



Gifts for Churches Act 1803

1803 CHAPTER 108 43 Geo 3

An Act to promote the building, repairing, or otherwise providing of Churches and Chapels, and of Houses for the Residence of Ministers, and the providing of Church Yards and Glebes. [27th July 1803]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)
- C2 Act repealed (N.I.) by the Act 14 & 15 Vict. c. 71
- C3 Preamble not relevant to unrepealed provisions of the Act

Commencement Information

- II Act wholly in force at Royal Assent

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Textual Amendments

- F1 Ss. 1–3 repealed by [Charities Act 1960 \(c. 58\)](#), [Sch. 7 Pt. II](#)

4 Plots of land not exceeding one acre held in mortmain, lying convenient to be annexed to some church, &c. may be granted either by way of exchange or benefaction for that purpose.

And whereas it often happens that small plots of land held in mortmain lie convenient to be annexed to some such church or chapel, or house of residence as aforesaid, or to some churchyard or curtilage thereto belonging or convenient to be employed as the scite of some such church or chapel or house to be hereafter erected, and for the necessary and commodious use and enjoyment thereof, and that they might be so employed to the advantage of the publick, and without detriment to the proprietors thereof, if they were enabled to give and grant the same for the purposes aforesaid: It shall be lawful for every body politick or corporate, sole or aggregate, by deed inrolled

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as aforesaid, with or without confirmation, as the law may require, to give and grant, either by way of exchange or benefaction, any such small plot of land, not exceeding one acre, to any person or persons, body politick or corporate, his and their heirs and successors respectively, to be held, used, and applied for the purposes aforesaid; . . . ^{F2}

Textual Amendments

F2 Words repealed by [Charities Act 1960 \(c. 58\)](#), [Sch. 7 Pt. II](#).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C4 Power of dealing with land granted under s. 4 extended by [Church Property \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Measure 1960 \(No. 1\)](#), [s. 7\(1\)](#)

5 Accommodation to be provided for persons resorting to church, &c.

Provided also that in every parochial church or chapel hereafter to be erected ample provision shall be made for the decent and suitable accommodation of all persons, of what rank or degree soever, who may be entitled to resort to the same, and whose circumstances may render them unable to pay for such accommodations.

6 Rights of giving or devising not affected.

Provided also, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to take away or abridge any right of giving or devising which already exists in any person whatsoever.

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