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An Act to enable the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital to purchase certain Parcels of Land for the Benefit of the said Hospital, and for other [12th July 1843.] Purposes.

HEREAS Colonel John Drouley by his Will gave all his Residuary Estate, after Payment of certain Legacies, to be equally divided between the Royal Hospitals of Chelsea and Greenwich, to be paid to the Treasurers of the said Hospitals, to be applied for the Use and Benefit of the Pensioners of the said respective Hospitals in such Manner as the Governors and Directors thereof should order and direct: And whereas it would tend to the Benefit of the said Hospital at Chelsea, and the Pensioners thereof, if certain Lands adjoining the said Hospital were purchased by the Lords and others Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital in furtherance of the Objects of the said Colonel Drouley's Will: Be it enacted by the Queen'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 Whole or any Part of the Residuary Estate of the said Application Colonel John Drouley belonging to Chelsea Hospital shall and may of Estate of

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certain Purchases.

Colonel John be applied in the Purchase of and Payment for certain Parcels of Land and Buildings adjoining the said Hospital, or for any other Pieces or Parcels of Land or Buildings the Purchase of which may, in the Opinion of the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital, be beneficial to the said Hospital or the Pensioners thereof, or which may be necessary to prevent or remove Annoyance or Injury from the Vicinity of the said Hospital; and the said Pieces or Parcels of Land shall and may be conveyed to and held by the Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital of Chelsea for the Time being and their Successors, or conveyed to a Trustee or Trustees on their Behalf, for the Use and Benefit of the said Royal Hospital.

Commissioners empowered to sell or exchange the Lands so purchased for other Lands.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital and their Successors, or for any Trustee or Trustees for the said Commissioners by their Direction, signified under the Hand of the Secretary of the said Royal Hospital for the Time being, as and when the said Commissioners from Time to Time may deem expedient, to make sale, alien, and dispose of, or to convey in Exchange for or in lieu of other Lands or Tenements, any Pieces or Parcels of Land so contracted for, or previously purchased with any Part of the Legacy of the said Colonel Drouley, which may not, in the Opinion of the said Commissioners, be required for the Use and Benefit of the said Hospital, and the Inheritance thereof, in Fee Simple or otherwise, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, or any Body Politic or Corporate, for such Price or Prices in Money (or for such Equivalent or Recompence in other Land or Tenements) as to the said Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital and their Successors shall seem reasonable, and to make and execute all Acts, Deeds, Matters, and Things requisite or necessary for completing any Sale or Exchange to and with any Person or Persons, their Heirs or Assigns, or to and with any Body Politic and Corporate and their Successors as aforesaid, who may purchase or agree to purchase any such Pieces or Parcels of Land or Tenements from the said Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital, and to give full, complete, and sufficient Receipts, Releases, and Discharges for the Purchase Money thereof.

Commissioners empowered to grant Leases.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital and their Successors, and for any Trustee or Trustees of the said Lands and Tenements, by their Direction, signified as aforesaid, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, in such Manner as they shall deem expedient, to grant Leases of all or any of the Pieces or Parcels of Land so contracted for, or heretofore purchased with any Portion of the Legacy of the said Colonel Drouley, unto any Person or Persons, for any Term or Number of Years not exceeding Twenty-one Years for any such Lease, unless the same be a building or repairing Lease, and not exceeding Eighty Years for any such building or repairing Lease, and to take effect in Possession only, and not in Reversion or by way of future Interest, and so as in all such Leases there be respectively reserved and made payable during the Continuance thereof the best yearly Rent or Rents which can be reasonably

obtained for the same, without taking any Fine, Premium, or Foregift for the making thereof, and so as in every such Demise and Lease there be contained a Condition of Re-entry for Nonpayment of the Rent thereby reserved, and so as the respective Lessees duly execute Counterparts of their said Leases respectively.

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