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## *Cap. xix.*

An Act for erecting and endowing a Church in the Town of *Liverpool* in the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, to be called *Saint Luke's Church*; and for reviving and amending an Act of the Twenty-first Year of King *George* the Second, so far as relates to *Saint Thomas's Church*.

[15th *May* 1822.]

**W**HEREAS the Inhabitants of the Town of *Liverpool* in the County Palatine of *Lancaster* have of late Years very greatly increased, and in order to afford Accommodation to such of the said Inhabitants as may be desirous of attending Divine Service according to the Rights and Usage of the Church of *England*, the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses of the said Town have begun to erect upon a Piece of Land belonging to them, situate on the East Side of *Berry Street* there, a handsome and spacious Stone Church, capable of containing One thousand three hundred Persons, and have proposed to appropriate a large Space of Ground adjoining to the said Church, as a Cemetery: And whereas it would be a great public Convenience if Marriages were allowed to be celebrated in the said Church, and other Provisions made respecting the same, which cannot be effected without the Aid and 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,

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Church to be called Saint Luke's.

in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said Church, when completed, together with the Cemetery to the same, shall be consecrated and set apart, and dedicated for ever to the Service of Almighty God, as a Place of Divine Worship, according to the Liturgy and Usages of the Church of *England*; and that the said Church shall be called "The Church of *Saint Luke*," in the Town of *Liverpool* in the County Palatine of *Lancaster*.

Seats to be allotted for Minister and Chaplain, and for the Poor.

II. And be it further enacted, That the several Seats or Pews to be erected and set up in the said Church, shall be numbered under the Direction of the Common Council for the Time being of the said Town, and that Two Seats or Pews near the Pulpit, in the Body of the said Church, shall be allotted for the Use of the Minister and Chaplain of the said Church for the Time being, and their Families; and that Two other Seats or Pews shall be allotted for the Use of the Servants of the said Minister and Chaplain respectively; and that Seats or Sitting Places to accommodate Two hundred and sixty Persons in the whole, shall be appropriated and set apart in the Body of the said Church, and perpetually remain, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish of *Liverpool*, for ever; for which Four Seats or Pews to be set apart for the Minister and Chaplain, and their Servants as aforesaid, and the said Seats or Sitting Places so to be appropriated for the Use of the Poor, no Rent whatever shall be demanded or paid.

Remainder of Seats to be disposed of by Common Council.

III. And be it further enacted; That the Common Council of the said Town for the Time being shall have the full and free Disposition of the Remainder of all and every the Seats and Pews in the said Church, and that the Rents and Profits of the same shall be applied to and form Part of the general Estate of the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses, and be recoverable as any other Debt or Demand of the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses; and the said Common Council for the Time being shall also appoint yearly Two fit and proper Persons, being Occupiers of Seats in the said Church, as Churchwardens of the said Church, and shall provide an Organ to the said Church.

Churchwardens, &c. to be appointed.

Church to be kept in Repair.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Church, and the Walls of the Cemetery, shall from Time to Time be kept in Repair by and at the Expence of the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses of the Town of *Liverpool* aforesaid, and their Successors, and agreeably to the Directions of the Ordinary.

Presentation to the Church vested in the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses of *Liverpool*.

V. And be it further enacted, That there shall be regularly a Minister, and also a Chaplain to officiate together at the said Church as herein-after mentioned; and that the Right of Presentation, and the perpetual Advowson and Patronage of, in, and to the said Church, shall be and the same is hereby vested in the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses of the said Town of *Liverpool* for ever; and that the Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Common Council of the said Borough and Corporation of *Liverpool*, and their Successors, or the major Part of them in Common Council assembled, shall and may, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required, before or upon the Consecration of the said Church, to nominate and present, under the Common Seal of the said Borough and Corporation, Two proper Persons duly qualified to be the Minister and Chaplain

Chaplain of the said Church, who shall respectively be thereto licensed by the Ordinary; and also to nominate and appoint a Minister and Chaplain of the said Church, to be in like Manner licensed thereto, on every Vacancy and Avoidance thereof; and the said Common Council shall and may from Time to Time nominate and appoint the Organist to serve and officiate in the said Church, and displace and remove such Organist from Time to Time, upon just and reasonable Cause: Provided always, that the said Minister and Chaplain so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall be separately and distinctly subject to the lawful Jurisdiction of the Ordinary in all Things, and shall be considered as holding a separate and distinct Benefice, which shall be subject to Lapse, and to all such other Operations of the Laws Ecclesiastical of this Realm, in like Manner as if there were but One such Minister or Chaplain of the said Church.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Minister of the said Church for the Time being, and he is hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to nominate and appoint fit and proper Persons to officiate and serve as Clerk and Sexton in the said Church, and to displace or remove such Clerk and Sexton respectively, and appoint others from Time to Time, upon just and reasonable Cause.

Minister to appoint Clerk and Sexton.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the said Minister and Chaplain for the Time being of the said Church (unless prevented by Sickness or other reasonable Cause, to be approved of by the Bishop or Ordinary of the Diocese), shall alternately every *Sunday* Morning, read in the said Church 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 of every *Sunday*, alternately in like Manner, read therein the Evening Prayers and other Service prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer; and shall on each and every Day in *Passion Week*, and on such other Days as are or may be appointed to be kept holy, in like Manner read in the said Church the Morning Prayers and other Service so prescribed for such Days respectively; and shall on every *Sunday* throughout the Year alternately, as well in the Morning as in the Evening, and on every *Christmas Day* and *Good Friday*, in the Morning, after Divine Service performed, preach a Sermon in the said Church; 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 Church, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*.

Duty of Minister and Chaplain.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the Minister and Chaplain so to be appointed to the said Church, shall, and they are hereby required to reside in the said Town of *Liverpool*, or within the Distance of Five Miles from the same, and to perform in Person the Duties of the said Church in manner herein-before directed; and that all Fees to be received and retained by the said Minister and Chaplain for their own Use, shall be equally divided between them.

Minister and Chaplain to reside in or near *Liverpool*.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the yearly Salary of the said Minister and Chaplain respectively, shall be not less than Two hundred and

Salary of Minister and Chaplain.

and fifty Pounds, and that the same shall be payable by the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses of the Town of *Liverpool* aforesaid, and their Successors, by Two equal Half-yearly Payments, so long as such Minister and Chaplain respectively shall personally perform the Duties of the said Church (unless prevented by Sickness or Infirmity), and shall be accordingly recoverable by the said Minister or Chaplain respectively from the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses, and their Successors, by Action at Law, as any other Debt or Demand; and that the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses, and their Successors, shall pay unto the Clerk of the said Church, such yearly Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds; to the Organist, such yearly Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds; and to the Sexton of the said Church, such yearly Sum not exceeding Twenty-five Pounds, for their Wages respectively, as the said Common Council shall from Time to Time order and direct, having respect to their and each of their decent and diligent Behaviour in their respective Offices.

Church, &c.  
to be under  
Jurisdiction  
of Bishop of  
Chester.

X. And be it further enacted, That the said Church, and the said Minister and Chaplain and Churchwardens 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.

Books, and  
Bread and  
Wine to be  
provided for  
the Church.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the requisite Books for the Service of the said Church, 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 Common Council for the Time being of the said Town, out of the Funds of the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses.

Marriages  
may be so-  
lemnized.

XII. And be it further enacted, That Banns of Matrimony may be published, and Marriages celebrated and solemnized within the said Church, provided the same be published, celebrated, and solemnized according to the Laws and Canons within this Realm in that Behalf; and all such Banns as shall be published, and all such Marriages as shall be celebrated or solemnized in the said Church, shall be as good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same were published, celebrated, and solemnized in the Parish Church of *Liverpool* aforesaid.

Public Re-  
gister to be  
kept.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That all Christenings and Marriages had and solemnized in the said Church, and all Burials there, shall be registered by the Minister or Chaplain thereof for the Time being, in the Public Registers to be provided for that Purpose as aforesaid; and Transcripts or Copies thereof, signed by the Minister or Chaplain for the Time being, shall be from Time to Time transmitted and sent to the Registrar of the Ecclesiastical Court of the Bishop of *Chester*, to be kept and preserved with the Copies of the Register Book of the said Parish of *Liverpool*.

Appointment  
of Synodals  
and Procura-  
tions.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That there shall be paid by the Ministers and Chaplains of the said Church 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  
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to the Custom of the Diocese of *Chester*, the same to be recovered in like manner as Synodals and Procurations are by Law recoverable.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the Vaults or Burial Places in the said Churchyard or Cemetery (save and except One Fifth Part thereof, which shall always be reserved for the Interment of the Corpses of such poor Persons as shall have usually attended Divine Service at the said Church), shall and may be disposed of by the Common Council for the Time being of the said Town, to any Person or Persons willing to become the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof; and every Purchaser or Purchasers of any such Vaults or Burial Places, his or her Executors or Administrators shall, and he, she, or they, is and are hereby required, within Six Months next after such Purchase, to put down or cause One or more Grave Stones, sufficiently large to cover the Vaults or Burial Places to be put down in the said Churchyard, otherwise such Purchase of such Vaults or Burial Places shall be altogether void, and the said Common Council shall be at Liberty to dispose of the same to some other Purchaser or Purchasers thereof.

Vaults how  
to be dis-  
posed of.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful to bury, nor shall there be any Vault or Burial Place within or under the Body of the said Church, nor under any of the Walks or Avenues in the said Cemetery leading to the Entrance Doors of the said Church, such Walks or Avenues being of the Width of not less than Seven Feet, nor within Three Feet of any of the Walls of the said Church or Churchyard, nor shall any Coffin be placed at a less Distance than Three Feet from the Surface of the said Churchyard, such Surface being taken and considered to be the Bottom of the Stone Plinth Course surrounding the said Church; and if any of the Churchwardens of the said Church shall permit or suffer any Corpse to be buried within the said Church, or suffer any Corpse to be buried within Three Feet of the Walls of the said Church or Churchyard, or under the Foot Walks or Avenues leading to the Entrance into the said Church, or any Coffin to be placed in the said Churchyard, at a less Distance from the Surface than before specified, then and in every such Case, such Churchwarden or Churchwardens so offending, shall forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, which may be recovered in a summary Way before a Justice of the Peace of the Borough of *Liverpool*, and shall be levied by Distress and Sale of a competent Part of the Goods and Chattels of the Churchwarden or Churchwardens so offending, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice, and when levied, shall go and be applied to the Use of the Poor of the said Parish of *Liverpool*.

Coffins not to  
be placed in  
the Church-  
yard within  
Three Feet  
from the  
Surface.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That there shall be paid to and into the Hands of the Minister or Chaplain of the said Church for the Time being, for the Performance of the several and respective Offices of Minister, Chaplain, Clerk, and Sexton there, Double the Fees, Dues, and Perquisites which are usually and of Right ought to be paid for every Marriage, Churching, Burial, and opening the Ground for Graves, in the Churchyard or Cemetery at the Parish Church of *Liverpool*; and that the Minister or Chaplain of the said Church shall from Time to Time collect and receive such Double Fees, Dues, and Perquisites, and account for and pay by equal Half-yearly Payments in every Year, to wit, on the

Double Fees  
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First Day of *January* and the First Day of *July*, One Half Part thereof, to and into the Hands of the Rectors of the said Parish Church of *Liverpool* for the Time being, to be divided between them and the Clerk and Sexton of the same Parish Church within Ten Days after such Rectors shall have received the same, in such Shares and Proportions as the Fees payable at the same Parish Church of *Liverpool* are divided; and that the remaining One Half Part thereof shall on the said Half-yearly Days be divided between the Minister and Chaplain, Clerk and Sexton of the said Church, in such Shares and Proportions as Fees of the like Nature, and for the like Services, are usually or of Right ought to be divided among the Rectors, Clerks, and Sextons of the same Parish Church; and in case of Nonpayment of the said Fees, Dues, and Perquisites, at any Time or Times within Twenty-one Days after either of the said Half-yearly Days, such Half Fees, Dues, and Perquisites, shall and may be sued for and recovered from the Minister or Chaplain of the said Church for the Time being, from Time to Time, by and in the Names of the Rectors of the Parish of *Liverpool* for the Time being, by Action of Debt for Monies had and received for their Use, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or any Court of Record in the said County Palatine of *Lancaster*, or the Salary payable to the Minister or Chaplain of the said Church, may be sequestered until Payment thereof.

Saving the Rights of the Bishop of Chester, and of the Rectors of the Parish of Liverpool.

XVIII. 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 herein specified.

21 G. 2. c. 24. XIX. And whereas by virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the building of a Church in the Town of Liverpool, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and for enlightening and cleansing the Streets of the said Town, and for keeping and maintaining a Nightly Watch there*, a Church was erected and called "The Church of *Saint Thomas*," and was vested in and settled upon certain Persons therein named as Trustees, their Heirs and Assigns, to and for the Uses and Purposes therein mentioned; and it was thereby enacted, that when and as the Commissioners and Trustees nominated and appointed by the said Act, or to be elected in manner therein-after mentioned, should by Death or refusing to act in the said Trust, be reduced to Seven in Number, it should be lawful to and for the surviving Commissioners and Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to elect and appoint other fit and able Persons inhabiting in the said Borough or Town of *Liverpool* as aforesaid, in the Room and Stead of such of the said Trustees as should die or refuse to act as aforesaid, and all and every Person and Persons so to be nominated, elected, and appointed should have the like Power and Authority by virtue of the said Act, as the Trustee or Trustees in whose Places they should succeed respectively, was or were vested with: And whereas the said several Persons so as aforesaid nominated and appointed Trustees for the Purposes mentioned in the said Act, are long since dead, and no

Nomination or Appointment of any new Trustees in the Room and Stead of such as have died was ever made under the Power and Authority in the said Act contained: And whereas in consequence of the Non-existence of any of the Trustees so originally appointed, and for want of the Nomination and Appointment of any new Trustees as aforesaid, the Powers and Authorities of the said Act have become void, and Loss and Inconvenience has already arisen to the Minister of the said Church, for want of punctual Payment of his Salary or Stipend, as the same has been received or collected, and such Loss and Inconvenience may still continue unless the Powers and Authorities contained in the said recited Act are revived, and other Powers and Authorities given; for Remedy whereof be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, *John Bolton* and *Samuel Staniforth* of *Liverpool* aforesaid, *Charles Winstanley* Wine Merchant, *Ralph Pearson* Anchorsmith, *William Beckwith* Merchant, *Thomas Woodward* Officer in the Customs, *Thomas Shaw*, *William Stringer* Merchant, *John Johnson*, *William Perry* Dentist, *Thomas Fisher* Attorney, and *Thomas Twist Brazier*, shall be and are hereby nominated and appointed Trustees for carrying into Effect the several Powers and Authorities in the said recited Act contained, in the Room and Stead of the said Trustees so originally appointed as aforesaid, and the said Trustees so above named, shall be and they are hereby vested with the several Powers and Authorities in the said recited Act expressed and contained to all Intents and Purposes as if they had been originally named as Trustees therein, and as if the said several Powers and Authorities had been re-enacted in and made Part of this present Act.

New Trustees appointed, and vested with same Powers and Authorities as original ones.

XX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees by this Act nominated and appointed, and such new Trustees to be hereafter appointed by virtue of the Power herein contained, or such Number of the same as are competent to act, to call to account and proceed as in the said recited Act is directed, against any Person or Persons heretofore appointed Churchwarden or Churchwardens, or Receiver or Collector of any Rents of Pews or Seats in the said Church, for or in respect of any Sum or Sums of Money collected and received by such Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Receiver or Collector respectively, and unpaid, or not duly accounted for within Five Years previous to the passing of this Act; or against any Person or Persons hereafter to be appointed Churchwarden or Churchwardens, or Receiver or Collector of any Rents of Pews or Seats in the said Church, for or in respect of any Sum or Sums of Money collected and received by such Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Receiver or Collector respectively, and unpaid, or not duly accounted for within Five Years after the same shall have been received; and in case of the Refusal or Neglect to pay or account for any Sum or Sums of Money by any such Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Receiver or Collector as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justices of the Peace of the Borough of *Liverpool*, upon Complaint of the said Trustees, or such competent Number as aforesaid, to adopt such Proceedings against the Party or Parties offending as in the said recited Act are expressed and contained.

Trustees to call to account any Churchwarden or Receiver of Rent.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Common Council of the Town of *Liverpool* aforesaid, for the Time

New Trustees to be appointed in Time

case of Death,  
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Time being, or the major Part of them in Common Council assembled, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to nominate and appoint any Trustee or Trustees in the Room and Stead of any of those in this Act named, who shall die or refuse to act in the said Trust; and the said new Trustee or Trustees so to be nominated and appointed is and are hereby vested with the same Powers and Authorities, to all Intents and Purposes, as if he or they had been originally named a Trustee or Trustees in the said recited Act, or in this Act.

Minister and  
Chaplain of  
Saint Luke's  
and Minister  
of Saint Tho-  
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Sick.

XXII. And whereas, from the great Increase of Inhabitants in the said Town of *Liverpool*, the Duties of the Rectors and Curates of the said Parish, in the Visitation of the Sick, have, in many Districts therein, become very laborious, and it would be of great Advantage, and tend much to the Comfort of the poorer Inhabitants of the Districts in the said Parish in which the said Church, intended to be called *Saint Luke*, and the said Church now called *Saint Thomas*, are situate, if the Ministers and Chaplains of the same Churches respectively were appointed to visit the Sick in such Districts, in Aid of the said Rectors and their Curates; be it therefore enacted, That the Minister and Chaplain for the Time being of the said Church intended to be called *Saint Luke*, and the Minister of the said Church called *Saint Thomas*, shall, and they are hereby required, whenever requested, in addition to the Performance of the Duties attached to their respective Appointments, to visit the Sick in the said Districts in which the said Churches respectively are situate, or in such Parts of the same respectively as shall be from Time to Time fixed and appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese of *Chester* for the Time being, and perform the several Offices prescribed, and to be performed upon the Visitation of the Sick in such Districts, or Parts of Districts as aforesaid, according to the Laws and Canons of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*.

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same to be  
subject to  
Lapse.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Office of Minister of the said Church of *Saint Thomas* shall be suffered to remain void for the Space of Six Calendar Months, without any Nomination or Presentation thereunto, by virtue of the said recited Act, then and in such Case the Nomination or Presentation to the said Church shall lapse according to Law.

Limitations  
of Actions.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced or prosecuted against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, every such Action or Suit shall be brought within Six Calendar Months next after the Cause of Action shall arise, and not afterwards, and shall be laid in the County where the Cause of Action shall arise, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if it shall appear so to be done, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants, and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or shall discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs upon  
Demurrer,



Demurrer, then and in any of the said Cases, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Double Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same as any Defendant or Defendants have or hath by Law for Costs in any other Case.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That each Conviction for any Offence against this Act, shall be drawn up in the following Form of Words, or in any other Form of Words, to the same Effect; *videlicet*;

<p>‘ Borough of Liverpool ‘ in the County of ‘ Lancaster, to wit. }</p>	B	<p>E it remembered, That on the of in the Year of our Lord</p>	<p>Day</p>	<p>Form of Con- viction.</p>
		<p>A. B. is convicted before</p>		
		<p>me C. D., One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Borough (<i>specifying the Offence, and Time and Place when and where the same was committed, as the Case may be</i>), and I do adjudge him, her, or them to pay and forfeit for the same, the Sum of Given under my Hand and Seal, the Day and Year aforesaid.’</p>		

XXVI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That any Person or Persons thinking himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Order, Judgment, or Determination made or given by any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in pursuance of this Act, may appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the next or Second General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden for the said Borough, after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, the Party or Parties appealing first giving Twenty-one Days Notice at the least of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter and Cause thereof, to the Party or Parties against whom such Appeal shall be made, or whose Interests may be affected by such Appeal, and within Ten Days after such Notice, entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the said Borough, with Two sufficient Sureties conditioned to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order and Award of the Court thereon; and the said Justices at such Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice and Recognizance having been given and entered into as aforesaid, are hereby authorized and required to hear and determine the Cause and Matter of such Appeal in a summary Way, and to make such Order therein, and to award such Costs to either of the Parties or otherwise, as they the said Justices shall think proper; and the said Justices may also order such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured, as they shall judge reasonable; and all such Orders and Determinations of the said Justices shall be final, binding, and conclusive upon all Parties, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

XXVII. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to all and every other Persons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, and his, her, and their Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, all such Right, Title, and Interest of, in, to, and out of the same Piece of Ground so intended to be set apart as aforesaid, and the said new Church intended to be erected thereon, as they, every, or any of them, had before the passing of this Act, or would have been entitled to, in case this Act had not been made.

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XXVIII. 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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