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GULIELMI IV. REGIS.

Cap. xix.

An Act to enlarge the Powers of an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, for establishing and well-governing the Institution called “The School for the Indigent Blind,” and for incorporating the Subscribers thereto, and the better enabling them to carry on their charitable and useful Designs. [30th *March* 1831.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for establishing and well-governing the Institution called “The School for the Indigent Blind,” and for incorporating the Subscribers thereto, and the better enabling them to carry on their charitable and useful Designs,* it was enacted, that from and after the passing of that Act there should be a Corporation, to continue for ever, for the Reception, Maintenance, and Employment of Blind Persons in indigent Circumstances, and that certain Persons therein named, together with any other Person or Persons who had paid or at any Time thereafter should pay into the Hands of the Treasurer for the Time being of the said Institution the Sum of Ten Pounds and Ten Shillings at any one Time or in the Course of any one Year, for the Use of the said Institution, should be and they were thereby appointed Members thereof; and also every Person who had paid or at any Time thereafter should pay into the Hands of such Treasurer the yearly Sum of One Pound and One Shilling or more, for the Use of the said Institution, should, during such Time as he or she should continue to pay the same, and also every Person who should be appointed by any General Court of the Members of the said Institution, should be respectively Members thereof; and the President, Vice

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Presidents,

Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the said Institution should be and they were thereby declared to be One Body Corporate and Politic, in Deed and in Law, by the Name and Style of "The President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the School for the Indigent Blind," and that by the same Name they should have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, with Power to change, alter, break, and make void the same when and as often as they should judge the same to be expedient; and that they and their Successors by the same Name might sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in all or any Court or Courts of Record and Places of Judicature within this Kingdom; and that they and their Successors, by the Name aforesaid, should be able and capable in Law to have, hold, receive, enjoy, possess, and retain, for the Ends and Purposes of the said Act, and in Trust for the Benefit of the said Institution, all such Sum and Sums of Money as had been paid, given, devised, or bequeathed, or should at any Time thereafter be paid, given, devised, or bequeathed, by any charitable or well-disposed Person or Persons to and for the charitable Ends and Purposes in the said Act mentioned; and that they and their Successors, by the Name aforesaid, should and might at any Time or Times thereafter purchase, take, or receive, and thenceforth hold and enjoy, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the whole not exceeding Two Acres, for any Estate or Interest whatsoever, for the Purposes of the said Charity, without incurring any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain; and by the said Act it was further enacted, that it should be lawful for all Bodies, Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, and all Corporations whatsoever, whether seized in their own Right or as Trustees for any Purpose, whatsoever, Feoffees in Trust for charitable and other Purposes, Executors and Administrators, Guardians, Committees, ~~Husbands~~, and all other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Successors and Heirs, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts or Wards respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also for all Femes Covert who then were or should be seized, possessed, or interested in their own Right, or entitled to Dower or other Interest therein, and for all Persons, whether Tenants for Life, in Tail, General or Special, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, not only for and on behalf of themselves and their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on the Behalf of the Person or Persons entitled in Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy after them, and for all and every Person or Persons whomsoever who then were or should be possessed of or interested in the Lands, Grounds, Buildings, Workshops, and Hereditaments then used for the Purposes of the said Charity, or any of them, or any Lands or Grounds, Buildings or Hereditaments, adjoining or near to the same, which the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the School for the Indigent Blind should think necessary and proper to be purchased for the Purposes of the said Charity, not exceeding in the whole Two Acres, to treat and agree with the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the School for the Indigent Blind, or their Successors, for the absolute Sale thereof, for an Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple, either in Possession or subject to any Lease which should be subsisting therein, or to or for any Lease or Term for Years, for any

Sum or Sums of Money or such other Consideration as therein-after was mentioned, and by any Deed or Deeds under the Common Seal of any such Corporation, or under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any such other Person or Persons, to be respectively enrolled in the High Court of Chancery, to grant and convey or assign the same to the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the School for the Indigent Blind, and their Successors, for the Purposes of the said Charity; and that all Contracts, Sales, Conveyances, and Assignments which should be so made should be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, without Fine or Recovery, and should be a complete Bar to all Estates Tail, and other Estates, Rights, Titles, Trusts, and Interests whatsoever, any Law, Statute, Usage, Custom, or other Matter to the contrary notwithstanding; and all such Bodies Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, Committees of Idiots and Lunatics, and Husbands, and all other Persons, should be and they were thereby indemnified for what they should do by virtue and in pursuance of the said Act; and by the said Act usual and proper Provisions were made for the Payment and Application of any Money which should become payable or be to be paid by the Corporation thereby created for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments by virtue of the Powers of that Act for the Purposes thereof, which should belong to any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or to any Corporation whatsoever, or to any Feoffee in Trust, Executor, Administrator, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee for or on behalf of any Infant, Lunatic, Idiot, Feme Covert, or other Cestuique Trust or Ward, or to any Person whose Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments were limited in strict or other Settlement, or to any Person under any Disability or Incapacity whatsoever; and Provisions were also made for the Case of any Question touching the Title to any such Money, and also for the Payment of the Expences attending the Application of the said Money in manner thereby provided: And whereas it would greatly promote the Purposes for which the said Corporation of the President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the School for the Indigent Blind was created as aforesaid, if the Powers and Provisions in the said Act contained for the Purchase of Lands, Grounds, or Buildings were enlarged, and if Powers were given for the Disposal of any Lands, Grounds, or Buildings of which the said Corporation is or may become seised or possessed: And whereas the Purposes herein-before mentioned 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 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 all the Powers, Authorities, Directions, Provisions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Regulations, Clauses, Matters, and Things contained in the said recited Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth (except such of them or such Parts thereof respectively as are hereby repealed, altered, or otherwise provided for,) shall extend and be construed to extend to this present Act, and shall operate and be in force, in respect to the Purposes thereof, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same Powers, Authorities, Directions, Provisions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Regulations,

Powers of
former Act
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this Act.

tions, Clauses, Matters, and Things were herein repeated and adapted to the Purposes of this Act.

Power to
purchase
Lands.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the School for the Indigent Blind, and their Successors by the same Name, shall and may from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter be able and capable in Law, and without incurring any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, to purchase, take, or receive, and hold and enjoy, any Lands or Grounds, either with or without any Buildings thereon, for the Purposes of the said Charity or for the Benefit of the said Institution: Provided always, that the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the School for the Indigent Blind shall not at any one Time hold or enjoy any greater Quantity of Land or Ground than Seven Statute Acres.

Power to
sell Lands
not wanted.

III. And be it further enacted, That in case any of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments now held by the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the School for the Indigent Blind, or any Lands or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or received by virtue of this Act, shall at any Time hereafter be deemed by the said Corporation not necessary or not useful or proper to be retained for the Purposes of their said Charity, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Members of the School for the Indigent Blind to sell and dispose of the same Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, unto any Person or Persons, in such Manner and for such Price or Prices as they shall think proper, and upon any such Sale or Sales, by Indenture or Indentures under their Common Seal, to convey the Hereditaments so to be sold to the Purchaser or respective Purchasers thereof, as he, she, or they shall direct or appoint; and upon Payment of the Money which shall arise by any such Sale or Sales as last mentioned, it shall be lawful for the Treasurer of the said Corporation to sign and give Receipts for the Monies to arise and be received upon any such Sale or Sales, which Receipt or Receipts shall be sufficient Discharge and Discharges to any Person or Persons paying the same Sale Monies, or for so much thereof as in the said Receipt or Receipts shall be expressed or acknowledged to be received; and such Person or Persons shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any Loss, Misapplication, or Nonapplication of such Purchase Money, or any Part thereof, and no such Purchaser as aforesaid shall be obliged to inquire or see into the Necessity or Propriety of any such Sale or Sales so authorized to be made as aforesaid.

Public Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without specially pleading the same.