



CHAPTER xxxvii.

An Act to empower the Governors of the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum to borrow Money and to create and issue Stock and for other purposes. A.D. 1897.

[3rd June 1897.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of the reign of King George the Third and intituled “An Act to regulate the appointment of Governors of the Richmond Lunatic Asylum in Dublin” the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (in this Act referred to as “the Lord Lieutenant”) was empowered to appoint Governors of the asylum for the lunatic poor known as the Richmond Lunatic Asylum in Dublin: 55 Geo. III. c. 107.

And whereas by an Act passed in the eleventh year of the reign of King George the Fourth intituled “An Act for appropriating the Richmond Lunatic Asylum in Dublin to the purposes of a District Lunatic Asylum” the last-mentioned Act was repealed and the Richmond Lunatic Asylum was constituted and has since been maintained under the name of the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum as an asylum (herein-after called “the Richmond District Asylum”) for a united district which now comprises the county of the city of Dublin the county of Dublin the county of Wicklow the county of Louth and the county of the town of Drogheda (herein-after called “the contributing districts”): 11 Geo. IV. c. 22.

And whereas the said Act applies the provisions of the Lunacy (Ireland) Act 1821 to the Richmond District Asylum and the Governors of the said asylum are now appointed by the Lord Lieutenant under those provisions and the said asylum is vested under those provisions as amended by subsequent Acts in the Commissioners appointed for general control and correspondence and for superintending and directing the erection establishment and regulation of district asylums: 1 & 2 Geo. IV. c. 33.

And whereas under the said Acts and other Acts relating to the lunatic poor in Ireland and the Public Works Loans (Ireland) Act 1877 as amended by subsequent Acts sums of money have been advanced from time to time by the Commissioners of Public

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And whereas under the said Acts the Lord Lieutenant in Council has from time to time made orders for the repayment by the contributing districts of the sums so expended in the manner at the times and in the proportions fixed by the orders :

And whereas in accordance with the provisions of the recited Acts or some of them the grand jury of each county the municipal corporation of the city of Dublin and the grand jury of the county of the town of Drogheda make presentments for raising the necessary contributions for the repayment of such sums :

And whereas the balance of such loans outstanding was on the twenty-seventh day of October one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six fifty-five thousand seven hundred and ninety-five pounds eight shillings and eightpence :

And whereas the Richmond District Asylum is insufficient in size for the requirements of the district and orders under the said Acts have been made authorising the erection of an additional asylum at Portrane :

And whereas a loan of two hundred and twenty thousand pounds has been authorised for providing such asylum and further loans will be hereafter required for additional asylum accommodation for the Richmond district :

And whereas if the Governors of the Richmond District Asylum were empowered to borrow money in the open market and to create and issue stock they could raise money more advantageously than by loans from the Commissioners of Public Works Ireland :

And whereas it is expedient that the Governors of the Richmond District Asylum should be empowered with the consent of the municipal council of the city of Dublin and the grand jury of the county of the town of Drogheda and of the grand juries of the several counties aforesaid and with the sanction of the Lord Lieutenant in Council to raise money in the open market by mortgage or the creation and issue of stock to be charged on the contributing districts :

And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be attained 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 Richmond District Asylum Act 1897.

2. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Governors of the Richmond District Asylum are hereby empowered with the consent of the municipal corporation of the city of Dublin and the grand jury of the county of the town of Drogheda and of the grand juries of the several counties aforesaid and with the sanction of the Lord Lieutenant in Council to borrow money from time to time by mortgage or by creating and issuing stock to be called "Richmond Asylum Stock" for all or any of the following purposes (that is to say) :—

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Power for the Governors of Richmond District Asylum to raise money and to issue stock.

- (i) For the purpose of providing money for the repayment of existing loans or the outstanding balances thereof ;
- (ii) For the purposes of the erection and establishment of the new asylum at Portrane ;
- (iii) For the purposes of the erection and establishment of any other new asylum or of the future enlargement extension or improvement of the Richmond District Asylum or of any new asylum from time to time erected ;
- (iv) For the purchase of land for the purposes aforesaid or any of them :

All moneys borrowed for the purpose of sub-section (i) of this section shall be paid over to the Commissioners of Public Works and all moneys borrowed for the purposes of sub-sections (ii) (iii) and (iv) of this section shall without delay be paid over to the accounting officer for the time being of the board of control.

3. All moneys borrowed on mortgage or raised by stock under the authority of this Act shall be by virtue of this Act charged on the several contributing districts in like manner as loans advanced by the Commissioners of Public Works Ireland under the Acts herein-before recited or referred to are now or may be charged.

Security for moneys borrowed.

4. The creation and issue of Richmond Asylum Stock and the establishment and maintenance of a redemption fund or funds and of a dividends fund or funds and the transfer and transmission of such stock and the application of the Acts relating to stamp duties and cheques and the management of such stock and the receipt and application of the moneys borrowed and all other incidental matters shall be governed by regulations to be made by the Lord Lieutenant in Council which shall have effect as if they were enacted in this Act.

Regulations as to stock.

The amount of the annual sums payable to the redemption fund or funds established as aforesaid shall be such as with accumulations at a rate not exceeding three pounds per centum per annum will suffice to redeem at par the stock within sixty years from the time or respective times of the creation of such stock.

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Repayment
of moneys
borrowed on
mortgage.

Contribu-
tions from
contributing
districts.

5. All moneys borrowed on mortgage under the authority of this Act shall be repaid within such period not exceeding sixty years from the time or respective times of borrowing as the Lord Lieutenant in Council shall sanction or direct.

6. The sums required in each year for the payment of dividends or towards redemption and extinction of the stock created and issued under this Act and such regulations as aforesaid or required for payment of interest on and repayment of any principal moneys borrowed on mortgage under this Act or required for payment of any costs and expenses incurred by the Governors of the Richmond District Asylum in the execution of this Act shall be payable by the contributing districts respectively in the proportions and amounts fixed by the Lord Lieutenant in Council and the grand jury of each contributing county and the municipal corporation of the city of Dublin and the grand jury of the county of the town of Drogheda respectively shall from time to time present the sums required for those contributions in manner prescribed by the Acts herein-before recited or referred to subject to any modifications or adaptations of the same which the Lord Lieutenant in Council may think fit to make and such sums shall be raised and be recoverable accordingly and be applied for the purposes for which they are required as the Lord Lieutenant in Council shall direct.

Saving for
existing
powers.

7. In the event of the Governors of the Richmond District Asylum failing to raise under this Act any moneys from time to time required for the purposes for which they are or may be authorised or required to raise them such moneys may on a certificate of such failure under the hand of the Lord Lieutenant be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works Ireland in like manner as if this Act had not been passed.

General
saving for
Lunacy Acts.

8. Subject to the provisions of this Act the general Acts relating to the lunatic poor in Ireland shall continue to apply to the Richmond District Asylum.

Costs of Act.

9. The costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to preparing obtaining and passing this Act shall be paid by the Governors of the Richmond District Asylum out of any funds under the control of the Governors applicable to the maintenance of the asylum.

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