

ELIZABETH II



1988 CHAPTER iv

An Act to empower Keble College in the University of Oxford to make statutes in accordance with the provisions of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act 1923; to provide for the validation of statutes purported to have been made in respect of that college under the said Act; and for other purposes.

[15th March 1988]

WHEREAS—

(1) Keble College in the University of Oxford (hereinafter referred to as “the College”) was originally incorporated by Royal Charter dated 6th June 1870 under which it was governed not by its head and fellows, as is usual in Oxford Colleges, but by an external Council:

(2) By virtue of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act 1923 (hereinafter called “the 1923 Act”) the statutes for or made by or in relation to a college are subject to alteration by statutes made by that college under the 1923 Act and passed by the governing body of that college in accordance with the procedure prescribed by that Act:

1923 c. 33.

(3) As regards the Colleges in the University of Oxford the governing body is defined for the purposes of the 1923 Act to mean the head and all actual fellows of the college, being graduates but in the case of the College the Governing Body is defined to be the Council of that College:

(4) In 1951 the Council of the College, wishing to transfer the government of the College to the Warden and Fellows, made new statutes for the College (approved by Her Majesty in Council on 9th April 1952 and hereinafter called "the 1952 statutes") the purported effect of which was, inter alia, to reconstitute the College as "the Warden, Fellows and Scholars of Keble College" and to confer on the Warden and Fellows the powers of a governing body within the meaning of the 1923 Act for the purpose of making statutes for the College under section 7 (2) of that Act:

(5) It now appears that the 1952 statutes were of no effect as respects the matters referred to in paragraph (4) above but it is no longer possible for the council of the College to be brought into being again and in consequence it has become impossible for any further changes to be made in the College statutes under the procedure in the 1923 Act:

(6) The Warden and Fellows, in reliance on the 1952 statutes, have on several occasions purported to alter the statutes of the College and it appears that those alterations are invalid notwithstanding that they have been approved in accordance with the provisions of the 1923 Act:

(7) In these circumstances it is expedient to validate the 1952 statutes; to amend the 1923 Act so as to reflect the changes in the College's constitution contained in those statutes; and to validate the statutes made by the College since 1952:

1877 c. 48.

(8) It is also expedient to repeal so much of the definition of "College" in section 2 of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act 1877, as set out in the Schedule to the 1923 Act, as refers specifically to Keble College since the College became a fully accredited college in the University in consequence of the making of the 1952 statutes:

(9) The purposes of this Act cannot be achieved without the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and 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, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Keble College Oxford Act 1988.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act—

"the College" means Keble College in the University of Oxford;

1923 c. 33.

"the 1923 Act" means the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act 1923;

"the 1952 statutes" means the statutes of the College referred to as such in the Preamble to this Act;

"the post 1952 statutes" means the statutes amending the statutes of the College which the Warden and Fellows of the College purported to make under the provisions of the 1923 Act on the dates mentioned in Schedule 1 to this Act;

"the specified section" means section 2 of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act 1877 as set out in the Schedule to the 1923 Act.

Amendment of specified section.

3. The specified section shall have effect as follows:—

(a) in the definition of "College" the words "and also includes Keble College, Oxford" shall be omitted;

(b) in the definition of "The Governing Body" as regards the Colleges in the University of Oxford the words "and Keble College" and the words "and as regards Keble College, means the Council of that College" shall be omitted.

4. The 1952 statutes shall be deemed to be and always to have been valid for all purposes, and accordingly the post 1952 statutes shall be deemed to have been validly made and approved.

Validation of
statutes of
College.

5. The specified section is hereby repealed to the extent mentioned in Schedule 2 to this Act.

Repeal.

SCHEDULES

Section 2.

SCHEDULE 1

DATES ON WHICH STATUTES TO WHICH SECTION 4 (VALIDATION OF STATUTES OF COLLEGE) OF THIS ACT APPLIES WERE PURPORTED TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE WARDEN AND FELLOWS OF KEBLE COLLEGE

31st March 1955
7th December 1956
8th June 1957
17th July 1959
11th June 1964
14th May 1968
4th July 1969
20th March 1970
9th November 1971
4th February 1975
6th July 1977
31st October 1979

Section 5.

SCHEDULE 2**EXTENT OF REPEAL OF SPECIFIED SECTION**

In the definition of "College" the words "and also includes Keble College, Oxford".

In the definition of "The Governing Body" as regards the Colleges in the University of Oxford the words "and Keble College" and the words "and as regards Keble College, means the Council of that College".

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