



CHAPTER xxii.

An Act for appropriating the Leper Hospital of Saint Stephen in the City of Waterford and converting the same into a Public Infirmary for the County of Waterford and the County of the City of Waterford and to make provision for the establishment management and maintenance of the said Infirmary and for other purposes. A.D. 1896.

[21st May 1896.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament of Ireland in the fifth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third cap. 20 intituled "An Act for erecting and establishing Public Infirmaries or Hospitals in Ireland" it is enacted that receptacles be founded for the poor who are infirm and diseased in the several counties and in the manner therein mentioned :

And whereas the county of Waterford was not provided for by the said Act :

And whereas by an Act passed in the forty-seventh year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third session 2 cap. 50 it is enacted that all the provisions contained in the said last-mentioned Act for erecting establishing and supporting public infirmaries or hospitals in counties shall be extended and construed to extend to all counties of cities and counties of towns in Ireland for the erecting and establishing of a public infirmary or hospital wherein no special provision had been made by any Act or Acts of Parliament in force in Ireland at the time of the passing of the said Act of the forty-seventh year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third :

And whereas within the county of the city of Waterford no infirmary or hospital has been erected or established under the said Acts :

And whereas the county of Waterford and the county of the city of Waterford stand greatly in need of an infirmary or hospital maintained and supported and established as those of other counties and cities have been :

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And whereas under a charter of His Majesty King John and a decree or scheme settled by the Court of Chancery in Ireland dated the eighth day of December one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three and signed on the twenty-seventh day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four there has been established at John's Hill in the city of Waterford an hospital known and called by the name of the Leper Hospital of Saint Stephen all the property and management of which are now vested in certain persons called the Master Brethren and Sisters of the Leper House of Saint Stephen in the city of Waterford and commonly known as the Trustees of the Leper Hospital Waterford :

And whereas the said charter of King John granted unto the mayor sheriffs and citizens of Waterford and their successors for ever the town and lands of Leperstown in the county of Waterford and the lands of Ballymacadulane in the city and liberties of Waterford and a house built thereon called the Leper House in trust and for the relief of leprous and other diseased persons with power to the said mayor sheriffs and citizens to elect annually the master of the said house who should rectify the accounts and make leases of the said lands for such terms as he should think proper and transact all the business relating to the said house :

And whereas by section 112 of the 3rd and 4th Victoria cap. 108 being the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act 1840 it was enacted that in every borough in which the body corporate then stood seized or possessed for any estate or interest of any hereditaments or any sums of money or other personal estate in trust for any charitable uses or trusts whatsoever or were empowered to direct the application of the rents profits or produce of any hereditaments for any charitable purpose all the estate right interest and title and all the powers of such trustees should on the day on which the said Act should come into operation in such borough be vested in the persons who should on the same day have been the mayor aldermen and common council or other governing officers of such body corporate and should continue vested in such persons until the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty-one or until Parliament should otherwise order and if Parliament should not otherwise direct on or before the said first day of October the Lord Chancellor should then make such order as he should see fit for the appointment of a trustee or trustees and the administration of such trust estate subject to such charitable uses or trusts and that thereupon the trustee or trustees so appointed should come in the room of the persons theretofore named or continued as trustees and that all the estate right interest and title at law and in equity of and in such trust estates hereditaments and premises should forthwith without any

conveyance or assignment thereof pass to and be vested in the trustees appointed by the Lord Chancellor :

And whereas the said Act came into operation in Waterford on the seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty-one and Parliament did not make any order or direction for the management of such charitable trusts other than such as are contained in the said Act and the trustees of the said Leper House or Hospital have been appointed from time to time by the Lord Chancellor or a judge of the Court of Chancery or of the Chancery Division of the High Court and the trustees so appointed have from time to time elected the master of the said hospital and administered the trust estate :

And whereas the said Master Brethren and Sisters have found that the support of the said hospital has occasioned considerable expense and that the funds and property thereof are not sufficient for its proper support and that it will be beneficial to apply the funds and property vested in the said Master Brethren and Sisters for the support and maintenance of the said hospital towards the establishment support and maintenance of a general infirmary for the county of Waterford and the county of the city of Waterford :

And whereas it is expedient to appoint a board of governors for the management of the said infirmary and to vest the funds and property of the said hospital in such board :

And whereas it is expedient to authorise the grand jury of the county of Waterford and the grand jury of the county of the city of Waterford respectively to present to be raised off the said county and county of the city respectively such annual or other sums not exceeding those herein-after mentioned as they may respectively determine towards the establishment improvement support and maintenance of the said infirmary :

And whereas it is expedient to confirm the rules and regulations for the management and direction of the affairs of the said infirmary contained in the schedule hereto and to grant powers with reference to altering the same from time to time :

And whereas it is expedient to make such other provisions as this Act contains :

And whereas the purposes of this Act 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 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 :—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Waterford Infirmary Act 1896.*

Short title.

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Definitions.

2. In this Act and the schedule hereto unless the context otherwise requires—

- (1.) The expression “the board” shall mean the body corporate hereby constituted under the name of “the governors of the general infirmary of the county of Waterford and the county of the city of Waterford”:
- (2.) The expression “the funds of the infirmary” shall mean and include all moneys received or to be received by the board under or by virtue of this Act:
- (3.) The expression “the court” shall mean a judge of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland:
- (4.) The expression “the trustees of the Leper Hospital” shall mean the persons who at the appointed day herein-after mentioned are the trustees of the said Leper Hospital of Saint Stephen.

Appointed day.

3. In this Act the appointed day shall be the first day of the assizes for the county of Waterford held next following the passing of this Act.

Establishment of infirmary.

4. The building known and called by the name of the Leper Hospital of Saint Stephen situate at John's Hill in the city of Waterford shall as from the appointed day become and be deemed and considered the public general infirmary for the county of Waterford and the county of the city of Waterford and shall be regulated by and be subject to the provisions of this Act and the said infirmary shall be situated within the limits of the said existing Leper Hospital and the grounds attached thereto.

Constitution of board.

5. There shall be constituted for the purposes of this Act a board of governors in manner following:—

- (1.) The person who shall be the master of the said Leper Hospital of Saint Stephen at the appointed day and the master of the said infirmary to be appointed as herein-after provided the Roman Catholic Bishop of the diocese of Waterford and Lismore the Protestant Bishop of the united diocese of Cashel and Emly Waterford and Lismore the Roman Catholic parish priest or principal clergyman of the parishes of Trinity Within Trinity Without Saint Patrick's Saint John's and Slievrue and the Protestant incumbent or principal clergyman of the parishes of Saint Patrick's Trinity and Kilculliheen or Macully all of which said parishes are within or partly within the city of Waterford the mayor of Waterford the high sheriff of the county of the city of Waterford the high sheriff of the county of Waterford and the members of Parliament for Waterford city and Waterford county all for the time being shall ex-officio be governors of the said infirmary and members of the board:

(2.) On the first Friday in March next after the passing of this Act and on the first Friday in March in every subsequent year or as soon thereafter as conveniently may be (not exceeding thirty days from such date) the persons who at the time shall be donors for the support of the said infirmary of sums of not less than twenty guineas and such persons as shall have been subscribers of the sum of three guineas at least for the support of the said infirmary in the year ending on the twenty-eighth day of February immediately preceding shall elect from amongst such donors and subscribers additional governors in the proportion of one governor for every full sum of fifty pounds of income derived from such subscriptions of three guineas and from such donations of twenty guineas in the year ending the first day of March immediately preceding the date of such election to be additional governors of the said infirmary and members of the board until the first Friday of March following. In interpreting this section for the purpose of computing the income from donations each donation of twenty-one pounds is to be considered as bearing an annual income of three guineas during the donor's life and no person shall be deemed a subscriber unless his subscription shall have been paid on or before the said twenty-eighth day of February immediately preceding :

(3.) At every such election a donor of the sum of twenty guineas or more for such support may give one vote and no more for each of any number of persons not exceeding the number to be elected for each sum of twenty guineas of which he shall be the donor and a subscriber of the sum of three guineas or more for such support in the year ending on the twenty-eighth day of February immediately preceding the date of such election may give one vote and no more for each of any number of persons not exceeding the number to be elected in respect of each sum of three guineas so subscribed by him :

(4.) The grand jury of the county of Waterford and the grand jury of the county of the city of Waterford may at each assizes after the passing of this Act elect from amongst themselves one person in respect of each sum of fifty pounds presented by such grand jury at such assizes for the support of the said infirmary to be a governor thereof and a member of the board until the last day of the following assizes :

(5.) There shall be twelve additional governors of the infirmary and members of the board who shall be appointed to and retain their offices for their respective lives or until they resign or be removed in the manner herein-after provided. The

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said governors shall be known and called by the name of "the non-official governors":

(6.) The first non-official governors shall be the Most Reverend Richard Alphonsus Sheehan of Bishop's House John's Hill Waterford John Aloysius Tobin of Newtown Villa Waterford Henry Denny of John's Hill in the city of Waterford William Henry Fennessy of John's Hill aforesaid Edward Jacob of Tramore in the county of Waterford John Hawtry Jones of Mullinabro in the county of Kilkenny Very Reverend Dean Morgan of The Deanery Waterford See of Waterford John Newsom White of Rocklands Waterford William Goff Davis Goff of Glenville Waterford Patriek W. Keily of Upton Newtown Waterford Martin Joseph Murphy of Westcliff Tramore in the county of Waterford and William Joseph Smith of Roanmore Waterford:

(7.) It shall be lawful for the said non-official governors and their successors by a writing under the hands of the majority of them duly attested by a credible witness and lodged with the secretary of the board to nominate a person to succeed to the office of non-official governor on the death resignation or removal of any such governor:

(8.) Whenever by death resignation or removal any person shall cease to be a non-official governor and his successor has not been nominated within three months thereafter according to the provisions in that behalf lastly herein-before contained the board shall elect a person in his stead to be a non-official governor of the infirmary and member of the board.

Governors
to be a body
corporate.

6. The governors hereby appointed and to be hereafter appointed nominated and elected as aforesaid shall be a body corporate and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and shall be called "the governors of the general infirmary of the county of Waterford and the county of the city of Waterford" and shall sue and be sued in that name and shall have power to purchase take hold and dispose of any lands tenements and hereditaments whatever.

Present-
ments by
grand juries.

7. It shall be lawful for the grand jury of the county of Waterford when they think fit to do so at each assizes after the passing of this Act to present to be raised off the said county of Waterford a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds provided that applications for presentments in regard thereto shall have been laid before the presentment sessions for the county at large held immediately before the assizes at which such presentments shall be made and that such applications shall be approved of by the grand jury of the said county of Waterford and it shall be lawful for the grand

jury of the county of the city of Waterford when they think fit to do so at each assizes after the passing of this Act to present to be raised off the said county of the city of Waterford a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds provided that applications for presentments in regard thereto shall have been laid before the presentment sessions for the county of the city of Waterford held immediately before the assizes at which such presentments shall be made and that such applications shall be approved of by the grand jury of the said county of the city of Waterford and the said sums together with such sums as may be voluntarily subscribed and be paid to the governors or as they shall acquire under the provisions of this Act shall be paid to the governors of the said infirmary to be applied by them towards the establishment improvement support and maintenance of the said infirmary as the case may require.

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8. The board over and above the powers hereby specially committed to them shall have the superintendence management direction and regulation of all matters relating to the said infirmary and it shall be lawful for the governors present at any meeting of the board at which a quorum shall be present from time to time by a resolution entered in a book kept for that purpose and signed by at least seven governors present at the meeting to make such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary for the better government good order or management of the said infirmary and the admission of patients and the maintenance and conduct of the inmates thereof or any matter relating thereto providing the same shall not be repugnant to the several trusts hereby reposed in the board or in any way inconsistent with the provisions of this Act and shall not come into operation unless and until (1) they are approved of and confirmed by a resolution to be passed at a subsequent meeting of the board held at an interval of not less than one week and not more than one month from the date of the meeting at which such rules and regulations have been made nor until (2) they have been (after such approval and confirmation) submitted to and approved by the Lord Lieutenant such approval to be certified in such manner as he shall think fit.

Powers of board.

9. The persons appointed to the offices of surgeons physicians apothecary and matron respectively by the said trustees of the Leper Hospital of Saint Stephen and who at the appointed day shall hold the said offices shall continue to hold the same and to discharge the duties thereof as officers and matron of the said infirmary until their respective deaths removal or resignation and shall while they continue to hold such offices be paid out of the funds of the infirmary the respective salaries or remuneration now payable to them by the said trustees in respect of the said offices Provided however that if any of

Medical staff and matron to be retained.

A.D. 1896. the surgeons physicians or apothecaries shall resign or be removed from his office within three years from the appointed day but not otherwise the board shall have power and they are hereby authorised to award to the surgeon physician and apothecary so resigning or being removed a gratuity not exceeding in amount one year's salary and remuneration And in case of the removal of the said matron from her office as matron within three years from the appointed day but not otherwise the board shall have power and they are hereby authorised to award to her out of the funds of the infirmary a gratuity not exceeding the sum of one hundred pounds and not less than the sum of fifty pounds.

The master to continue in office.

10. The person who at the appointed day shall hold the office of master of the said Leper Hospital of Saint Stephen shall become and be master of the said infirmary and shall so continue during his life or until he shall resign or be removed from such office.

Vacancy in office of master.

11. In case of the death resignation or removal of the person who shall be the master at the appointed day or any other master to be hereafter appointed a special meeting of the board shall be summoned by the secretary to elect a proper person to be the master of the said infirmary in place of the master so dying resigning or being removed such meeting shall be held within one month from the time when such vacancy shall arise The person who at such meeting shall have a majority of the votes of the members then present and voting shall be elected as the master and shall continue to be and act as the master of the said infirmary during his life or until he shall resign or be removed and if it shall happen at any such election that there shall be an equality of votes including the vote of the chairman the chairman of any such meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

Removal of governors &c. by the court.

12. The master or any other member or members of the board may be removed from their respective offices by the court on the application of any person interested in the said infirmary as a governor donor or subscriber on good and sufficient reasons for such removal being shown.

Vesting of property.

13.—(1.) The said buildings called or known by the name of the Leper Hospital of Saint Stephen and all other property real and personal including all interests and rights in to and out of property real and personal and including obligations and things in action as may immediately before the appointed day belong to or be vested in the trustees of the Leper Hospital or any person for or on behalf of the said Leper Hospital (other than any property the legal estate or property wherein is not transferable by deed and any securities or property transferable only by a deed or instrument of a prescribed form or transferable only in the books of

any corporation or company which is then vested in the trustees of the Leper Hospital or any such person and for the transfer to and vesting of which in the board provision is herein-after in this section expressly made) shall on and from the appointed day pass to and vest in the board their successors and assigns for all the estate and interest of the trustees of the Leper Hospital or of such person therein and to be applied by the board for the establishment improvement support and maintenance of the said infirmary and the purposes of this Act.

(2.) Any property the legal estate or interest wherein is not transferable by deed or any securities or property transferable only by deed or instrument of a prescribed form or transferable only in the books of a corporation or company or interests and rights in to and out of the same immediately before the appointed day vested in the trustees of the Leper Hospital or any person for or on behalf of the said Leper Hospital shall at the expense of the board on or as soon as conveniently may be after the appointed day be conveyed assured and transferred to the board for the purposes aforesaid and until such conveyance and transfer shall be held upon trust for the board.

(3.) The trustees of the Leper Hospital and every such person as aforesaid shall as from the appointed day be released and discharged from and indemnified against all claims demands liabilities and obligations arising out of or attached to the office of trustee of the Leper Hospital.

14. Notwithstanding the transfer effected by this Act—

(1.) All agreements assurances contracts conveyances deeds and other instruments acts or things made entered into executed given or done by to or with the trustees of the Leper Hospital and in force on the appointed day shall be as valid and effectual in every respect for against or with reference to the board as they would have been but for the said transfer for against or with reference to the trustees of the Leper Hospital :

(2.) Any action arbitration or other proceeding or course of action or other proceeding existing or pending on the appointed day by with against or in favour of the trustees of the Leper Hospital shall not abate or be prejudicially affected by the transfer but the same may be continued and carried on by with against-or in favour of the board as the case may require :

(3.) All rents charges debts and sums of money owing to or by the trustees of the Leper Hospital as the case may be on the appointed day shall be payable to or by the board as the case may be with all interest (if any) due or accruing due for the same and may be recovered and enforced by from or against

Saving and
transitory
provisions.

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the board as the case may be in like manner and as effectually as they could have been recovered and enforced by from or against the trustees of the Leper Hospital:

- (4.) All rules and regulations made by the trustees of the Leper Hospital and in force on the appointed day shall so far as they relate to or are in pursuance of the powers and duties transferred to the board continue in force as if they had been made by the board subject nevertheless to revocation or alteration by the board.

Power to
mortgage
sell &c.
lands &c.

15. The board may subject to the approval of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland from time to time sell mortgage charge exchange or otherwise dispose of the lands tenements and other property and things or any part thereof by this Act vested in them or which shall hereafter vest in them under the provisions of this Act or otherwise or any easements rights or privileges to be exercised or enjoyed in over upon or under the same or any part thereof Provided always that the moneys to arise from any such sale mortgage charge exchange or otherwise as aforesaid shall be applied by the board for the general purposes of the said infirmary.

Power to
make leases.

16. The board may grant leases for any term not exceeding twenty-one years of any part or parts of the lands and tenements by this Act vested in them or which shall hereafter vest in them under the provisions of this Act:—

- (1.) Every such lease shall be by deed and shall be made to take effect in possession not later than twelve months after its date:
- (2.) Every such lease shall reserve the best improved rent that can reasonably be obtained and no fine shall be paid or taken in respect of any such lease.

Leases subject
to approval of
Commissioners
of Charitable
Donations &c.

17. The board may subject to the approval of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland grant any other lease or leases of the said lands or tenements or any part thereof.

Powers of
investment.

18. The board may from time to time invest any moneys in their hands in or upon any stocks funds or securities for the time being authorised by law as investments for trust funds.

Admission
of patients.

19. The board shall have power to receive into the said infirmary all such sick and wounded persons of the city and county of Waterford as they shall think proper and may remove the same or any of them and receive other such persons in their place and the number to be received from the county of Waterford shall be regulated as nearly as possible in the proportion that the annual contributions of the county grand jury bear to the remainder of the

revenue of the said infirmary without prejudice to the right of nomination by donors and subscribers as by this Act provided. A.D. 1896.

20. The persons who at the appointed day shall be the inmates of the said Leper Hospital of Saint Stephen shall be continued as inmates of the said infirmary until they shall die or be removed. Inmates of
Leper
Hospital.

21. The rules and regulations set forth in the schedule to this Act for the management and direction of the affairs of the said infirmary are hereby confirmed and all the provisions of such schedule in manner and form as they are set out therein shall from and after the appointed day have full validity and effect. Provided that the court may at any time and from time to time on the application of the board pursuant to and authorised by a resolution passed at a meeting of the board modify alter or vary the provisions of the said schedule in such manner and to such extent in all respects as the court may think fit. Confirmation
of schedule
and power
of revision.

22. Every application to the court under this Act shall be made by summons in chambers and shall be assigned to the Chancery Division of the High Court. Applications
to the court.

23. On any such application the court may direct notice to be served on such person or persons as the court thinks fit. Notice to be
served.

24. The costs charges and expenses of and incidental to the preparing obtaining and passing this Act shall after being taxed and ascertained by one of the taxing officers of the Houses of Parliament be paid by the board out of the funds of the infirmary. Costs of Act.

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The SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act.

RULES and REGULATIONS for the Management and Direction of the
Affairs of the Waterford Infirmary.

Definitions.

1. In this schedule expressions to which meanings are assigned by the foregoing Act have the same respective meanings unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction and the expression "the Act" means the foregoing Act.

Meetings of board.

2. The first meeting of the board shall be held at the public infirmary within thirty days after the appointed day and notice of the time and place of meeting shall be given by the master and in his absence by the secretary to each governor in manner herein-after provided and the board shall thereafter hold two general meetings in each year one to be held within one week after the meeting of the donors and subscribers for the election of governors and the other upon the first Friday in September.

Call of special general meeting.

3. Any seven or more governors shall be at liberty and are hereby authorised and empowered at all times by requisition in writing signed by them and specifying the purpose for which the special general meeting shall be called to call a special general meeting of the board.

Seven governors to be a quorum.

4. Any seven governors present at any meeting of the board shall be a quorum and all powers and authority vested in the board shall and may be exercised from time to time by the major part of the governors who shall attend at any meeting of the board the number of governors present at any such meeting not being less than seven. And all acts orders and proceedings of the major part of the governors present at such their several meetings shall have the same force and effect as if the same were made and done by all the governors for the time being.

The master to be chairman at meetings of the board.

5. The master of the said infirmary when present at any meeting of the board shall be the chairman thereof and in his absence from any such meeting a chairman shall and may be appointed by the major part of the governors present at such meeting and as often as it shall happen that there shall be an equality of votes at any such meeting including the vote of the chairman the chairman of such meeting shall have a second or casting vote. And if the chairman at any meeting of the board shall leave such meeting before the adjournment of the same then and in such case the remaining governors present at such meeting not being less than seven shall and may in like manner appoint another chairman being a governor present at such meeting to replace the former chairman and to preside at such meeting until the same shall be adjourned.

Power to adjourn meetings of the board.

6. The governors present at any meeting of the board at which not less than seven governors shall be present shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time and to such place as they think fit.

7. Every meeting of the board subsequent to the first meeting shall be summoned by a notice in writing signed by the master or in his absence by the secretary stating the time and place of meeting and the purpose for which the same shall be held which notice shall be left at or sent by post to the usual place of abode of each governor or such of them as shall be in Ireland and shall have an address known to the secretary at least three clear days before the date of such meeting or otherwise shall be summoned in such manner as may be determined by any byelaw to be made by the board in respect thereof. The accidental omission to give such notice to any governor shall not invalidate any resolution at any such meeting or otherwise affect the proceedings at any such meeting.

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Notice of
meeting to be
given.

8. Whenever any meeting shall be adjourned for seven days or more at least three days notice of the place and hour of such adjourned meeting shall be given in like manner.

Notice of
adjourned
meeting.

9. The board shall cause to be provided and kept a proper book or books in which fair and regular entries shall be made of acts orders and proceedings and of the names of all such members of the board as shall be present at their several meetings and all entries in such books being signed by the chairman of the meeting in respect of which such entry shall be made or by the chairman of the next subsequent meeting shall be deemed to be originals and shall be allowed to be read in evidence in all causes suits and actions touching or concerning anything done in pursuance of the Act and of the rules and regulations in force for the time being and such books shall at all meetings of the board and at all other reasonable times be kept open and available for the inspection of the governors any of whom may take copies thereof or extracts therefrom.

Books contain-
ing entries of
proceedings to
be kept.

10. The secretary of the board shall keep a book or books in which he shall enter or cause to be entered true and regular accounts of all sums of money received paid and expended for or on account of the purposes of the Act and of the rules and regulations in force for the time being and of the several articles matters and things for which such sums of money have been disbursed and paid and such book or books shall at all reasonable times be open for the inspection of the governors any of whom may take copies thereof or extracts therefrom.

Secretary to
keep accounts.

11. The donors and subscribers for the support of the said infirmary who shall be entitled to vote on the election of governors shall at every annual meeting convened for the purpose of electing governors nominate and appoint two persons who shall be auditors of the accounts of the said infirmary for the year ending on the twenty-eighth day of February following and such auditors shall proceed into the examination and auditing of such accounts and shall make out a full and true abstract or general statement of the receipts and disbursements of the board for the said year which abstract or general statement shall be signed by the auditors and shall be printed at the expense of the board in the month of March and shall be submitted to the next general meeting of the board and copies thereof shall be delivered to the secretary of the grand jury of the county of Waterford and the secretary of the grand jury of the county of the city of Waterford before the date fixed for the spring assizes for

Auditors to be
appointed.

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the said county and the said county of the city in each year and shall be laid before the grand juries respectively at the spring assizes in each year and copies thereof shall also be distributed by the secretary amongst the governors and the donors of twenty guineas and the subscribers of three guineas for the year to which the accounts relate.

Votes of donors and subscribers at election of auditors.

12. At every election of auditors each donor and subscriber shall be entitled to vote in the same manner and to the same number of votes as in the case of an election of governors from amongst the donors and subscribers.

Who ineligible as auditor.

13. No governor and no person who shall be in receipt of or entitled to any remuneration in respect of any office or employment in connexion with the said infirmary shall be eligible as auditor.

Casual vacancy.

14. If any casual vacancy occurs in the office of auditor the board shall fill the same or in default of the donors and subscribers electing auditors in manner herein-before provided the board shall do so at a general meeting.

Committee of management.

15. It shall be lawful for the board at any meeting held within one year after the appointed day and in each succeeding year at a meeting to be held within one week after the annual meeting of donors and subscribers for the election of governors to appoint from amongst themselves eight persons who together with the master of the said infirmary shall be a committee for the purposes of the Act and of the rules and regulations in force for the time being or for any part of such purposes as the board may direct and who shall be called the committee of management and shall hold office until the half-yearly meeting of the board to be held within a week of the meeting of donors and subscribers for the election of governors.

Delegation of powers of the board.

16. It shall be lawful for the board from time to time by a resolution passed at any general meeting to delegate to the committee of management all or any of the powers or authorities vested in the board under the Act and the rules and regulations in force for the time being and it shall be lawful for such committee in transacting the business so committed to them to exercise all the powers for that purpose which are by the Act and the rules and regulations in force for the time being given to the board and such committee shall at such time or times as the board shall direct and failing such direction at each half-yearly meeting of the board lay before the board a statement or report of their accounts and proceedings.

Meeting of committee of management.

17. The committee of management shall meet at the infirmary on the first Friday in each month and any three members present at any such meeting shall be a quorum. The master or the secretary or any three or more members of the committee of management are hereby authorised and empowered at all times (by requisition in writing signed by them and specifying the purpose for which a special meeting shall be called) to call a special meeting of the committee of management.

Procedure at meetings of committee of management.

18. The board may from time to time make vary and revoke regulations respecting the quorum meetings and proceedings of the committee of management and subject and without prejudice to the powers hereby vested in the board the meetings and proceedings of the committee of management shall be governed by the provisions in the Act and the rules and regulations in force for

the time being for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the board so far as the same shall be applicable and are not superseded by any regulations made by the board as aforesaid. A.D. 1896.

19. It shall be lawful for the board at any general meeting to elect one person who shall be duly qualified as a physician and surgeon as the resident physician and surgeon of the said infirmary and at the same time or any other general meeting to elect one or more person or persons who shall be duly qualified as physicians or surgeons as the non-resident physicians or surgeons of the said infirmary who shall be respectively appointed to such offices at such salaries as the board shall consider reasonable. The resident physician and surgeon so appointed shall be required to prescribe and compound medicine for the inmates of the said infirmary. Election of medical officers.

20. The board shall have power at any general meeting to remove any resident physician and surgeon or any non-resident physician or surgeon and from time to time to elect a duly qualified physician and surgeon to supply any vacancy in the office of resident physician and surgeon or a duly qualified physician or surgeon to supply any vacancy in the office of non-resident physician or surgeon of the said infirmary. Power to remove medical officers and supply vacancies.

21. It shall be lawful for the said board at any general meeting to elect a treasurer and a secretary subject to such conditions and at such salaries as the board may consider reasonable. Election of secretary and treasurer.

22. Upon the death resignation or removal of the first receiver herein-after mentioned or of any person who may hereafter be appointed receiver the board shall elect a fit and proper person to be the receiver of the rents and income of the lands and tenements vested in them by the Act and any other lands which now are or at any time hereafter may be subject to the same trusts. The board shall and they are hereby authorised and empowered to take from every such receiver the joint and several bond of himself and two sureties who shall be approved of by the board by which every such receiver and his sureties shall become bound to the board in a sum of not less than seven hundred pounds sterling for the faithful discharge of his duties by such receiver and his due accounting with the board for the rents received by him. Every such receiver shall be allowed fees at the rate of not exceeding five pounds per centum upon the amount of the rents collected by him and shall on or before the first day of March in each year submit to the board his accounts for the year ending the thirty-first day of December immediately preceding and such other accounts of such rents as the board may from time to time require. The accounts of every such receiver shall be audited and certified by the board. Any receiver whether appointed by the board or nominated by these rules and regulations may be removed by the board. Appointment of a receiver.

23. The person who at the appointed day shall be the agent or receiver of the said trustees of the Leper Hospital of Saint Stephen over the lands and tenements by the Act vested in the board shall be and continue until his death resignation or removal the first receiver. First receiver.

24. Donors of twenty guineas for the support of the said infirmary shall during their lives and subscribers of three guineas shall during the year in Nominations of patients by donors and subscribers.

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which they shall subscribe be entitled subject to the approval of the board or of the committee of management to nominate sick and wounded persons who in the aggregate shall be entitled to twenty-one days use of a free bed in the infirmary provided there shall be vacant beds available at the time therein.

Extern relief.

25. The board shall have power in deserving cases recommended by a member of the medical staff of the said infirmary and subject to rules and regulations to be made by the committee of management to give extern relief in medicine and surgery and nursing to sick and wounded persons as aforesaid and to do all acts and make all arrangements and appointments necessary for the purpose and in proper cases the board may charge a reasonable sum for such relief.

Rules as to
extern relief
to be made by
the board or
committee of
management.

26. The board or the committee of management at any meeting at which a quorum shall be present may from time to time make such rules and regulations relating to such extern relief as they deem fit and may from time to time alter vary or rescind any such rules and regulations.

Paying
patients.

27. It shall be lawful for the board to require payment from such of the patients in any of the wards of the infirmary as in the opinion of the board or the committee of management may be able to pay and the board may establish in the said infirmary a ward for the exclusive use of such patients as shall agree to pay such sums as may be fixed by the board for such use.

Appointment
of matrons
nurses servants
&c.

28. The board may appoint such matrons nurses servants and other persons as they shall deem necessary for the requirements of the said infirmary and may from time to time remove and dismiss the same and pay to such matrons nurses servants and any other persons such salaries and wages as the board shall consider reasonable.

Nursing staff.

29. The nursing shall be carried on by the nursing staff under the direction of the resident physician and the nursing staff shall consist of a lay matron holding a recognised certificate as a trained nurse or of whose competency and skill the board shall otherwise be satisfied in case a person holding a recognised certificate cannot be procured and as many lay trained nurses and lay probationers as the board may consider necessary.

Present system
of employing
only secular
nurses to be
continued.

30. The existing system of employing only secular matrons nurses and probationers shall be continued but this provision may be annulled or altered by a resolution passed at a meeting of the board specially convened for the purpose whereof one month's previous notice in writing stating the purpose of the meeting shall be given to each governor which resolution shall be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the governors present at such meeting and shall be confirmed by a like majority of the governors present at another special meeting to be convened for the purpose not earlier than one month or later than three months from the date of the first meeting and of which like notice shall be given.

Board to
provide all
requisites for
infirmary.

31. The board shall provide from time to time all pecuniary allowances food furniture surgical instruments and all other things required in their opinion for the proper maintenance of the said infirmary and the inhabitants thereof.

Alterations
in buildings.

32. The board shall get such structural or other alterations effected in the existing hospital buildings as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of the Act.

33. No payment shall be made out of the funds of the infirmary except on an order of the board or the committee of management and all payments shall be duly recorded in the house account to be kept by the resident physician or surgeon or other official. A.D. 1896.
Payments.

34. The board shall keep the buildings of the said infirmary and the furniture and effects therein insured in a sufficient sum in an approved office or offices. Insurance of
buildings.

35. All salaries wages charges and expenses properly incurred by the board or by the committee of management in the direction and management of the affairs of the said infirmary or otherwise in carrying out the provisions of the Act and of the rules and regulations for the time being in force shall be paid out of the funds of the infirmary. Salaries &c. to
be paid out of
the funds of
the infirmary.

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