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GEORGI III. REGIS.

Cap. 28.

An Act for granting to the Chapel lately rebuilt in the Royal Hospital of *Bridewell*, all the Rights and Privileges belonging to the former Chapel of the said Hospital, lately taken down.

[25th April 1807.]

WHEREAS by certain Letters Patent bearing Date at *Westminster*, the Twenty-sixth Day of *June*, in the Seventh Year of the Reign of King *Edward* the Sixth, and in the Year of Our Lord One thousand five hundred and fifty-two, the said King did give and grant unto the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and their Successors, (among other Things) all that his Manor, Chief Messuage, Tenement, and Mansion House, called *Bridewell* otherwise *Bridewell Place*, with all and singular its Rights, Members, and Appurtenances, situate, lying, and being in the Parish of *Saint Bride*, *Fleet Street*, in *London*, upon the special charitable Trusts in the said Letters Patent mentioned and set forth: And whereas by virtue of the Laws, Ordinances, and Regulations, made and now in force, concerning the said Hospital of *Bridewell*, and of certain Articles of Agreement bearing Date the Fifteenth Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and made or expressed to be made between the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, Governors of the Possessions, Revenues, and Goods of (with other Hospitals therein mentioned) the said Hospital called *Bridewell*, and the President, Treasurer, and acting

Recites
Grant of
King Ed-
ward 6, 26th
June 1552.

Agreement
15th June
1782, be-
tween the
City and the
Hospitals.

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22 G. 3. c. 77.

Governors of the same Hospital; and of an Act made in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to render valid and effectual certain Articles of Agreement between the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London, Governors of the Possessions, Revenues, and Goods of the Hospitals of Edward King of England the Sixth, of Christ, Bridewell, and Saint Thomas the Apostle, and of the Hospitals of Henry the Eighth, King of England, called The House of the Poor, in West Smithfield, near London, and of the House and Hospital called Bethlehem, and the Presidents, Treasurers, and acting Governors of the said several Hospitals, the actual Government, Ordering, Management, and Disposition of the said Hospital of Bridewell, and of the Estates, Possessions, Revenues, Business, and Concerns thereof, were committed and confirmed to, and are now vested in and executed by certain Persons styled "The President, Treasurer, and Governors of the United Hospitals of Bridewell and Bethlehem,"* consisting of the Mayor and Aldermen of the said City for the Time being, and of Twelve of the Common Councilmen of the said City for the Time being, appointed such Governors by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled, and of several other Persons elected such Governors at General Courts or Committees holden for the said Hospitals of *Bridewell* and *Bethlehem*, according to the Rules and Orders in that Behalf: And whereas there hath been within the said Hospital of *Bridewell*, from Time immemorial, a Chapel for the Spiritual Use and Edification of the several Persons inhabiting within the said Hospital of *Bridewell* and the Precinct thereof, called *Bridewell* Precinct, in which Chapel the Service of the Church of *England*, as by Law established, hath been regularly performed, the Sacraments of such Church duly administered, and Marriages solemnized by a Minister of the said Church: And whereas the said Chapel, on account of its decayed State, hath been lately taken down, and another Chapel built within the Distance of a few Yards from the Scite of the former Chapel: And whereas in consequence of the present Chapel having been so erected upon a Scite of Ground in some Degree different from that occupied by the former Chapel, Doubts have arisen whether Marriages, solemnized therein, would be valid and legal; for the Removal of which Doubts, be it therefore enacted by the King'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 when and as soon as the said Chapel, so lately built in the said Hospital of *Bridewell*, shall be duly consecrated, according to the Usage of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, it shall and may be lawful, to and for the officiating Minister for the Time being in the said Chapel, to publish Banns of Matrimony therein, and to solemnize Marriages therein, according to the Form of Solemnization of Matrimony contained in the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of *England* and *Ireland*, and not otherwise; and in pursuance of the Provisions and Directions of an Act, made in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the better preventing of clandestine Marriages*, and all Marriages so solemnized in the said Chapel, shall be as good, valid, and effectual in the Law, as if such Marriages had been solemnized in the antient Chapel, so taken down as aforesaid, and a Register of every such Marriage, or a Copy thereof, shall be received in all Courts of Law and Equity, as Evidence of such Marriage, in such and the like Manner,

Chapel from Time immemorial.

Former Chapel pulled down, and present rebuilt on a Scite a few Yards distant from the former.

Doubts as to Validity of Marriages.

After present Chapel shall be consecrated, Marriages shall be solemnized therein, according to the Form of the Church, and the Provisions of

26 G. 3. c. 33.

Manner, as the Register of any Marriage, solemnized in any Parish Church is received in Evidence.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Chapel so lately rebuilt, shall have and be entitled to all and singular the Rights, Privileges, and Immunities, possessed by the ancient Chapel, so taken down of the said Hospital of *Bridewell*, and the Precinct thereof, in as full, ample, and beneficial a Manner, to all Intents and Purposes; and such new Chapel shall be maintained, repaired, and supported in such and the like Manner as the said ancient Chapel, lately taken down, was maintained, repaired, and supported.

Chapel shall be entitled to all the Rights, &c. of the former Chapel.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the President, Treasurer, and Governors for the Time being of the United Hospitals of *Bridewell* and *Bethlehem*, annually to elect an officiating Chaplain for the said Chapel, and to provide for the Support of such Chaplain at their own Discretion out of the Funds and Revenues of the said Hospital of *Bridewell*, in such and the like Manner as the said President, Treasurer, and Governors were enabled to elect an officiating Chaplain of the said ancient Chapel so taken down, and to provide for the Support of such Chaplain; and the said President, Treasurer, and Governors for the Time being, shall have, hold, exercise, and enjoy such and the like Rights, Powers, Privileges, and Immunities, and shall be subject and liable to the like Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions with respect to such Chapel so lately built, as the said President, Treasurer, and Governors had held, exercised, and enjoyed, and were subject and liable to, with respect to such ancient Chapel so taken down.

Chaplain shall be annually elected and supported as before.

Governors possess the same Rights with respect to the present, as to the ancient

Chapel.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Publick Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of, as such, by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being especially pleaded.

Publick Act.

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