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Cap. 10.

An Act for establishing a School for Orphans of
Freemen of the City of *London*.

[14th *August* 1850.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of His Majesty King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act* 13 & 14 Car. 2. c. 12. for the better Relief of the Poor of this Kingdom, the President and Governors for the Poor in *London* were incorporated, and the Lord Mayor of the City of *London* for the Time being was made the President of the Corporation or Workhouse established by the said Act for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the said City; and the Governors or Assistants were the Aldermen of the said City of *London* for the Time being, and Fifty-two other Citizens chosen by the Common Council of the said City; and upon the Vacancy, by Death or otherwise, of any Governor or Assistant, the Power to elect in their Rooms was given to the said Common Council; and by the said Act the said President and Governors were without Licence in Mortmain to purchase or receive any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, not exceeding the yearly Value of Three thousand Pounds *per Annum*, of the Gift, Alienation, or Devise of any Person or Persons, who were thereby, without further Licence, enabled to give

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the same, and any Goods, Chattels, or Sums of Money whatsoever :
 And whereas by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of
 10 G. 4. c. 43. His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for enabling
 the President and Governors of the London Workhouse to sell or
 grant Leases of the Workhouse and other Hereditaments vested in
 them, and to purchase other Estates for the Education and ap-
 prenticing of poor Children*, the said President and Governors and
 their Successors were authorized and empowered, at any Time or
 Times, with the Sanction and under the Order of the High Court
 of Chancery (to be obtained in a summary Way upon Petition), to
 sell and dispose of all or any Part or Parts of the said Hereditaments
 described in the several Schedules to the said Act annexed, and any
 Hereditaments thereafter to become vested in them, or so much
 thereof as the said Court should think fit and direct, either by public
 Auction or private Contract, for the best Price or Prices that could
 be had or gotten for the same ; and by the said Act it was further
 enacted, that the Purchase Monies to arise from such Sales of the
 said Hereditaments as aforesaid should be paid by the Purchaser or
 Purchasers into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the
 Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to
 be placed to his Account there "*Ex parte* the Purchasers of the
 Charity Estates of the *London Workhouse*," and the same, or a com-
 petent Part thereof, should be applied from Time to Time, under the
 Direction of the said Court of Chancery, in discharge of the Costs,
 Charges, and Expenses therein mentioned ; and the Surplus, if any,
 of such Monies, should be laid out, under the Direction and with the
 Approbation of the said Court of Chancery (to be obtained in a
 summary Way upon Petition), in the Purchase of other Lands, Tene-
 ments, and Hereditaments, (being Freehold of Inheritance,) to be
 vested in the said President and Governors and their Successors ; and
 by the said Act the said President and Governors and their Successors
 were empowered to lease or demise all or any Part or Parts of the
 Hereditaments described in the several Schedules to the said Act,
 and all or any Part or Parts of the Hereditaments to be purchased
 as aforesaid, for such Term or Terms of Years, for such Purposes and
 at such Rents as therein are mentioned ; and by the said Act it was
 further enacted, that all and every the yearly Rents which should be
 reserved and made payable upon any Lease or Leases which should
 be granted in pursuance of the said Act, and all other the Rents and
 Profits of the said Hereditaments then vested or thereafter to be
 vested in the said President and Governors and their Successors, as
 aforesaid, should be applied and disposed of in paying all such Costs,
 Charges, and Expenses as should be from Time to Time incurred in
 the Management of the said Trust Estate and Property, and which,
 in the Judgment of the said President and Governors, should be fitting
 and proper to be paid ; and the Residue of the said Rents and Profits,

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so far as they arose from the Hereditaments to be purchased with the Monies to be produced by Sale of the Hereditaments comprised in the Second Schedule to the said Act, should from Time to Time be paid, applied, and disposed of for putting out and placing forth poor Freemen's Children of the City of *London* to Trades and Employments; and the Residue of the said Rents and Profits, so far as they arose from the Hereditaments to be purchased with the Monies to be produced by Sale of the Hereditaments comprised in the First, Third, and Fourth Schedules to the said Act, and the Interest and Produce received or to be received from any Monies, Stocks, Funds, and Securities to which the said President and Governors, or their Successors, were or should be entitled, should from Time to Time be paid, applied, and disposed of for maintaining a School for the Maintenance and Education of poor and destitute Children in the Doctrine and Discipline of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, and for apprenticing all or any of such Children to industrious Trades, in such Manner and under such Regulations as the said President and Governors, or their Successors, should from Time to Time think proper; and by the said Act so much of the said recited Act as declared that some of the Governors or Assistants of the said Corporation or Workhouse of the City of *London* should be Citizens, to be chosen by the Common Council of the said City, and that upon the Vacancy by Decease or otherwise of any Assistant, the Power to elect in their Rooms should be in the said Common Council, was repealed; and it was enacted, that the Governors or Assistants of the said Corporation or Workhouse should consist of the Aldermen of the said City for the Time being, and such Number of Citizens, not being less than Sixty, as the said Common Council should from Time to Time think proper, and should choose in the Manner therein mentioned, and such other Persons (if any) as should be elected by the President and Governors of the said Corporation, as therein is expressed; and such Citizens, not being less than Sixty, should be chosen by the said Common Council at some Court of Common Council to be held in the Month of *January* in every Year, and should cease to be such Governors or Assistants when others should have been chosen in their Room in the succeeding Year, but such Persons should be immediately re-eligible; and it should be lawful for the President and Governors of the said Corporation for the Time being, or any Fourteen or more of them, being assembled together, whenever any Person should give to the said President and Governors, for the Purposes of the said Charity, any Sum or Sums of Money not less than the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to elect such Person, if they should think proper, to be a Governor or Assistant of the said Corporation or Workhouse during his Life; and the said President, with the Governors and Assistants appointed and to be chosen as aforesaid, without or together with the Governors (if any) to be elected as aforesaid

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aforesaid (as the Case might be), should be the President and Governors of the said Corporation or Workhouse created by virtue of the said recited Act: And whereas the Governors or Assistants of the said Corporation now consist of the Aldermen of the said City for the Time being and Sixty Citizens, chosen in pursuance of the said last-recited Act, who are all Members of the Common Council of the said City, and of Twenty-five other Persons, who have respectively given to the said President and Governors, for the Purposes of the said Charity, Sums of Twenty Pounds or upwards: And whereas the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons are desirous of establishing a School for the Maintenance and Education of Orphans of Freemen of the City of *London*: And whereas the said President and Governors, as well as the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, conceive that more general Benefit and Advantage would be derived from applying and disposing of the Hereditaments and Property of the said President and Governors in or towards establishing and supporting a School for the Maintenance and Education of Orphans of Freemen of the City of *London*, than in applying and disposing of the same in the Manner directed by the said last-recited Act: And whereas there is now standing in the Names of the said President and Governors the Sum of Six thousand four hundred and fifty Pounds *Three per Cent.* Consolidated Bank Annuities in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, which may be applied towards the Erection of a School for the Purposes aforesaid: And whereas the said President and Governors on the Second Day of *May* last preferred their Petition unto the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain*, setting forth as herein-before is recited, and praying that it might be referred to One of the Masters of the said Court to inquire and certify whether it would be fit and proper that an Application should be made to Parliament for an Act for establishing a School for the Maintenance and Education of Orphans of Freemen of the City of *London*, and for applying and disposing of the Hereditaments and Property of the said President and Governors in or towards establishing and supporting such School, and a Reference having been made by the said Court to One of the Masters, as prayed by the said Petition, the said Master reported his Opinion that it would be fit and proper that an Application should be made to Parliament for an Act for the Purposes aforesaid, and the said Report was, by an Order of the High Court of Chancery dated the Thirty-first Day of *May* last, confirmed, and it was ordered that the Petitioners be at liberty to apply to Parliament, either in the present or some future Session, for an Act in the Form approved by the said Master, for establishing a School for the Maintenance and Education of Orphans of Freemen of the City of *London*, and for applying and disposing of the Hereditaments and Property of the said President and Governors in or towards establishing and supporting such School; And whereas the Mayor, Aldermen, and
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Commons are desirous of applying towards establishing and supporting such School the Sums already received and now remaining unapplied or unappropriated, and also the Sums which may hereafter be recovered or received as Fines or Portions of Fines from Persons nominated or chosen to fill the Office of Sheriff of the City of *London* and County of *Middlesex*, and also the Fees payable to the Corporation of *London* by Persons upon being admitted to the Freedom of the City of *London*: Wherefore Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, on behalf of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the said City, and the President and Governors aforesaid, on behalf of themselves and their Successors, do most humbly beseech 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 Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London* in Common Council assembled shall and they are hereby required to set apart and appropriate at *Brixton* in the County of *Surrey*, or find and provide at such other Place as they shall think fit, a Piece of Ground, being Freehold of Inheritance, as and for the Site of a Schoolhouse, and shall cause a Schoolhouse and such other Buildings to be erected thereon as they shall think proper, and shall from Time to Time repair and maintain the same, or alter the same, as they shall think proper.

Site of School to be provided by the Corporation of London.

II. And be it enacted, That the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens shall for ever thereafter maintain upon the said Ground so to be set apart and appropriated, or to be so found and provided as aforesaid, and at the Houses and Buildings to be erected thereon, a School for the Maintenance and the religious and virtuous Education of Orphans of Freemen of the City of *London*.

The School to be maintained by the Corporation of London.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons to make and establish such Rules and Regulations respecting the Appointment, Number, and Qualification of the Masters, Matrons, Teachers, Officers, and Servants to be employed in and about the said School, and their Allowances, Salaries, and Wages, and the Number of Children to be from Time to Time received and educated therein, and the Mode of their Admission, and the System of Education of such Children, and the Languages, Arts, Sciences, and Subjects in which such Children are to be instructed, and the Hours of Attendance, and otherwise touching or concerning the Business of the said School, and the general Government, Conduct, and Management thereof, as they shall deem proper, and from Time to Time to revoke and alter such Rules and

Common Council to make Regulations for the Management of the School.

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Regulations, or any of them, at their Will and Pleasure, and to make and establish others in lieu thereof or in addition thereto.

Rules to provide for Use of Bible and Morning and Evening Prayers.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in such Rules and Regulations Provision shall be made that the authorized Version of the Holy Bible be used and taught in the said School, and that Morning and Evening Prayers be read therein daily throughout the Year.

Property of the President and Governors vested in the Corporation of London for the Purposes of this Act.

V. And be it enacted, That all the Hereditaments described in the said Schedules to the said last-recited Act, except such as have been sold in pursuance of the Powers therein contained, and all other the Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Monies, Stocks, Funds, and Securities, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, and Property of every Description, which are now vested in or possessed by the said President and Governors, shall be and the same respectively are hereby vested in the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens for the Purposes of this Act.

Powers of recited Act 10 G. 4. c. 43. may be exercised by the Corporation, instead of the President and Governors.

VI. And be it enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities which by the said last-recited Act were given to or vested in the said President and Governors shall and may be exercised by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London* in Common Council assembled, or by the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, as the Case may require; and all the Clauses, Provisions, Matters, and Things in the said last-recited Act contained (except so far as the same are hereby repealed) shall extend and be applied to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, or, as the Case may be, to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, in the same Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, or the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, had been named in the said Act, instead of the said President and Governors.

Repeal of so much of 10 G. 4. c. 43. as directs the Application of the Money.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That so much of the said last-recited Act as directs that the Surplus (if any) of the Purchase Monies to arise from Sales of the Hereditaments thereby directed to be sold should, after Payment of the Costs, Charges, and Expenses therein mentioned, be laid out in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, being Freehold of Inheritance, to be vested in the said President and Governors and their Successors, and that the yearly Rents which should be reserved and made payable upon any Leases which should be granted in pursuance of the said Act, and all other the Rents and Profits of Hereditaments then vested or thereafter to be vested in the said President and Governors and their Successors, and the Interest, Dividends, and annual Produce received or to be received from any Monies, Stocks, Funds, or Securities to which

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which the said President and Governors or their Successors were or should be entitled, should be from Time to Time paid, applied, and disposed of in manner therein mentioned, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the Surplus (after Payment of such Costs, Charges, and Expenses as in the said last-recited Act are mentioned,) of the Purchase Monies which have arisen or shall arise from Sales of the said Hereditaments as aforesaid, or such Part thereof as the Court of Chancery shall think fit and direct, together with any Stocks or Funds which shall be vested in the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens by virtue of this Act, shall be laid out, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by any Order to be made upon Petition to be preferred in a summary Way for that Purpose by the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, in or towards Payment of the Expenses of erecting and completing a Schoolhouse and other Buildings adapted for the Purposes of the said School, on such Ground as aforesaid, according to such Plan as the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons shall think proper; and the Residue only (if any) of such Monies shall be laid out, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court of Chancery, signified by any Order to be made upon Petition to be preferred in a summary Way, in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments (being Freehold of Inheritance), to be vested in the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens for the Purposes of this Act.

Purchase Monies to be applied in erecting the Schoolhouse.

IX. And be it enacted, That the yearly Rents which shall have been or shall be reserved and made payable upon any Lease granted or to be granted in pursuance of the said last-recited Act or this Act, and all other the Rents and Profits which have been or shall be received of the Hereditaments vested or hereafter to be vested in the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens by virtue of this Act, shall be applied and disposed of in paying all such Costs, Charges, and Expenses as shall be from Time to Time incurred in the Management of the said Trust Estate and Property, and which in the Judgment of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons shall be fitting and proper to be paid; and the Residue of the said Rents and Profits, and the Interest and Produce received or to be received from any Monies, Stocks, Funds, and Securities to which the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens are or shall be entitled by virtue of this Act, shall from Time to Time be paid, applied, or disposed of in or towards the Establishment and Maintenance of the said School, in the Manner herein-before mentioned.

Application of the Rents and Income.

X. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That if any Governor or Assistant of the said Corporation or Workhouse who may have

Donors to the London Workhouse given who dissent

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from this Act may have their Donations returned.

given to the said President and Governors, for the Purposes of the said Charity, any Sum of Money not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Pounds, shall dissent from the Provisions of this Act, and of such his Dissent shall give Notice in Writing to the Chamberlain of the City of *London* within Six Calendar Months next after the passing of this Act, then and in such Case a Sum of Money equal to the Amount of the Sum given by such Governor or Assistant as aforesaid shall be repaid to him, out of any Monies which shall be vested in the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens by virtue of this Act.

Sheriffs Fines, and Fees on Admissions to Freedom, to be applied towards the Maintenance of the School established by this Act.

XI. And be it enacted, That the Sums now remaining unappropriated in the Chamber of *London* on account of Fines recovered or received from Persons nominated or chosen to fill but discharged from Nomination or from serving the Office of Sheriff of the City of *London* and County of *Middlesex*, and all Sums which may hereafter be recovered or received in respect of such Fines, after Payment thereof to the next Sheriffs of the Sums to which they may become entitled under the Act of Common Council of the Seventh Day of *April* One thousand seven hundred and forty-eight, and also all Sums which may hereafter be received in respect of Fines and Fees payable to the Corporation of *London* from Persons upon being admitted to the Freedom of the City of *London*, shall be applied by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons towards the Maintenance of the School established by this Act.

The Corporation to be answerable in case of Misapplication of Monies.

XII. And be it enacted, That if any Monies to be applied by virtue of this Act shall be misapplied, or converted to any other Use than the Purposes aforesaid, by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, or by the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, or by any of their Officers, or by any other Person or Persons acting under colour of any Warrant, Power, or Authority by, from, or under them respectively, then and in such Case the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens shall be answerable for the same out of the Revenue of the said Corporation, and the Sum and Sums of Money recovered from them shall be applied to the same Uses as the Money so misapplied or converted should or might have been applied to if such Misapplication or Conversion had not happened, except that the Costs of Suit shall be deducted and retained thereout in the first place for the Benefit of the Person by whom such Suit shall be instituted and prosecuted.

Chamberlain to keep Accounts of Receipts and Disbursements.

XIII. And be it enacted, That from Time to Time there shall be provided and kept by the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being a Book, in which all the Monies which shall be received by virtue of this Act shall from Time to Time, when and as the same shall

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shall be received, be entered and set down, and wherein also all the Monies to be paid and disbursed out of the Monies to be received as aforesaid shall from Time to Time be entered and set down; and every such Entry shall express the Time when, the Occasion for which, and the Name of the Person to whom the same shall be so paid.

XIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons from Time to Time to appoint a Committee to manage and transact all or any of the Matters or Purposes which they the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons are hereby empowered to do, execute, or perform; which Committee shall have such or so many of the Powers and Authorities and Discretion by this Act given to and reposed in the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons as the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons shall think fit or proper to delegate to such Committee.

Corporation to appoint a Committee to carry this Act into execution.

XV. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That if any Person, being a Member of the said Committee, shall be directly or indirectly interested or concerned in any Contract which shall be made or entered into by or on behalf of such Committee, for or concerning any of the Works to be performed or done in pursuance of this Act, or for or concerning any Materials to be used or employed therein, every such Contract shall be void; and the Person who, being a Member of such Committee, shall be so interested or concerned, shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds; and any Person may sue for such Penalty, either by Action of Debt or on the Case, in any of the Superior Courts, and shall, on Recovery thereof, be entitled to full Costs of Suit.

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XVI. And be it enacted, That the said Committee may and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to employ under them any fit Person, whether free of the City or not, in or about all or any of the Works, Matters, or Things which they shall cause to be performed or done by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, and to contract with any such Person for the doing and Performance of such Works, Matters, and Things, or any of them, or for furnishing Materials or Labour; and that no Person who shall be so employed or contracted with in, about, or for any of the Purposes of this Act, nor any Person to be set to work by or under him, shall for any Act done or to be done in or about the Premises be subject or liable to be sued for any Breach of the Custom of *London*, or for any Penalty inflicted by any Bye Law of the said City.

Pow to Committee employ Persons though not free of the City.

XVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That previous to the making of any such Contract, in case the Works to be done or the

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Materials or Labour to be furnished thereunder shall exceed in Value the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, Notice shall be given in some of the daily Newspapers that such Committee intend to make such Contract, and that all Persons willing to engage therein may make Proposals to the said Committee at a certain Time and Place in such Notice to be specified; and every such Contract shall be in Writing, and shall specify the several Works to be done and the Materials or Labour to be furnished, and the Price to be paid for the same, and the Time within which the said Works are to be completed, and the Materials furnished, together with the Penalty to be incurred in case of the Nonperformance thereof; and every such Contract may also specify the Person to whose Satisfaction the same are to be completed or furnished, and the Mode of determining any Dispute which may arise concerning or in consequence of such Contract; and the same shall be signed by the Clerk for the Time being of such Committee, as also by the Person contracting to perform such Works, and shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose by such Committee.

VIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Committee from Time to Time to compound and agree with any Person who shall have entered into any Contract in pursuance or under the Authority of this Act, or against whom any Action or Suit shall be brought for any Penalty contained in any such Contract, or in any Bond or other Security, for the Performance thereof, or for or on account of any Breach or Nonperformance of any Contract, Bond, or Security, for such Sum of Money or other Recompence as the Committee may think fit.

XIX. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, or any Committee to be appointed by them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time to nominate and appoint such and so many Clerks and other Officers and Servants as they shall find necessary for the Purposes of this Act, and to take (if they shall think it necessary) such Security for the faithful Execution of such Offices as they the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, or such Committee as aforesaid, shall from Time to Time think fit, and out of the Money to be received by the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens by virtue of this Act to pay or allow unto the Persons so to be appointed such Salaries, Allowances, or Recompences, yearly or otherwise, for their Time and Trouble, as to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, or such Committee as aforesaid, shall seem meet and reasonable, and from Time to Time to remove or suspend the Persons who may have been so appointed as aforesaid, or any of them, and to appoint others in their Stead, or in the Room of such as shall die, or become incapable of performing their Offices.

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XX. And be it enacted, That if any Chamberlain of the said City of *London* or any other Officer or Person shall, after Receipt of any of the Monies received in pursuance of this Act, divert or misapply the same or any Part thereof, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, then such Chamberlain or other Officer or Person aforesaid so diverting or misapplying the said Money shall forfeit and pay Treble the Sum so diverted or misapplied, to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, who may sue for the same, either by Action of Debt or on the Case, in any of the Superior Courts, and shall, on Recovery thereof, be entitled to full Costs of Suit.

Penalty on Officers misapplying any of the said Monies.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the Charges and Expenses incident to and incurred in passing this Act shall be paid by or out of any Purchase Money, Rents, or other Monies applicable towards the Purposes of this Act.

Expenses of the Act.

XXII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the High Court of Chancery and the said Court is hereby required from Time to Time, on the Petition of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, to be preferred in a summary Way, to make such Orders as to the Court shall seem fit for ascertaining, taxing, and settling the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of obtaining and passing this Act or preparatory thereto, and also all Costs, Charges, and Expenses of and incidental to any Applications to the Court of Chancery in pursuance of this Act, or otherwise in carrying the Trusts and Purposes of this Act into execution.

Power for Court of Chancery to tax Costs.

XXIII. Saving always to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and to all other Persons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, (except the said President and Governors and their Successors, and the Persons entitled to the Benefit of the Charities mentioned in the said recited Acts of Parliament, and the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens,) all such Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever (if any), of, in, to, or out of the said Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof, as they had before the passing of this Act, or could or might have had, held, or enjoyed or been entitled to if this Act had not been passed.

General Saving.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That in this Act the following Words and Expressions shall have the Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction ; (that is to say,)

Interpretation of Terms.

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

Words importing the Masculine Gender only shall include Females :
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The Words "Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons" shall mean the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London* in Common Council assembled:

The Words "Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens" shall mean the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*:

The Words "Superior Courts" shall mean Her Majesty's Superior Courts of Record at *Westminster*, and shall include the Mayor's Court and the Sheriff's Court of the City of *London*.

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XXV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be printed by the Printers to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty duly authorized to print the Statutes of the United Kingdom, and a Copy thereof so printed by any of them shall be admitted as Evidence thereof by all Judges, Justices, and others.

LONDON:

Printed by GEORGE EDWARD EYRE and WILLIAM SPOTTISWOODE,
Printers to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty. 1850.