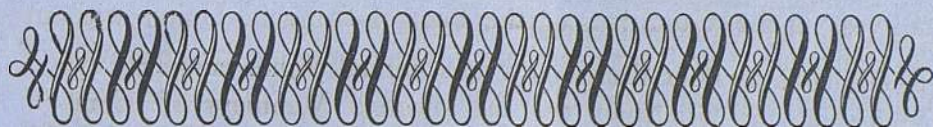


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TO

Amend the Laws relating to the Relief of the
Destitute Poor and to Medical Charities in
Ireland, and to continue the Powers of the
Commissioners.

- W**HEREAS it is expedient to amend the Laws in force for Preamble.
the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland, and to amend
an Act passed in the Session holden in the Fourteenth 14 & 15 Vict.
and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Sixty-eight, providing c. 68.
5 for the better Distribution, Support, and Management of Medical
Charities in Ireland : 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 :
- 10 I. So much of the said Acts providing for the Execution of the Lands, &c.
Laws for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland as vests in the Commis- heretofore
sioners and their Successors all Lands and Buildings purchased or vested in the
sioners and their Successors all Lands and Buildings purchased or Commission-
hired and conveyed to and taken by the Commissioners under the ers to be
Provisions of the said Acts shall be and the same is hereby repealed, vested in
15 and henceforth all Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and Real Board of
and Personal Property, heretofore vested in the Commissioners for Guardians.
Purposes connected with the Administration of Relief in any Union,
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shall vest in the Guardians of the Poor of the said Union without any Conveyance or Transfer thereof other than by the Operation of this Act, and the said Guardians shall for this Purpose, as well as for other Purposes set forth in the said Acts, be deemed a Body Corporate, and shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal; 5 and all Contracts and Engagements entered into in the Name of the said Commissioners in relation to Land and Buildings occupied as Workhouses in any Union shall have the same Force and Effect as if the same had been entered into in the Name of the Guardians of the said Union: Provided that all Suits commenced in the Name 10 of the Commissioners at the Time of the passing of this Act may be continued and carried on in their Name as if this Act had not been passed; provided also, that the said Guardians shall not alter or remove any Part of the said Buildings, nor sell, let, alienate, or in any way demise any Part of the said Property, without Consent of 15 the said Commissioners under their Seal first had and obtained.

Guardians
may admit
any Poor
Person re-
quiring
Medical or
Surgical Aid
in Hospital.

II. And whereas the Guardians of the Poor of Unions in Ireland are empowered to admit into any Building provided by them for a Fever Hospital, or into any Part of the Workhouse appropriated by them, with the Consent of the Commissioners for that Purpose, poor 20 Persons affected with Fever or other dangerous contagious Disease, and it is expedient to extend such Power: Be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for such Guardians to admit into the Infirmary of the Workhouse any poor Persons requiring Medical or Surgical Aid in Hospital, and to provide for their Treatment and Maintenance there- 25 in, charging the Expense thereof on the Electoral Division or Union at large, as the Case may be, according to such Person's Chargeability by Residence under the Laws which are or shall be in force for the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland: Provided that no Person admitted to the Workhouse for Medical or Surgical Treatment in 30 Hospital shall be required by the Guardians to be accompanied by any Member of his or her Family as a Condition of such Person's Admission into the Workhouse.

Poor Per-
sons of suffi-
cient Ability
to pay the
Cost of their
Maintenance
in Hospital,
or Part
thereof,
required to
pay same.

III. Every poor Person who shall be so admitted into the Infirmary of the Workhouse, in pursuance of the Authority in that Behalf 35 which is herein-before given, and every poor Person who shall hereafter be admitted into any Building provided by the Guardians of any Union for a Fever Hospital, or into any Part of the Workhouse appropriated as a Fever Hospital, who shall nevertheless be considered by the Guardians to be of sufficient Ability to pay the Cost of his 40 or her Maintenance while in Hospital, or some Portion of such Cost, shall be required to repay such Proportion thereof as the Guardians shall determine; provided that such Proportion shall in no Case exceed

exceed the Average of the general Cost of Maintenance in such Hospital or Infirmary ; and all such Sums shall be recoverable from such poor Persons, or from those liable by Law to maintain them, by the same Ways and Means as the Cost of Relief given by way of
 5 Loan is recoverable under the Acts in force for the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland ; and all such Sums, or any Part thereof which shall be recovered, shall be lodged with the Treasurer of the Union, to the Credit of the Electoral Division chargeable for the Maintenance of such poor Person, or to the Credit of the Union, as the
 10 Case may be ; provided also, that for the Purpose of the Recovery of the Cost of Maintenance as aforesaid every Master or Mistress shall be deemed liable to maintain his or her Servant so long as the Service shall continue.

IV. On the Requisition of any Inspector or Sub-Inspector of Con-
 15 stabulary, or Head Constable in charge of a Station, it shall be lawful for the Board of Guardians to admit into the Workhouse, Infirmary or Fever Hospital any Constable or Sub-Constable of the said Force, on Service within the Union, who shall be suffering from Fever or other Disease or bodily Injury requiring Treatment in Hospital ; and
 20 every such Constable or Sub-Constable shall contribute the full average Cost of daily Maintenance in such Hospital for the whole Term of his Continuance therein ; and the Amount of such Cost may be recovered by the Guardians of the Union by the same Ways and Means as the Cost of Relief given by way of Loan is recoverable
 25 under the Acts in force for the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland.

Admission
of Constabu-
lary Patients.

V. Every poor Person admitted into the Fever Hospital or In-
 firmary of a Workhouse who shall on Admission claim to repay the entire Cost of his or her Maintenance therein, according to the full
 30 average Cost thereof, as herein-before stated, and every poor Person admitted into such Fever Hospital or Infirmary on whose Behalf the Person liable by Law to maintain such poor Person shall claim to repay the entire Cost of such Maintenance therein as aforesaid, and every
 Constable or Sub-Constable so admitted, shall be entered in a separate
 35 Register from that in which the other Persons admitted into the Workhouse are registered ; and the Person so relieved and the Person so claiming shall not, after Payment of the said Charges of Main-tenance, be subject to any Disfranchisement or Disability as Persons having received Relief from the Poor Rates.

Poor Persons
claiming to
pay Cost of
their Main-
tenance
not to be
disfranchised.

VI. It shall be lawful for the Guardians of any Union to send any
 40 Inmate or Inmates of the Workhouse of such Union requiring Medical or Surgical Treatment to any Hospital the Governor or

Guardians
may send
Inmates of
Workhouse
to Hospital.

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Governors

Governors of which shall be willing and able to receive such Inmate or Inmates, and to pay to the Governor or Governors of such Hospital, out of the Rates of the Union, the Cost of the Maintenance and Treatment in such Hospital of the Persons so sent as aforesaid, and the Guardians may also pay out of the Rates of the Union the 5 Cost of the Conveyance of such Persons from the Workhouse of the Union to such Hospital, and also the Cost of the Conveyance of such Persons, when discharged from such Hospital to the said Workhouse ; and the entire Cost of such Maintenance, Treatment, and Conveyance as aforesaid shall be charged on the Electoral 10 Division or Union at large, as the Case may be, according to such Person's Chargeability under the Laws in force at the Time for the Administration of Relief to the Destitute Poor in Ireland.

Relief to
Orphans and
deserted
Children.

VII. And whereas it has been found that the Mortality among infant Children admitted into Workhouses without their Mothers is 15 very large, and that in other respects the Workhouses are not well suited in all Cases for the Care and Nurture of such Children during Infancy ; and it is therefore expedient to extend the Powers of Boards of Guardians for the Relief of Destitute Poor Children who are Orphans, or who have been deserted by their Parents : Be it enacted, 20 That it shall be lawful for the Board of Guardians to provide for the Relief of any Orphan or deserted Child out of the Workhouse, if they shall think fit to do so, by placing such Child out at Nurse or otherwise, according to their Discretion ; provided that no Child shall continue to be so relieved after the Age of *Five Years*. 25

Relieving
Officer and
Workhouse
Master to
apprize the
Constabulary of the
Fact of
Desertion.
Declaration
to be made
by Person
finding Child
and present-
ing it for
Relief.

VIII. Where any Child shall be left exposed or deserted in any Union, and the Fact shall have become known to any Relieving Officer thereof, or to the Master of the Workhouse, such Relieving Officer or Master, as the Case may be, shall forthwith make known the Fact, and all the Particulars relating thereto with which he may be 30 acquainted, to the Officer or Constable in charge of the Constabulary Station of the District in which such Child shall have been found ; and it shall be lawful for the Board of Guardians, in providing for the Relief or Maintenance of any deserted Child as aforesaid, to require the Person who found the Child, and the Person presenting such Child 35 for Relief, to make and subscribe a Declaration under the Act passed in the Session held in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, Chapter Sixty-two, stating all which he or she may know regarding the Parentage of such Child, and the Residence of the Father or the Mother of such Child, and 40 concerning the Desertion and finding of the Child ; and each such Person shall, on being so required, make and subscribe such Declaration accordingly.

IX. And

IX. And whereas by the Act of the Second Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual Relief of the "Destitute Poor in Ireland," it is provided, that no Order of the Commissioners nor any Byelaw shall authorize the Education of any Child in a Workhouse in any Religious Creed other than that professed by the Parents or Parent of the Child, and to which such Parents or Parent shall object, and in the Case of an Orphan to which the Guardian or Guardians, Godfather or Godmother, shall object; but no such Provision is made for the Case of a Child, not being an Orphan, the Religion of whose Parents or Parent is unknown: Be it enacted, That in every such last-mentioned Case the Guardian or Guardians, Godfather or Godmother of the Child, shall have the like Power to object as the Parents or Parent of a Child would have if living, or as the Guardian or Guardians, Godfather or Godmother, would have in the Case of an Orphan; provided that in the Case of a Child of whose Parents or Parent the Religion is not known, and who shall not be known to have been baptized, the Term "Guardian" shall include the Person lawfully having the Care and Possession of the Child last before its Admission to the Workhouse.

Religious Education of Children the Religion of whose Parents is not known.

X. And whereas Doubts have existed as to the Liability of unoccupied Buildings to be rated in the Rates for the Relief of the Poor, and it is expedient to remove such Doubts: Be it enacted, That from and after the *passing of this Act* the Guardians shall, in making every Rate for the Relief of the Destitute Poor, specify on the Face thereof the Period for the Service of which the Rate is estimated to provide, and that when any Building liable to Assessment under the Provisions of the Acts for the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland is unoccupied at the Time of making any such Rate on the Electoral Division in which such Building shall be situate the Board of Guardians shall in every such Case include such Building in the said Rate, describing it in the Column appropriated to the Name of the Occupier or Immediate Lessor, as the Case may be, as "empty," and such Building shall be deemed to be rated to the Relief of the Poor as fully and effectually as if it had been occupied at the Time of the Rate made, and the Name of the Occupier or Immediate Lessor inserted in the said Rate: provided always, that if such Building shall continue to be unoccupied during the whole of the Period for which the Rate was estimated as aforesaid, the Rate so made on the said Building shall not be recoverable; provided also, that if after the making of the said Rate, and before the Expiration of the Period for which the Rate was so estimated as aforesaid, any Person or Persons shall occupy such Building for any Portion of such Period, the Board of Guardians shall be entitled to recover from the Occupier or the Immediate Lessor, if he be liable to pay the same, a Portion only of the said Rate proportioned to the

Rating unoccupied Buildings.

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Time

Time during which the said Building shall have been so occupied; and the same shall be recovered from the Occupier or immediate Lessor, as the Case may be, in the same Manner as if he had been originally rated for such Building.

County Cess
Collectors
not to be
entitled to
collect Poor
Rates in
preference
to other
Persons.
1 & 2 Vict.
c. 56. s. 73.

XI. From and after the *passing of this Act*, so much of the Act 5
passed in the First and Second Years of Her Majesty, intituled,
“An Act for the more effectual Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland,”
as provides that every Rate made on each Electoral Division shall and
may, if any Collector for the Time authorized to collect the County
Cess on any Part of such Electoral Division shall be approved of by 10
the Commissioners, and shall give Security to the Satisfaction of the
Commissioners, and shall accept such Salary or Allowance as shall be
approved by the Commissioners for his Trouble in that Behalf, be
levied by such Collector, who shall, so far as relates to the Collection
of such Rate, be deemed a paid Officer of the Union within which 15
such Electoral Division shall be situate, shall be and the same is
hereby repealed; and from and after the *passing of this Act* it shall
and may be lawful for the Guardians of any Union, subject to the
Approval of the Commissioners, to appoint from Time to Time such
and so many Persons as they may deem expedient to collect and levy 20
the Rates so made on the several Electoral Divisions.

Not to affect
District
comprised in
Dublin Rates
Act.

XII. Nothing herein contained regarding the rating of Premises
or the Collection of Rate shall apply to Premises situate within the
District for the Collection of Poor Rates as defined by the Act
passed in the Session held in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of the 25
Reign of Her Majesty, intituled “An Act to provide for the
“Collection of Rates in the City of Dublin.”

Non-occupy-
ing Rate-
payers to
give full
Description
of the Pro-
perty in
respect of
which they
claim to
vote, and of
their Inte-
rest therein.

XIII. No Ratepayer shall be entitled to vote in the Election of
Guardians, either in Person or by Proxy, in respect of any Property
not in his actual Occupation, or to give any Vote in addition to the 30
Vote or Votes to which he would be entitled as an Occupier paying
Rent equal to the net annual Value of the Property in his actual
Occupation, unless he or his Proxy shall, *One Month* at the least
previous to the Day on which he shall claim to vote, have given to
the Guardians, or to some Person acting as Returning Officer, a 35
Statement in Writing of the Name and Address of such Ratepayer,
and the Description and local Situation of the Property in respect of
which he claims to vote, specifying, in Cities, Towns, and their
Suburbs having Streets and other Roadways, the Name of the Street
or Roadway, and the Number of the House or Tenement, if any, and 40
the Parish in which the Property is situate, and in other Places the
Barony, Parish, and Townland, so that the Property may be ascer-
tained

tained and identified with reasonable Certainty, together with the Nature of the Interest of the Ratepayer therein, and its net annual Value over and above all Rents payable by him, and the Amount of Rent payable to him, and the Names of the Tenants or Occupiers by whom Poor Rates have been deducted from such Rent; and no such Proxy shall be entitled to claim to vote unless such Proxy shall have given to the Guardians, or some Person acting as Returning Officer, *One Month* at the least previous to the Day on which he shall claim to vote, the original or an attested Copy of the Writing appointing such Proxy.

XIV. No Claim of a Ratepayer to vote in the Election of Guardians, either in Person or by Proxy, in respect of any Property not in his actual Occupation, or to give a Vote or Votes in addition to the Vote or Votes to which he would be entitled as an Occupier paying Rent equal to the net annual Value of the Property in his Occupation, shall continue in force beyond the Period of *Five Years* from the Date on which he or his Proxy shall have given such Statement as aforesaid: Provided that every Appointment of a Proxy may be revoked at any Time; provided also, that no Person shall be entitled to vote as Proxy for more than *Ten* Owners of Property in any One Electoral Division or Ward unless he be a Steward, Bailiff, Land Agent, or Collector of Rents for the Owners of Property for whom he may be appointed to vote.

Limitation of Property and Proxy Claims.

XV. And whereas Doubts have been entertained whether Owners or Immediate Lessors of Property who are rated under the Provisions of the Act of the Sixth and Seventh Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Ninety-two, Sections One and Four, or under the Provisions of the Act of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Ninety-one, Section Sixty-three, or under the Provisions of the Act of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and four, Section Ten, are entitled to vote as Ratepayers in respect of Property for which they are so rated: Be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for Owners or Immediate Lessors who are so rated as aforesaid to vote in the Election of Guardians in respect of the Property or Rent for which they are so rated, in the same Manner as Occupiers paying no Rent or paying Rent less than the net annual Value of the rateable Property, as the Case may be; provided that every such Owner or Immediate Lessor or his Proxy shall have lodged a Statement in the Manner herein-before provided with reference to Persons claiming to vote in respect of Property not in their actual Occupation.

Owners or Immediate Lessors rated under 6 & 7 Vict. c. 92. ss. 1. and 4. 12 & 13 Vict. c. 104. s. 10., and 12 & 13 Vict. c. 91. s. 63., may vote as if the Occupiers were rated.

XVI. No Person receiving Rent shall be entitled to vote as aforesaid in respect thereof for any greater Amount of Rent than the [91.] A 4 actual

No Person to vote for a greater

Amount of actual Value of the Property out of which such Claim arises,
 Rent than according to the Valuation of the same in the Survey or Valuation
 the rateable of rateable Hereditaments for the Time being in force in the
 Value of the Property. Union.

Poor Law
 Inspectors
 authorized
 to act under
 Medical
 Charities
 Act.

10 & 11 Vict.
 c. 90. s. 5.
 14 & 15 Vict.
 c. 68. s. 3.

XVII. And whereas by an Act passed in the Tenth and Eleventh 5
 Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Ninety, the said
 Commissioners are empowered from Time to Time, subject to the
 Approval of the Lord Lieutenant, to appoint so many fit Persons as
 shall be allowed by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury
 to be Inspectors to assist in the Execution of the Acts for the Relief 10
 of the Poor in Ireland; and by another Act, passed in the Fourteenth
 and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Sixty-
 eight, the said Commissioners are empowered from Time to Time to
 appoint so many fit Persons as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's
 Treasury shall sanction, having the Qualification therein described, 15
 to be Inspectors, to assist in carrying out the Provisions of the
 said last-mentioned Act: Be it enacted, That every Inspector
 appointed or hereafter to be appointed, under the Provisions of the
 said Act of the Tenth and Eleventh Years of Her Majesty, to assist
 in the Execution of the Acts for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland, 20
 shall be deemed to be an Inspector under the Provisions of the said
 Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty, and shall
 be empowered to assist in carrying out the Provisions of the said last-
 mentioned Act, as fully and effectually as if he had been appointed
 under such Act, notwithstanding that he may not possess the 25
 Medical Qualification required by such Act; and in like Manner
 every Inspector appointed or to be hereafter appointed under the
 Provisions of the said Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of
 Her Majesty shall be deemed to be an Inspector, under the Provisions
 of the said Act of the Tenth and Eleventh Years of Her Majesty, and 30
 shall be empowered to assist in carrying out the Provisions of the
 said last-mentioned Act, as fully and effectually as if he had been
 appointed under that Act: Provided always, that it shall be lawful
 for the Commissioners, in any Case in which they shall direct
 Inquiry to be made into any Matter connected with the Admi- 35
 nistration of the Laws for the Relief of the Poor, or connected with
 the Execution of the said Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years
 of Her Majesty, to associate together for the Purpose of such
 Inquiry, if they shall see fit to do so, an Inspector appointed under
 the said Act of the Tenth and Eleventh Years of Her Majesty, and 40
 an Inspector appointed under the said Act of the Fourteenth and
 Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty, and such Inspectors shall in such
 Case make a joint Inquiry concerning the Matters in question.

XVIII. And

XVIII. And whereas, under the Provisions of the Ninth Section of the said Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty, every Member of any Dispensary Committee, and every Relieving Officer and Warden acting for an Electoral Division included in
5 a Dispensary District, is authorized to afford Medical Relief by the Issue of a Ticket for Medicine and Advice, or a Ticket in such Form as the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland shall prescribe, addressed to the Medical Officer of the District, directing him to afford Medicine and Advice, or to
10 attend on any poor Person resident therein, and such Medical Officer is required by the said Act to afford such Medicine or Advice, or to attend such Person, until the Ticket be cancelled at a subsequent Meeting of the Dispensary Committee, and it is expedient to amend the same: Be it enacted, That if it shall be made to appear to the
15 Satisfaction of the Person by whom any such Ticket shall have been given, that the Person on whose Behalf such Ticket shall have been given is not a proper Object for Dispensary Relief, it shall be lawful for the Person by whom such Ticket shall have been so given as afore-said to declare in Writing such Ticket to be cancelled, and thenceforth
20 the Holder thereof shall be disentitled to further Relief under such Ticket: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be held to discharge the Medical Officer of the Dispensary District from duly and punctually attending upon such Person in the Manner required by the said Act until such Ticket shall have been actually cancelled
25 or declared to be cancelled.

Provision
for cancel-
ling Tickets
for Medical
Relief under
14 & 15 Vict.
c. 68., in
certain
Cases.

XIX. On the cancelling of any such Ticket as aforesaid, either on the Declaration of the Dispensary Committee, as provided by the said last-mentioned Act, or of the Person by whom such Ticket shall have been given, and in case it shall appear to the Dispensary Committee
30 that the Person who has obtained such Ticket is of sufficient Ability to pay the Costs of such Medical Relief, or some Portion of such Cost, such Person shall be liable to repay such Cost, or such Proportion thereof as such Dispensary Committee shall determine, and such Sum shall be recoverable from such Person by the Board of Guardians of the
35 Union by the same Ways and Means as the Cost of Relief given by way of Loan is recoverable under the Acts in force for the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland, and the Board of Guardians shall recover the same; and all such Sums, or any Part thereof which shall be so recovered, shall be lodged with the Treasurer of the Union within
40 which such Dispensary District is situate, and be placed to the Credit of the Electoral Divisions comprised in such Dispensary District: Provided always, that the said Dispensary Committee may determine that such Portion of any Sum so recovered shall be paid to the Medical Officer of the District as to such Committee shall seem just,

Persons ob-
taining
Tickets for
Medical
Relief under
14 & 15 Vict.
c. 68., found
to be able to
pay Cost,
or Part
thereof, re-
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the same.

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and the Guardians of the Union shall direct such Sum to be paid accordingly, and debited to the Electoral Divisions comprising the Dispensary District.

Persons becoming qualified as ex-officio Members of Dispensary Committee after the Number is completed may act.

XX. And whereas by the Seventh Section of the said last-recited Act the Commissioners are required to fix by their Order the Number 5 of Persons who shall be Members of the Committee of Management of a Dispensary District, and the Guardians of the Union containing such District are required to elect annually, if necessary, a sufficient Number of Ratepayers resident in the District, and liable to pay Poor Rates in respect of Property therein of the net annual Value of Thirty 10 Pounds at the least, who, together with certain ex-officio and elected Guardians of the Poor, are to be the Committee for the Management of such Dispensary District: And whereas Doubts have been entertained as to the Right of Persons to act as Members of such Committee who have become qualified to act as ex-officio Members 15 thereof subsequently to the Election by the Board of Guardians of a sufficient Number of Ratepayers to make the Number of the Members of the Committee amount to the Number named in the Order of the Commissioners, and it is expedient to amend the above-recited Provision: Be it therefore enacted, That from and after the 20 *passing of this Act* Section Seven of the last-recited Act shall be and the same is hereby repealed, except so far as relates to Committees already appointed, the Members of which may continue to hold their respective Offices until the *Twenty-fifth Day of March next*, as if this Act had not been passed, and in place thereof every ex- 25 officio and elected Guardian of any Union resident in any Dispensary District within such Union shall be a Member of the Committee of Management of such District; and the Commissioners may from Time to Time, as and when they may see fit, by Order under their Seal, declare or alter the Number of Ratepayers qualified 30 as herein-after provided to be Members of such Committee; and the Guardians shall, within *One Month* after the Receipt of such Order, elect such Number of qualified Ratepayers accordingly, and shall from Time to Time fill up any Vacancies occurring by Death, Resignation, or otherwise in the Number of Persons so elected; and 35 the Committee so constituted shall continue to hold Office until the next annual Election of Guardians in the Union, immediately after which the Guardians shall in like Manner elect the Number of qualified Ratepayers so fixed by the Commissioners as aforesaid, who, together with the ex-officio and elected Guardians resident in the 40 District, shall be the Committee for the then current Year.

Ratepayers liable to Poor Rates on a

XXI. And whereas it is expedient to amend the Provision of the said recited Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty

Majesty which requires that the Ratepayers who may be elected Members of Dispensary Committees shall be liable to pay Poor Rates in respect of Property therein of the net annual Value of Thirty Pounds at the least: Be it enacted, That every Ratepayer resident in
 5 any Dispensary District, and liable to pay Poor Rates in respect of Property in the Electoral Division in which he so resides of a net annual Value equal to the Amount fixed for the Qualification for the Office of Guardian for such Electoral Division, shall be eligible to be elected a Member of the Committee for the Management of such
 10 District.

net annual Value equal to the Qualification for Guardian may be elected Members of Committee.

XXII. No paid Officer engaged in the Administration of the Laws for the Relief of the Poor, or under the Act for the better Distribution, Support, and Management of Medical Charities in Ireland, nor any Person who, having been such paid Officer, shall
 15 have been dismissed within *Five Years* previously from such Office by the said Commissioners, shall be capable of serving as a Guardian; and no Person receiving any fixed Salary or Emolument from the Poor Rates in any Union shall be capable of serving as a Guardian in such Union.

Paid Officers and others incapable of serving as Guardians.

XXIII. When the Salary of the Medical Officer of a Dispensary District shall have been determined by the Guardians, and approved by the Commissioners, or shall have been fixed by an Order under the Seal of the Commissioners, or when an Appointment of a Medical Officer of a Dispensary District at a certain Amount of Salary shall
 20 have taken place, no Alteration of the Amount of such Salary shall take effect until *One Year* after such Alteration shall have received the Approval of the Commissioners, or shall have been made by them.

Salary of Dispensary Medical Officer not to be altered until One Year after the Approval of the Commissioners.

XXIV. If at any Time, through the Alteration of the Dispensary Districts of a Union, it shall become necessary to make a new
 30 Appointment of Medical Officer for any Dispensary District, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, if they shall think fit, to nominate for Appointment to such Office by the Committee of Management of such District any Person who shall at the Time of such Alteration be acting as Medical Officer of Part of such District, or, if there shall
 35 be more Persons so situated, to nominate all or any of such Persons, as the Commissioners shall think fit, as Candidates for the said Office; and in the latter Case the Committee of Management shall select and appoint a Medical Officer from the Candidates so nominated.

As to Appointment of Medical Officer on Alteration of Dispensary District.

XXV. And whereas it is expedient that an Asylum, and, if necessary, more than One Asylum, should be provided for the Maintenance and Instruction of the Blind Inmates of Workhouses in Ireland: Be

Commissioners authorized to establish.

Asylums for
Maintenance
and Instruc-
tion of Blind
Inmates of
Workhouses.

it enacted, That from and after *the passing of this Act* it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland to establish an Asylum or Asylums for the Maintenance and Instruction of such Blind Inmates of Workhouses under the Age of *Twenty-two Years* as the Boards of Guardians of the 5 Unions in Ireland shall be willing to send from the Workhouses of the said Unions to any such Asylum, to be maintained and instructed there at the Expense of such Unions respectively, or some Electoral Division thereof, as the Case may be; and the Board of Guardians of each such Union is hereby empowered, with the Consent of the 10 said Commissioners, to send any such Blind Inmate to such Asylum, provided there shall be Room therein for the Reception of such Inmate.

Board of
Management
of Asylum.

XXVI. The Board of Management of every such Asylum shall Consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Deputy Vice-Chairman 15 of the Union in which such Asylum shall be situated, together with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Deputy Vice-Chairman of each of the Unions immediately adjoining it, and *Five* other Persons, who shall be named by the said Commissioners, with their own previous Consent, in the Order establishing such Asylum; and it shall be lawful 20 for the Commissioners, on the Occasion of any Vacancy by Death, Resignation, Disqualification, or other Incapacity occurring in the Number of Persons so named, to appoint another Person to fill such Vacancy.

Board of
Management
to act in
accordance
with Rules
issued by
Commis-
sioners.
Three
members to
be a Quorum.

XXVII. The said Board of Management shall meet, *Three* 25 Members thereof being present to form a Board, and shall exercise their Functions and perform their Duties in accordance with the Rules and Regulations issued by the said Commissioners for their Guidance and Control; and it shall be lawful for the said Commis- sioners to authorize and direct the said Board of Management to 30 appoint Officers for the Superintendence of each such Asylum, of such Description and with such Qualifications as to the said Commis- sioners shall seem fit, and to prescribe the Duties to be performed by the said Officers respectively; and every such Officer shall be subject in all respects to the Control of the said Commissioners and the said 35 Board of Management in the same Manner as other Officers appointed under the Acts in force for the Relief of the Poor are subject to the Control of the said Commissioners and the Guardians of the Union whereof they are Officers, and shall be liable to Removal in the same Manner. 40

Expenses
incurred in
fitting up

XXVIII. And whereas Premises are likely to be granted Rent-free, and Funds are likely to be placed at the Disposal of the said Com- missioners

missioners for fitting up such Premises for the Purposes aforesaid: Be it enacted, That all such Expenses incurred in the fitting up and Establishment of every such Asylum as shall not be provided for by the Funds which may be placed at the Disposal of the said Commissioners for such Purposes, and the Expense of Maintenance and Instruction of the Inmates, and all other Expenses of the said Asylum, shall be payable from the Poor Rates of the Unions from which Inmates may be sent to such Asylum, in manner following, that is to say, according to the aggregate Number of Days in each Half Year during which the Inmates belonging to each Union shall be lodged and maintained in such Asylum; and the Contribution in respect of each such Inmate, together with all Expenses of Conveyance, shall be chargeable on the Union or Electoral Division, as the Case may be, to which such Inmate shall be chargeable, according to the Laws in force for the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland: Provided that the Discharge of any Inmate from such Asylum shall take place by way of Reconveyance of such Inmate to the Workhouse of the Union to which such Inmate shall belong, at the Expense of such Union, or some Electoral Division thereof, as the Case may be.

Asylums
how to be
paid.

XXIX. It shall be lawful for the Board of Management of every such Asylum to send to the Workhouse of the Union in which such Asylum shall be situate, with the Consent of the Guardians of such Union, any Inmate of such Asylum who may require Treatment in Hospital, to be maintained in the Infirmary or Fever Hospital of such Workhouse, according to the Nature of the Illness of such Inmate, at the Expense of the Union or Electoral Division to which such Inmate shall belong, on such Terms as may be agreed upon between the Board of Management and the Guardians, or on such Terms as may be fixed by the Commissioners in the event of any Disagreement thereon between the Board of Management and the Guardians.

Board of
Management
may send
to Union
Workhouse,
with Consent
of Guar-
dians,
Inmates of
Asylum
requiring
Treatment
in Hospital.

XXX. All Enactments contained in the Acts for the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland, or any of them, which relate to the Management of Workhouses, the Registration of the Inmates, the Provision to be made for Religious Service, and the Appointment of Chaplains, the Contracts for Supplies, the Accounts of Expenditure, the auditing of such Accounts, and all the Powers given to the said Commissioners by the said Acts or any of them for the Guidance and Control of Guardians and their Officers, and all the Powers of Inquiry thereby given to such Commissioners and their Inspectors, and all other Provisions contained therein relating to the Workhouses of Unions and the Boards of Guardians and Officers thereof, shall extend and apply to every Asylum established under this Act, and to the Board of Management and Officers thereof, so far as the same may

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be applicable thereto, in the same Manner as if such Asylum were the Workhouse of a Union formed under the Provisions of the said Acts or any of them, as if the Board of Management were the Board of Guardians of such Union.

Burial
Expenses of
Persons
dying
unknown.

XXXI. And whereas no legal Provision exists for the Burial of 5
the Bodies of unknown Persons who have been drowned and cast
ashore in Ireland, or who have otherwise perished and been found
dead: Be it enacted, That the Guardians of each Union in Ireland
shall provide for the Burial of the dead Body of every Person dying 10
or found dead within such Union whose Family or Connexions shall
not be known, and whose Body shall not be claimed by any Person
for the Purpose of Burial, and shall charge the Expenses of such
Burial on the Poor Rates of the Union: Provided that every
Constable or Sub-Constable in Ireland shall be enabled to proceed at 15
once in the Burial of such dead Body, giving Notice to the Guardians
of his Proceedings therein, and of the Expenses incurred by him, as
soon thereafter as may be practicable in each Case.

Tenth Sec-
tion of
10 Vict. c. 31.
repealed.

XXXII. And whereas by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of
the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Thirty-one, Section Ten, it is
provided that no Person who shall be in the Occupation of any 20
Land of greater Extent than the Quarter of a Statute Acre shall be
deemed and taken to be a destitute poor Person under the Provisions
of an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of Her Majesty,
Chapter Fifty-six, for the more effectual Relief of the Destitute Poor
in Ireland, or of the Acts amending the same: And whereas it is 25
expedient that the said Provision of the said Act should be repealed:
Therefore, from and after the *passing of this Act*, the Tenth Section
of the said Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty,
Chapter Thirty-one, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

1 & 2 Vict.
c. 56.

Irish Poor
Law Com-
mission
further
continued.

10 & 11 Vict.
c. 90.

14 & 15 Vict.
c. 68.

XXXIII. And whereas the Provisions of the said Act of the 30
Tenth and Eleventh Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Ninety, relating
to the Constitution and Appointment of Commissioners for adminis-
tering the Laws for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland, Secretaries,
Inspectors, and other Officers, were continued from Time to Time,
and by an Act passed in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years of Her 35
Majesty, Chapter Sixty-three, such Provisions were further continued
until the Twenty-third Day of July One thousand eight hundred and
fifty-nine and thenceforth until the End of the present Session of Par-
liament, and it is expedient that the Commission for administering the
Law for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland, as constituted under the said 40
Act and the said recited Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years
of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Sixty-eight, should be further
continued

continued for a limited Time: Therefore the Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty, or to be appointed by Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, under the Authority of the said last-mentioned Acts or either of them, together with every Person by the said Acts or
5 either of them constituted by virtue of his Office such Commissioner, and every Inspector and other Officer and Person appointed or to be appointed by the Commissioners, under the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Tenth and Eleventh Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Ninety, now in force, shall, unless he shall pre-
10 viously resign or be removed, or otherwise cease to hold his Office, be empowered to hold his Office and exercise the Powers thereof, under the said last-mentioned Acts or either of them, until the *Twenty-third Day of July One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of*
15 *Parliament*, and until the Expiration of the said Period it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, from Time to Time, at Pleasure, to remove the Commissioner or Commissioners for the Time being appointed by Her Majesty, or to be appointed by Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, under the said Acts
20 or either of them, and upon every Vacancy in the Office of the Commissioner or Commissioners so appointed or to be appointed, either by Removal, Death, Resignation, or otherwise, to appoint, as in the said Acts or either of them is described, some other fit Person to the said Office.

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