of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*; and the Reverend *Samuel Renshaw* and the Reverend *Robert Hankinson Roughsedge* Clerks, Masters of Arts, the Rectors and Incumbents of the said Parish, are consenting thereto: And whereas it would be of great Use and Convenience in the Management of the said Institution if the same was established upon a permanent Foundation, and Regulations made for conducting the Affairs of the said Institution, and also of the Chapel attached to the same; and also if the Donors and Subscribers thereto, and the Managers thereof, were made a Body Corporate, with Powers to enable them to hold the Fee Simple and Inheritance of the said Houses, Workshops, Lands, and Hereditaments, and also the Monies and other Effects belonging to the said Institution as well as the said Chapel; but these several beneficial Purposes cannot be effected 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, That from and after the passing of this Act the present and every future President of the said Institution or Charity, together with the present and every future Vice-President or Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Committee of Subscribers for managing the same, and any Person or Persons who shall have contributed or may hereafter contribute to the said Institution or Charity the Sum of Ten Pounds at any one Time as a Donation, or who may now or hereafter contribute a Sum not less than One Pound and One Shilling as an annual Subscription (so long as such annual Subscription be continued), shall be and they are hereby declared to be One Body Politic and Corporate by the Name and Style of "The President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Liverpool* School for the Indigent Blind," and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued, and shall and may receive, hold, or purchase Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, not exceeding Five Acres, and may hold, possess, and retain any Monies or Securities paid, given, bequeathed, or purchased for the said Institution, to be holden by them and their Successors for the Purposes of the said Institution or Charity, and for no other Use or Purpose, without incurring any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain.

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II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, and all Corporations whatsoever, whether seised in their own Right or as Trustees for any Purpose whatsoever, Feoffees in Trust for charitable and other Purposes, Executors and Administrators, Guardians, Committees, Husbands, and all other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves and their Heirs, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts or Wards respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, or entitled to Dower or other Interest therein, and for all Persons, whether Tenants for Life, in Tail, General or Special, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, not only for and on behalf of themselves and their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of the Person or Persons entitled in Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy after them, and for all and every Person or Persons whomsoever, who are, is, or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any Lands, Buildings, and Hereditaments which may be wanted for the Purposes of the said Institution or Charity, which may be required to be purchased for the Purposes of the said Institution or Charity, not exceeding in the whole Five Acres, to treat and agree with the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Liverpool* School for the indigent Blind, or their Successors, for the absolute Sale thereof for an Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple, either in Possession or subject to any Lease which shall be subsisting therein, or to or for any Lease or Term for Years, for any Sum or Sums of Money, or such Consideration as herein-after is mentioned, and the same to the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members, and their Successors, for the Purposes of the said Institution or Charity; and all Contracts, Sales, Conveyances, and Agreements which shall be so made shall be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, without Fine or Recovery, and shall be a complete Bar to all Estates Tail, and other Estates, Rights, Titles, Trusts, and Interests whatsoever, any Law, Statute, Usage, Custom, or other Matter to the contrary notwithstanding; and all such Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Feoffee 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.

Bodies Politic, Trustees, &c. may sell Lands to the Institution.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Sum and Sums of Money which shall be agreed to be paid to any Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees for or on behalf of any Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Cestuique Trusts, or to any Person or Persons whose Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are limited in strict or other Settlement, or to any Person under any other Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, for the Purchase of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, by virtue of this Act, shall, in case the

Application of Purchase Money when amounting to 200l.

the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account *ex parte* the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Liverpool* School for the indigent Blind, pursuant to the Method prescribed by an Act made in the

1 G. 4. c. 35. First Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the better securing the Monies and Effects paid into the Court of Exchequer at Westminster, on account of the Suitors of the said Court, and for the Appointment of an Accountant General and Two Masters of the said Court, and for other Purposes*, and the General Orders of the said Court, and 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 Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the Redemption or Purchase of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Charges and Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith, to the same or the like Uses, Intents, and Purposes; or where the Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be so purchased, taken, and used as aforesaid stood settled or limited, or such of them as shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking effect; and in the meantime, and until such Purchases shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court of Exchequer, upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of 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 Proceeds of the said 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 said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase and Settlement were made.

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IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed to be paid for any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, 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 amount to or 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 said Houses, Buildings,
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Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so purchased, taken, and used, in respect whereof the same shall be so paid, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy or Lunacy, Receiver or Receivers, or other Person or Persons acting as such as aforesaid, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, 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 said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Liverpool* School for the indigent Blind, in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends arising thereon, may be applied in manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case may be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the said Court of Exchequer.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so agreed to be paid as next before mentioned shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in 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 Hereditaments in respect whereof the same shall be paid, in such Manner as the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Liverpool* School for the indigent Blind shall think fit; or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, Trustee or Trustees, or other Person or Persons so entitled respectively; and the Receipt or Receipts of the Person or Persons to whom the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members shall direct the same to be paid shall be a sufficient Discharge for the same.

Application when the Money is less than 20*l.*

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person or Persons to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest therein, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends and Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in the Possession of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, at the Time of passing this Act, in respect whereof such Money shall have been paid, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shown to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Exchequer; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, or that some other Person or

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Court may order reasonable Expenses of Purchases to be paid.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where, by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation, entitled to any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, 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 Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court to order the Expenses of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expenses as to such Court shall seem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges, to be paid by the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Liverpool* School for the indigent Blind, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sum and Sums of Money, out of the Funds of the said Institution or Charity, for such Purposes as the said Act shall direct and order.

President, &c. of Institution to accept Conveyance of certain Premises.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful to and for the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Liverpool* School for the indigent Blind, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to accept and take from the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses of the Town of *Liverpool* aforesaid, and from any other Person or Persons in whom the same may be now vested, in trust for the said Institution or Charity, a Conveyance in Fee Simple of all that Piece or Parcel of Land, with the several Houses, Workshops, and Buildings thereon erected, situate on the South Side of *London Road* in *Liverpool* aforesaid, and containing in Front thereto Twenty-seven Yards or thereabouts, and running in Depth backwards Eighty-five Yards or thereabouts to a Street called *Great Nelson Street*, being the Scite of the Houses, Workshops, Buildings, Lands, and Hereditaments now used for the Purposes of the said Institution or Charity, together with all the Rights, Privileges, and Appurtenances to the same belonging; and the said Piece or Parcel of Land, Houses, Workshops, and Buildings, when so accepted, taken, and conveyed, shall be and the same is hereby vested in the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Liverpool* School for the indigent Blind, and their Successors for ever, to and for the Use and Benefit of the said Institution or Charity.

Annual Meeting for Election of President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Committee.

IX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act a General Annual Meeting of the Donors of Ten Pounds and upwards at any one Time, and of the Subscribers of One Pound and One Shilling annually, to the said Institution or Charity, to be convened by public Advertisement in Two or more Newspapers published in the said Town, shall be held in the said Institution or Asylum on the *Friday* in the Third Week in the Month of *January* in each Year; at which Meeting the said Donors and Subscribers then assembled shall elect, under the Limitations and Provisions in this Act contained, a President, Four Vice-Presidents, duly qualified

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as herein provided, a Treasurer, and a Committee for transacting and managing the Affairs of the said Institution or Charity, to consist of not less than Twenty-four of the said Donors or Subscribers, including the said President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, of which Committee not less than Two Thirds shall be Laymen; and such Annual Meeting shall have full Power and Authority to direct the Committee to carry into execution any Measures relating to the Affairs of the said Institution or Charity which shall appear to such Annual Meeting to be expedient for the general Government of the said Institution or Charity.

X. Provided always, and be it enacted, That of the Four Persons to be elected Vice-Presidents of the said Institution or Charity Two shall be specially appointed by the said Donors and Subscribers to the said Institution or Charity at the Time of such Election to nominate the Chaplain of the said Chapel, jointly with the Mayor and senior Aldermen of the Town of *Liverpool*, as herein-after provided, in case of any Vacancy in the Office of Chaplain during the Time of the Continuance of such Two Vice Presidents in their Office; and no Person shall be appointed such Vice-President for such Nomination who shall not be a lay Member of the Church of *England*, or who shall be a Member of the Common Council of the Corporation of *Liverpool*; and in case any Person elected to the said Office of Vice-President for the Purpose of such Nomination shall, during his Continuance in the said Office, cease to be a Member of the United Church of *England* or *Ireland*, or shall become a Member of the Common Council of the Corporation of *Liverpool*, then a fresh Election shall thereupon be had and made of some other Subscriber duly qualified to fill such Office, according to the Provisions in this Act contained.

Nomination
of Chaplain.

Appointment
and Qualifi-
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XI. Provided also, and be it enacted, That the other Two of the said Vice-Presidents may be elected and appointed out of any of the rest of the Subscribers to the said Institution or Charity.

Appointment
of the other
Two Vice-
Presidents.

XII. And be it further enacted, That all Questions at any such Annual Meeting, as also at any Meeting of the Committee, shall be decided by the Votes of the Majority of the Subscribers present at such Meeting; and in case of an Equality of Voices, including the Vote of the President or Chairman, the President or Chairman of the said Annual or Committee Meeting shall have the decisive or casting Vote: Provided always, that no Person or Persons shall be qualified or entitled to vote at any such Meeting as a Subscriber to the said Institution or Charity, until he, she, or they shall have entered and paid such Subscription for Twelve Months before any such Meeting.

Questions to
be decided by
Vote.

Qualification
for voting.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Right Honourable *Edward* Baron *Skelmersdale* shall be and he is hereby appointed President of the said Institution or Charity, and that *Richard Formby* Doctor in Medicine, *Robert Lindow Carr*, *Charles Horsfall*, and *Thomas Fournis Dyson*, Esquires, shall be and they are hereby appointed the Four Vice-Presidents of the said Institution or Charity; and the said *Richard Formby* and *Robert Lindow Carr*, being duly qualified

Appointment
of President,
Vice-Pre-
sidents, and
Committee.

qualified according to the Provisions in this Act, shall be and they are hereby appointed the Two Vice-Presidents to nominate (jointly with the Mayor and senior Alderman of *Liverpool*) the Chaplain of the Chapel belonging to the said Institution or Charity, as in this Act is provided, in case of any Vacancy in the said Office of Chaplain during the Continuance of the said *Richard Formby* and *Robert Lindow Carr* in their said Office of Vice-Presidents; and that *Henry Wilson* Merchant shall be and is hereby appointed Treasurer of the said Institution or Charity; and that *Robert Bagott* and *Robert Benn* Merchants, the Reverend *William Blundell* Bachelor of Arts, the Reverend *Thomas Bold* Master of Arts, *Joseph Pilkington Brandreth* Doctor in Medicine, the Reverend *Jonathan Brooks* Master of Arts, *James Oakes Bridge* of His Majesty's Customs, the Reverend *Peter Bulmer* Master of Arts, the Reverend *Augustus Campbell* Master of Arts, *Thomas Christian* Surgeon, the Reverend *Ambrose Dawson* Bachelor in Divinity, *James Dawson* Surgeon, *William Dixon* junior, Merchant, *Thomas Foster* Gentleman, the Reverend *William Hesketh* Master of Arts, *Richard Haughton* Esquire, the Reverend *Edward Hull* Master of Arts, *John Hunter*, *John Kearsley*, *Frederick Lapage*, and *Edward Ledward*, Merchants, *Thomas Leicester* Gentleman, the Reverend *John Lingard* Bachelor in Divinity, *Robert Lewin* Doctor in Medicine, *Adam Lodge* Merchant, *John Lonsdale Minshull* Surgeon, the Reverend *John Boughey Monk* Master of Arts, *Henry Moss* Banker, *William Nicholson* Esquire, *Henry Park* Surgeon, the Reverend *John Charles Prince* Master of Arts, the said *Samuel Renshaw*, and the said *Robert Hankinson Roughsedge*, *John Rutter* Doctor in Medicine, *Samuel Sandbach* Merchant, the Reverend *John Hall Smyth* Bachelor in Divinity, *Anthony Swainson* Merchant, *William Thompson* Gentleman, Sir *John Tobin* Knight, *Thomas Stewart Traill* Doctor in Medicine, *John Kinnersley Tudor*, *Alexander Woodward*, and *Cholmley Woodward*, Merchants, and *John Wright* Esquire, shall, together with the said President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee for transacting and managing the Affairs of the said Institution or Charity; and the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Committee shall continue in Office until the annual Meeting of the Subscribers to the said Institution or Charity to be holden in the Month of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty, when a fresh Election shall take place in manner and according to the Provisions in this Act contained.

Special Meetings for Elections in case of a Vacancy.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That in case of the Death or Resignation of the present or any future President or Treasurer of the said Institution or Charity, or in case of the Death or Resignation of the present or any future Vice-Presidents, or in the Event of the Two Vice-Presidents specially appointed for the Purpose of nominating the Chaplain to the said Chapel, as in this Act provided, or either of them, ceasing to be a Member of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, or becoming a Member or Members of the Common Council of the Corporation of *Liverpool*, during their or either of their Continuance in such Office of Vice-President, a Special Meeting of the said Donors and Subscribers to the Institution or Charity shall be forthwith called by any One of the other Officers of the

the said Institution or Charity, or by Notice signed by any Five or more of the said Committee, and duly published in the Manner in this Act directed with respect to calling the Annual Meetings of the said Subscribers, at which Meeting the Majority of the Subscribers then assembled shall elect some other Donors or Subscribers, duly qualified, to fill the Offices then vacant by such Death, Resignation, or other Avoidance of the said Offices, or any of them.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee, and every future Committee of the said Institution or Charity, duly elected as herein is provided, shall from Time to Time, on the first *Tuesday* in every Month, and also whenever and as often as shall appear requisite to the said President or any of the Vice-Presidents or Treasurer, be summoned to meet at such Times in the said Institution or Asylum as shall in such Summons or Notice be expressed; and the said Committee when so assembled, or any Three or more of them, shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time to make such reasonable Bye Laws, Rules, and Regulations (not being repugnant to the Laws of this Realm, or to anything in this Act contained,) for the general Management of the said Institution or Charity, and the Pupils therein, as the said Committee shall from Time to Time deem expedient, and to alter and vary the same whenever the said Committee shall think it necessary so to do, and shall have the Appointment and Removal and Regulation of the Medical and other Officers of the said Institution or Charity, as also the several Teachers and Servants belonging thereto, and shall likewise be empowered and authorized to depute any of the Members of their own Body to act as Visitors of the said Institution or Charity, and the Pupils therein, under such Limitations and Regulations as the said Committee shall deem expedient for the good Order of the said Institution or Charity; and the said Committee shall also have the Management and Control of the Revenues and other Funds of the said Institution or Charity, and the Distribution thereof, and shall have the Charge and Custody of the Common Seal of the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Liverpool* School for the indigent Blind, and shall have Power to direct the same to be affixed to such Instruments as the said Committee shall think fit, and shall have the general Management of all the Affairs of the said Institution or Charity: Provided always, that in case the Majority of the Subscribers assembled at any Annual Meeting as aforesaid shall have entered into any Resolutions for the Direction of the said Committee, such Resolution shall be carried into effect by the said Committee, notwithstanding the Provision herein-before contained.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That in the Absence of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, at any Meeting of the said Committee, the Majority of the Members of such Committee then assembled may elect a Chairman from amongst themselves to preside in such Meeting for the Day or Time of Meeting.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee shall cause all their Proceedings and Resolutions to be fairly entered in
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proper Books to be kept for that Purpose, and the same shall be laid before the said Annual Meeting of the Donors and Subscribers to the said Institution or Charity for their Information, together with a full and distinct Account of the State of the Finances of the said Institution or Charity, and of all Monies received and paid by and under the Direction of the said Committee or other Officers of the said Institution or Charity, and also a Statement of the blind Persons maintained or educated during the Year of the Management of the said Committee.

Treasurer to furnish Accounts when required.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer for the Time being of the said Institution or Charity shall from Time to Time, whenever required so to do by the said Committee, furnish and exhibit a Statement of his Accounts of Monies received and paid for and on account of the said Institution or Charity, to be examined and allowed or disallowed by the said Committee, or such Auditor or Auditors as the said Committee may appoint for that Purpose; and also from Time to Time, whenever required so to do by the said Committee, shall pay over all or any Part of the Monies remaining in his Hands, and transfer such Funds or other Securities as may be standing in his Name, to such Person or Persons as may be required or directed by the said Committee; and in case of the Neglect or Refusal of the said Treasurer to pay over such Monies, or to transfer such Funds or other Securities for the Space of Twenty-one Days after being required so to do by the said Committee, the Amount of such Monies or other Funds may be sued for and recovered from the said Treasurer, from Time to Time, by and in the Name of the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Liverpool* School for the indigent Blind, by Action of Debt for Monies had and received, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*.

One Third of the Committee annually to retire by Rotation.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee, and all future Committees of the said Institution or Charity, shall remain in Office for One Year, when One Third of the Members of the said Committee, exclusive of the said President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, shall annually retire from and go out of the said Committee, and a new Election shall take place of Subscribers to be Members of the said Committee in lieu of those so retiring; at which Election it shall be competent for the Subscribers to the said Institution or Charity to elect and choose One Half of the said Members so retiring and going out of the said Committee to be again Members thereof: Provided always, that at every such Election of Subscribers to form such Committee not less than Two Thirds of the Members to be chosen for such Committee shall be Laymen.

President, &c. may take Conveyances from Trustees of Estates belonging to the Institution.

XX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Liverpool* School for the indigent Blind, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to accept and take from the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses of the Town of *Liverpool* aforesaid, and from any Person or Persons on whom any Estate or Interest in the said Lands and Hereditaments is now vested

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as Mortgagee or Trustee, or otherwise, for or on the Behalf of the said Institution or Charity, a Conveyance in Fee Simple or other Assignment or Transfer of all their Estate or Interest of, in, and to all that Piece or Parcel of Land situate on the East Side of *Duncan Street*, and containing in Front thereto and at the Back, severally, Thirty-seven Yards or thereabouts, and extending from *Duncan Street* backwards, on the North and South Sides severally, Seventy-four Yards, or thereabouts, on which Piece or Parcel of Land the said Chapel attached to the said Institution or Charity hath been erected and built; and the said Piece or Parcel of Land, when so accepted, taken, and conveyed, with the said Chapel, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Liverpool* School for the indigent Blind, and their Successors, for ever, to the Use, Intent, and Purpose that the said Chapel shall and may, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, be duly consecrated, set apart, and dedicated to the Service of Almighty God, as a Place of Divine Worship according to the Liturgy and Usage of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* for ever, and shall be called the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin *Mary* in the Town of *Liverpool* in the County of *Lancaster*.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person or Persons in whose Name or Names any Lands or Tenements, either Leasehold or Freehold of Inheritance, or any Sum or Sums of Money, Stocks, Funds, Annuities, Mortgages, Securities for Money, or other Effects whatsoever, shall at the Time of passing this Act stand or be secured, the beneficial Interest wherein respectively shall belong to or be held in trust for the said Institution or Charity, shall within Three Calendar Months after the passing of this Act transfer, convey, surrender, and assign the same respectively so and in such Manner as that the same may thereupon be conveyed to and vested in the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Liverpool* School for the indigent Blind, in pursuance of this Act, to and for the Use of the said Institution or Charity absolutely and for ever.

Persons in whose Names Monies, &c. are vested to transfer same to the Institution.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That there shall be regularly a Chaplain to officiate at the said Chapel as hereafter mentioned, and that the Reverend *Edward Hull* Clerk, Master of Arts, shall be and he is hereby declared to be the first Chaplain of the said Chapel; and upon the Death, Resignation, Deprivation, or Avoidance of the said *Edward Hull*, or upon the said *Edward Hull* in any other Manner lawfully ceasing to be Chaplain of the said Chapel, the next Presentation, and the future Patronage, free Disposition, Nomination, and Appointment, and Right of Presentation to the said Chapel shall for ever appertain, belong to, and be vested in the Mayor of the Town of *Liverpool*, the senior Alderman of the said Town, and the Two of the Vice-Presidents of the said Institution or Charity for the Time being specially appointed to join in making such Nomination or Appointment according to the Provisions of this Act, or in such of them as shall be Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*.

Appointment of Chaplain.

XXIII. And

Chaplain's
Duty.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Chaplain for the Time being of the said Chapel (unless prevented by Sickness or other reasonable Cause, to be approved of by the Bishop or Ordinary of the Diocese,) shall every *Sunday* Morning read in the said Chapel the Morning Prayers and other Services prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer or Public Liturgy of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, and in the Afternoon or Evening of every *Sunday* in like Manner read therein the Evening Prayers and other Service prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer; and shall on every Day which is set apart for that Purpose by the Church of *England*, in like Manner read in the said Chapel the Morning Prayers and other Service prescribed in the said Book of Common Prayer for such Days respectively; and shall on every *Sunday* throughout the Year, as well in the Morning as the Evening, and on every *Christmas Day* and *Good Friday* in the Morning, after Divine Service performed, preach a Sermon in the said Chapel; and shall, on every *Good Friday*, *Easter Day*, *Whitsunday*, and *Christmas Day*, and also upon the first *Sunday* in every Month (except in the Months in which *Easter Day* and *Whitsunday* shall happen), administer the Holy Sacrament in the said Chapel, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*.

Residence of
Chaplain.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Chaplain of the said Chapel shall and he is hereby required to reside in or near to the said Town of *Liverpool*, and personally to perform the Duties of the said Chapel in manner herein-before directed.

For Appoint-
ment of
Chaplain in
case of Lapse.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That in case the Office or Place of Chaplain of the said Chapel shall be suffered to remain for the Space of Six Calendar Months without any Nomination or Presentation thereunto by virtue of this Act, then and in every such Case the Nomination or Presentation to the said Chapel shall lapse in the usual Manner, according to the Laws of this Realm in the Case of presentative Livings or Benefices.

Chaplain's
Salary.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That for the Maintenance of the Chaplain for the Time being of the said Chapel, the Persons who shall be Wardens thereof for the Time being in pursuance of this Act, and their Successors, shall, by and out of the Rents of Pews or Seats erected therein, yearly and every Year, well and truly pay or cause to be paid to such Chaplain, as may be directed by the said Committee, a Sum not less than Three hundred Pounds nor exceeding Five hundred Pounds, of lawful *English* Money, without any Deduction or Abatement for Taxes or otherwise howsoever, on the First Day of *January* and on the First Day of *July* in each Year, by even and equal Portions, and the Money so to be paid shall be allowed to such Wardens in their Account; and a due Apportionment of the said Salary shall from Time to Time be made between the Executors or Administrators of any Chaplain of the said Chapel dying in the Interval between the half-yearly Days of Payment, and the Successor of such Chaplain so dying, for and in respect of the Half Year wherein such Death shall happen.

XXVII. And

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That if Default shall be made in Payment of the Stipend or Salary of the Chaplain of the said Chapel, or any Part thereof, or any Apportionment thereof, to the said Chaplain for the Time being, or the Executors or Administrators of a deceased Chaplain, for the Space of Twenty-one Days next after any of the Days of Payment whereon the same ought to be paid, then the Bishop of the Diocese of *Chester*, or his Chancellor, Vicar General, or Official Principal, on Complaint to them or either of them made, shall and may summarily hear and determine the same, and shall and may sequester the Profits of the said Seats or Pews until Payment thereof; or it shall be lawful for such Chaplain, and his Executors or Administrators, to sue for and recover the same, with full Costs of Suit, against the Chapelwardens for the Time being, by Action of Debt or upon the Case, for so much Money had and received to the Use of such Chaplain, his Executors or Administrators, or for Work and Labour, such Action to be brought in the Court of Common Pleas to be held for the said County Palatine of *Lancaster*, or in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, wherein respectively no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed: Provided always, that no Arrears of the said yearly Stipend or Salary to be had and recovered against any succeeding Chapelwardens, which shall have accrued due in the Time of their Predecessors, shall exceed in the whole One Half-yearly Payment, nor exceed the Amount of the Money which shall have been paid to such succeeding Chapelwardens by their Predecessors; and that every Action for the Recovery thereof shall be commenced against such succeeding Chapelwardens within the Space of Twelve Calendar Months next after their first entering upon and being sworn into the Office of Chapelwarden.

For Recovery
of Chaplain's
Salary.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Committee from Time to Time to nominate and appoint (with the Consent of the Chaplain for the Time being of the said Chapel) such Persons as they shall think fit to officiate as Clerk, Organist, and Sexton in the said Chapel for One Year, and also from Time to Time renew such Appointment annually, or to displace and remove such Clerk, Organist, and Sexton respectively; and that the Wages or Stipend of the Clerk be never less than Ten Pounds, nor of the Organist than Twenty Pounds, nor of the Sexton than Five Pounds *per Annum*; and that such Clerk, Organist, and Sexton respectively shall and may from Time to Time use the like Methods for the Recovery of their respective Wages or Stipends, in case the same shall be at any Time in arrear, as are herein-before given to the Chaplain of the said Chapel for the Recovery of his Stipend.

Committee
to appoint
Clerk, Or-
ganist, and
Sexton.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Graves or Burying Places shall be made or allowed within the Body of the said Chapel, or within any Part of the Yard belonging thereto.

No Graves
to be made.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That Two Renters of Pews in the said Chapel shall be appointed by the said Committee annually on the first Meeting of the Committee in *March* in every Year, or within Fourteen Days after the First Day of *March* in each Year, to

Appointment
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act as Chapelwardens of the said Chapel; and the said Two Persons when so elected Chapelwardens shall appear and be admitted and sworn according to Law, and shall collect and receive the Rents of the said Seats and Pews, and pay the Stipends, Salaries, or Wages to the Chaplain, Clerk, Sexton, and Organist of or belonging to the said Chapel for the Time being, and for all Repairs necessary for the said Chapel, such Repairs to be executed under the Direction of the said Committee of the said Institution or Charity as in this Act is provided; and also shall do, perform, and execute all lawful Acts, Matters, and Things necessary and requisite for and concerning the Management, good Order, and Decency of Behaviour to be kept and observed in the said Chapel by the Congregations thereof; and the said Persons to be appointed or chosen Chapelwardens shall continue in their Office until the Fifth Day of *April* in the next ensuing Year, or until others shall be chosen in their Stead; and the said Person and Persons so to be chosen Wardens for the said Chapel are hereby authorized and empowered to sue for and recover the same by Action or Actions for such Rents, in the Name of "The Chapelwardens of the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin *Mary* in the Town of *Liverpool* in the County Palatine of *Lancaster*," as the Case may require.

Fund for
Repairs.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee shall annually retain and set apart, out of the Rents of the Pews or other Monies received from the said Chapel, a Sum not less than Fifty Pounds, to be appropriated from Time to Time towards the Repairs of the said Chapel; and in case such Sum shall not be wanted for such Repairs, the same shall be annually laid out and invested in the Name of the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the *Liverpool* School for the indigent Blind, under the Direction of the Committee, in Government Securities at Interest, and the accumulating Interest and Dividends thereof shall be laid out and invested in like Manner, and which Fund shall from Time to Time be at the Disposal of the said Committee, to be by them applied in the Repairs of the said Chapel when and as the same shall be requisite: Provided always, that in case the Money so to be appropriated shall at any Time amount to the Sum of One thousand Pounds by the Accumulations thereof as herein provided, it shall and may be lawful for the Committee for the Time being, in case they shall deem it expedient so to do, to direct no further Sums to be retained and set apart for the Purposes aforesaid until the Amount so appropriated shall be reduced to the Sum of Five hundred Pounds; anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Seats to be
provided for
Chaplain
and Chapel-
wardens.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That One Seat or Pew in the Body of the said Chapel shall be allotted and set apart for the Use of the Chaplain of the said Chapel for the Time being and his Family, and also One other Pew or Seat in the Body of the said Chapel shall be likewise set apart and allotted for the Use of the Chapelwardens of the said Chapel for the Time being, for which said Pews or Seats no Rent shall be charged or assessed.

Pews not to
be sold.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That none of the Pews in the said Chapel shall be sold, but that so many of the said Pews shall be

be let at annual fixed Rents under the Direction of the said Committee, as they may from Time to Time deem expedient and to the Advantage of the said Institution or Charity: Provided always, that in case the Committee shall at any Time hereafter neglect or refuse, for the Space of Twenty-one Days after Notice from the Chaplain of the said Chapel, to let at such annual fixed Rents a sufficient Number of the said Pews to provide for and satisfy the Salaries to the said Chaplain, Clerk, Organist, and Sexton, and to defray the other necessary Expenses of the said Chapel, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Chaplain and Wardens for the Time being to cause such and so many of the said Pews to be let at such annual fixed Rents as shall be necessary for the Purposes aforesaid.

Remedy in case the Committee neglect to let the Pews.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That after Payment of the said Stipend, Salaries, or Wages herein-before authorized to be paid by the said Chapelwardens of the said Chapel, the Residue of all Monies received by them in anywise arising from the said Chapel shall be paid over from Time to Time to the Treasurer for the Time being of the said Institution or Charity, to be applied, under the Direction of the said Committee, in defraying the Expenses of any Alterations or Repairs to the said Chapel, or in augmenting the Stipends or Salaries of the Chaplain, Clerk, Organist, or Sexton of the said Chapel, or in such other Manner, for the Benefit of the said Institution or Charity, in such Manner as shall seem best to the said Committee.

Application of Surplus Rents.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Chapelwardens of the said Chapel for the Time being to receive any Contributions which may be given at the Doors of the said Chapel for the Benefit of the said Institution or Charity, and to pay and apply the same as any Rents of Pews are by this Act directed to be paid and applied.

Chapelwardens to receive Alms at Doors of Chapel.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Chapel, and the said Chaplain and Chapelwardens thereof, shall be under and subject to the ordinary Jurisdiction of the Lord Bishop of *Chester*, and shall be visited in like Manner as other Churches within the Diocese of *Chester* are visited.

Chapel, &c. to be under the Bishop of Chester.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the requisite Books for the Service of the said Chapel, and the Public Registers for the same, and the Bread and Wine to be used at the Communion, shall be provided under the Direction of the Chaplain and Chapelwardens of the said Chapel for the Time being, and the Expenses thereof shall be allowed in the Accounts of the said Chapelwardens.

Books, &c. to be provided.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Christenings had and solemnized in the said Chapel shall be registered by the Chaplain thereof for the Time being in Public Registers, to be provided for that Purpose by the Chapelwardens of the same for the Time being; and Transcripts or Copies thereof shall be from Time to Time transmitted and sent to the Registrar of the Ecclesiastical Court of the Bishop of *Chester*, to be by him kept and preserved with the Register Book of the said Parish of *Liverpool*.

Registry of Christenings.

XXXIX. And

Synodals and
Procurations.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That there shall be paid by the Chaplain of the said Chapel for the Time being to the Lord Bishop of *Chester* for the Time being the usual or customary Payments at the Feast of *Easter* every Year, for Synodals and for Procurations at every triennial or ordinary Episcopal Visitation, according to the Custom of the Diocese of *Chester*, the same to be received in like Manner as Synodals and Procurations are by Law recoverable.

Saving of
Rights.

XL. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall take away, change, diminish, or impeach any Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Property, Privilege, or Jurisdiction of the Bishop of *Chester* for the Time being, or any Right, Privilege, Offering, Oblation, Obvention, Emolument, Fee, Gratuity, Gift, Present, Advantage, or Benefit of the Patrons or Rectors of the said Parish of *Liverpool*, other than and except as before stated.

Parishioners
of *Liverpool*
not liable to
Repairs.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That none of the Parishioners of the said Parish of *Liverpool* shall be subject or liable to the Repairs of the said Chapel, or to any Charge, Rate, or Assessment on account of such Repairs.

Expenses of
Act.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expenses attending or incident to the obtaining and passing of this Act shall and may be paid and defrayed by and out of any Monies now or hereafter belonging to the said Institution or Charity.

Public Act.

XLIII. 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.

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