



ANNO UNDECIMO & DUODECIMO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

Cap. cix.

An Act to enable the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the Philanthropic Society to sell and grant Leases of the Lands belonging to them, and to purchase other Lands ; and for other Purposes relating to the said Society. [22d July 1848.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for establishing and well governing the charitable Institution commonly called the Philanthropic Society, formed for the Protection of poor Children the Offspring of convicted Felons, and for the Reformation of Children who have themselves been engaged in criminal Practices, and for incorporating the Subscribers thereto, and for the better empowering and enabling them to carry on their charitable and useful Designs ;* and certain Persons were thereby made One Body Corporate and Politic, by the Name and Style of the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the Philanthropic Society, and were thereby empowered to purchase, take, or receive, hold, and enjoy any Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, for erecting and making a Chapel, Buildings, and other Works

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Works for the Purposes of the said Charity: And whereas, under the Provisions of the said Act, the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the Philanthropic Society erected and built a Chapel, Buildings, and other Works for the Purposes of the said Charity, upon certain Lands in *St. George's Fields* in the Parish of *St. George the Martyr Southwark* in the County of *Surrey*, held under Leases for Terms of Years granted by the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* (and which are particularized in the Schedule to this Act): And whereas an Act was passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King

4 G. 4. c. 18. *George the Fourth*, intituled *An Act for enabling the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the Philanthropic Society to purchase from the Corporation and other Persons entitled thereto the Lands and Hereditaments in the Parish of St. George the Martyr Southwark in the County of Surrey, upon which they have erected a Chapel, Buildings, and other Works, and such other Lands adjoining thereto as may be required for the Purposes of their Charity*; and it was thereby amongst other things enacted, that in case any of the Leasehold Lands and Tenements then held by the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the Philanthropic Society, or any Person or Persons in trust for them, or any Lands or Hereditaments to be purchased by virtue of the said Act, should not be deemed necessary by the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the Philanthropic Society, for the Purposes of their said Charity, then and in every such Case it should be lawful for them to sell and dispose of the same in such Manner, and for such Price or Prices, as they should think proper: And whereas, in pursuance of the Provisions of the said last-mentioned Act, the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the Philanthropic Society purchased from the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* the Fee Simple of the said Lands upon which such Chapel, Buildings, and Works had been so erected and built, and in the Month of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-three the said Lands, Chapel, Buildings, and Works were duly conveyed to and vested in the said President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the Philanthropic Society: And whereas divers other Buildings and Works have been erected and built upon the said Lands since the Purchase and Conveyance of the same, and the said Society are still in Possession of the said Lands, Chapel, Buildings, Works, and Hereditaments: And whereas for several Years after the Institution of the Philanthropic Society the Subscriptions and Donations to the Funds thereof were of sufficient Amount to enable the Society to extend its Benefits as well to the Sons and Daughters of Convicts as to juvenile Offenders of both Sexes, but of late Years there has been a very considerable Diminution in the Income of the Society, and by reason of the great Expense attendant upon the Classification and necessary Separation of the various Objects of the Charity, and the Want of sufficient Funds to meet the same, the Society is for the present compelled to limit their Exertions to the Reformation of criminal Boys: And whereas the said Lands and Hereditaments so purchased by the said Society have greatly increased in Value since the Purchase of

of the same, but by reason of such increased Value the same are subjected to very heavy Parochial and other Rates, whereby the annual Expenditure of the said Society is considerably increased: And whereas the Purposes of the said Society could be more conveniently and effectually carried out if the said Society were enabled to dispose of the said Lands, Chapel, Buildings, Works, and Hereditaments now occupied and used by them as aforesaid, and to purchase, erect, occupy, and use other Lands, Buildings, and Hereditaments at a greater Distance from the Metropolis, inasmuch as the necessary Expenses of the said Society would be thereby diminished, and their Sources of Income considerably increased, while at the same Time additional Facilities would be obtained for the industrial Occupation of the Children under their Care, by reason of the Opportunities thereby afforded of employing such Children in agricultural and other out-door Pursuits, whereas the Means of Employment are at present for the most part confined to Occupations of a sedentary Nature, on account of the limited Extent of the Society's Premises, and the Necessity for strict Superintendence in the immediate Neighbourhood of the Metropolis: And whereas Doubts have been entertained whether the said Society have Power and Authority under the said recited Acts to dispose of the said Lands, Chapel, Buildings, Works, and Premises now occupied and used by them as aforesaid, and to purchase other Lands, Buildings, and Hereditaments for the several Purposes of the said Charity, and it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed, and that the said Society should be so authorized and empowered: And whereas the said Lands and Hereditaments now occupied and used by the said Society are well adapted for building Purposes, and the Income of the said Society might be considerably increased if the said Society were authorized and empowered to grant Leases of the said Lands and Hereditaments: And whereas it is expedient for the better Promotion of the Objects of the said Society, and the better Regulation and Management of its Affairs and Property, that some of the Provisions of the said recited Acts should be extended and enlarged, and that further Powers should be granted to the said Society; but the several Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Aid and 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, That the following Words and Expressions shall have the Meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, unless there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction; (that is to say,)

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tion of Act.

Words importing the Singular Number only shall include the Plural Number, and Words importing the Plural Number only shall include also the Singular Number:

Words importing the Masculine Gender only shall include Females:

The Word "Corporation" shall mean the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the Philanthropic Society:

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The Word "Lands" shall include Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of any Tenure :

The Word "Lease" shall include an Agreement for a Lease :

Short Titles. II. And be it enacted, That in citing the herein-before recited Acts in legal Instruments and Proceedings, and in other Acts, it shall be sufficient to use the Expressions "The Philanthropic Society's Act, 1806," and "The Philanthropic Society's Act, 1823," respectively, and that in citing this present Act in legal Instruments and other Proceedings, and in other Acts, it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The Philanthropic Society's Act, 1848."

Power to purchase and hold Lands for Purposes of the Charity. III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Corporation, at any Time and from Time to Time hereafter, to purchase, take, or receive, hold, and enjoy any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments for the several Purposes of the said Charity, without incurring any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain.

Power to sell Lands which may not be wanted. IV. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Lands, Chapel, Buildings, Works, and Hereditaments now occupied and used by the said Corporation, or any Part or Parts thereof, or any Lands or Hereditaments to be purchased by virtue of this Act, or any Part or Parts thereof, shall not be deemed necessary by the said Corporation for the Purposes of the said Charity, then and in every such Case, and from Time to Time as often as the same shall occur, it shall be lawful for the said Corporation, if they shall think fit, to sell and dispose of the same in such Manner in all respects and for such Price as they shall think fit.

Power to grant Leases. V. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Corporation from Time to Time to demise or lease all or any Part or Parts of the Lands which now are or for the Time being shall be vested in the said Corporation, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, for any Term or Number of Years not exceeding Twenty-one Years, to take effect in possession or within One Year from the Determination of any previous Lease thereof then in force, for the best Rent during the Continuance of the Term of Years to be demised by such Lease that can be reasonably had or obtained, taking all special Circumstances into consideration, and generally upon such other Terms and subject to such other Conditions as the said Corporation shall think fit, but without taking any Fine or Premium for such Lease.

Power to grant Building or Repairing Leases. VI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Corporation from Time to Time to demise or lease all or any Part or Parts of the Lands which now are or for the Time being shall be vested in the said Corporation to any Person or Persons willing to take the same for the Purpose of building thereon, or of rebuilding, repairing, or improving any existing Buildings upon the same, for any Term or Number of Years not exceeding Ninety-nine Years, commencing from or antecedently to the Date of such Lease, and to take

take effect in possession or within One Year from the Determination of any previous Lease of the same Lands then in force, for the best Rent during the Continuance of the Term of Years to be demised by such Lease that can be reasonably had or obtained, taking all special Circumstances into consideration, and without taking any Fine or Premium for the Lease so to be granted, and generally upon such other Terms and subject to such other Conditions as the said Corporation shall think fit.

VII. And be it enacted, That the Receipts of the Corporation under their Common Seal, or the Receipts in Writing under the Hand of the Treasurer for the Time being of the said Society, for any Money payable to or on account of the said Corporation, shall be effectual Discharges for the same; and that the Persons respectively to whom such Receipts shall be given shall not be obliged to see to the Application of the Money thereby expressed to be received, nor be answerable for the Loss or Misapplication thereof.

VIII. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the Quarterly General Courts of the Members of the said Society shall be held on the Days herein-after mentioned, instead of or in substitution for the Days appointed for that Purpose by the said first-recited Act, (that is to say,) the said Courts shall be held on the First Day in the Months of *March, June, September, and December* in every Year (unless the same shall happen on a *Sunday*), or within Six Days thereafter, as may from Time to Time be fixed by Order of the Committee, or oftener if Occasion shall require, upon such Notice thereof respectively being given as is expressed in the said first-recited Act in respect to the holding of Courts; and every General Court to be held as aforesaid shall have and may exercise, to all Intents and Purposes, all and every the Powers and Authorities by the first-recited Act given to or vested in a General Court of the Members of the said Society.

IX. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for any General Court of the said Corporation from Time to Time to regulate and direct the Amount and Order of Subscription or Donation to the Funds of the said Society which shall constitute any Person a Member of the Committee thereof, instead of and in substitution for the Qualification expressed in the said first-recited Act; and every Person declared by any Court to be a Member of the Committee of the said Society shall thenceforth be and become a Member accordingly, anything to the contrary thereof in the said Act contained notwithstanding.

X. And be it enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expenses attending or incident to the obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Treasurer for the Time being of the said Society, out of the Monies already received or hereafter to be received by the said Treasurer.

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XI. And

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XI. And be it enacted, That all the Powers, Provisions, Matters, and Things contained in the said recited Acts or either of them, except such of the same Powers, Provisions, Matters, and Things as are inconsistent with this Act, shall be and continue in full Force and Effect.

Public Act.

XII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.

SCHEDULE to which the above Act refers.

THE Hereditaments lying and being in the Parish of Saint George the Martyr Southwark, in the County of Surrey, in the Occupations, of the Rentals, and containing the respective Quantities in Statute Acres, Roods, Perches, and Yards, herein-after mentioned and specified, viz.:—

Description of Hereditaments.	Occupations.	Annual Rentals.	Quantities.									
			£	A.	R.	P.	Y.	A.	R.	P.	Y.	
No. 1. Richmond Place, Dwelling House and Garden.	Mr. William Ward	- 50	0	0	7	8						
No. 2. Do. Do.	Mrs. Pontez	- 42	0	0	5	19						
No. 3. Do. Do.	Mr. Charles Rice	- 48	0	0	7	24						
Chaplain's Residence	-	-	0	0	4	21	0	0	20	21		
Chapel	-	-	0	0	22	24	0	0	27	15		
Manufactory or main Buildings, School, and Workshops, Porter's Lodge, &c.	-	-	0	0	32	21						
Exercising Grounds attached to Do.	-	-	1	1	1	18	1	1	34	9		
Reform School Workshops	The	-	0	0	12	4						
Exercising Grounds attached to Do.	Philanthropic	-	0	0	31	15						
	Society.	-					0	1	3	19		
<i>Premises without Boundary, Consisting of Steward's House, and Ware and Store Houses, Porter's Lodge, &c.</i>	-	-	0	0	17	0						
Vacant Ground in front of, and adjacent to Do.	-	-	1	1	20	20	1	1	37	20		
TOTAL, 3 Acres, 2 Roods, 3 Perches, 24 Yards.							3	2	3	24		

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