



ANNO UNDECIMO

GEORGIIV. REGIS.

Cap. lxxii.

An Act for the Management and Direction of the Hospital founded by *Joseph Barrington* and his Sons in the City of *Limerick*.

[29th *May* 1830.]

WHEREAS within the City or the County of the City of *Limerick*, containing a Population exceeding Ninety thousand Persons, no Hospital or Infirmary has been erected or established under Acts of Parliament in force in *Ireland* for erecting and establishing Infirmarys and Hospitals, nor is there any general Hospital or Infirmary for the said City or County of the City of *Limerick*: And whereas the same, from the great Number of infirm and diseased Poor therein, stand greatly in need of an Hospital or Infirmary maintained and supported as those of other Counties are supported: And whereas *Joseph Barrington* of the City of *Limerick*, Esquire, and his Sons *Matthew Barrington*, *Daniel Barrington*, *Croker Barrington*, and *Samuel Barrington*, have purchased Ground and erected at their sole Expence an extensive and commodious Stone

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Barrington's Hospital to be the Infirmary for the City and County of the City of Limerick.

Building on *George's Quay* in the City of *Limerick*, known and called by the Name of *Barrington's Hospital*, intending, without Remuneration or Reward, to give up the same, with all its Appurtenances, to the Use of the Poor of the said City and County of the City of *Limerick* for ever: And whereas it is expedient that for the regulating, Management, and Direction of the said Hospital, such Rules and Regulations shall be enacted as herein-after mentioned: Be it therefore 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 the said Building called *Barrington's Hospital*, from and after the Day that the said Building shall be conveyed in Perpetuity to the Governors of *Barrington's Hospital* and City of *Limerick* Infirmary, the same, with the Appurtenances, shall, from and after the Date of such Conveyance, be and become and be deemed and considered the Hospital or Infirmary for the City and County of the City of *Limerick*.

Salaries for Physicians and Surgeons.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Sums or Salaries for the Physicians and Surgeons shall be received and appropriated to the Maintenance and Support of the said Hospital and Infirmary, and of the general Fund for Necessaries for the Use thereof.

Ex officio Governors.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Bishop of the Diocess of *Limerick*, the Rector or Vicar of the Parish in which the said Hospital and Infirmary is situate, the Mayor of the City of *Limerick*, the Representative in Parliament for the City of *Limerick*, the President of the Chamber of Commerce of *Limerick*, all for the Time being, the Right Reverend *John Ryan* Doctor in Divinity, and the Reverend *Thomas Enraght*, shall be and remain and are declared to be Governors for Life of the said Hospital and Infirmary.

Governors by Donation or Subscription.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said *Joseph Barrington*, *Matthew Barrington*, *Daniel Barrington*, *Croker Barrington*, and *Samuel Barrington*, and *William Hartigan Barrington* and *Croker Barrington*, Grandsons of the said *Joseph Barrington*, shall be for their respective Lives, and that the several Heirs Male for the Time being of their respective Bodies shall be for ever, Governors of the said Hospital and Infirmary; and Members of the Committee for conducting and managing the same; and that every Donor of any Sum not less than Twenty Guineas shall from the Time of such Donation become a Member of the Body Corporate and Governor of the said Hospital for the Term of his or her natural Life; and every Person who shall subscribe and pay any Sum not less than Three Guineas annually for the Use of the said Hospital and Infirmary shall become a Member of the said Body Corporate and Governor up to the First Day of *January* next following the Time of paying such Subscription; and such Donors and Subscribers as

aforesaid shall be a Body Politic and Corporate in Law to all Intents and Purposes, and shall have perpetual Succession, and be called "The Governors of *Barrington's Hospital and City of Limerick Infirmary*," and shall be enabled to plead and be impleaded and to sue and be sued by such Names of Incorporation, and may take Securities upon Contracts to be made by them for any of the Purposes herein mentioned, and shall and may have a Common Seal, and that they and their Successors for ever shall and may take and receive any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments whatsoever, not exceeding the annual Value of Two thousand Pounds, and shall and may be capable of taking Gifts, Grants, Contributions, Legacies, and Benefactions to any Amount, in Personal Property, in Trust for the sole Use and Benefit of the said Hospital and Infirmary, and shall have Power to employ the same for the Use of the said Hospital and Infirmary, in such Manner as they shall judge proper, unless the Donor shall direct the Manner of applying such Benefactions, in which Case the Directions of the Donor shall be observed; and such Corporation or Body Politic shall and may receive all Donations and Subscriptions for the Support of the said Hospital and Infirmary, and for all other Purposes connected with the Welfare and Advancement of its Concern.

Governors to be a Body Corporate, with Liberty to purchase and take Lands and Personal Property.

V. And be it further enacted, That an Annual Meeting of such Body Corporate or Governors of the said Hospital and Infirmary shall be held once in every Year, the first Meeting to be held within Six Months after the passing of this Act, and all subsequent Meetings to be held on the second *Monday* in the Month of *January* in each Year, to be convened at such Infirmary and Hospital by previous public Notice by Advertisement, Six Days previous to such Meeting, in One of the *Limerick* Newspapers, for the Purpose of electing from amongst the Governors of the said Hospital a standing Committee of Thirteen Persons by Ballot, in addition to the Persons herein-before mentioned, for the conducting and managing the said Hospital or Infirmary, and all the Affairs and Business thereof; and the first Thirteen Persons so to be nominated on the said Committee, who shall appear to have the greatest Number of Votes, should be declared duly elected; and in case of the Death of any One of the said Thirteen Persons during the said Year, then and in such Case a similar Election shall be had for a Member of the Committee in place of the Person so dying.

Annual Meeting to elect Committee.

VI. And be it further enacted, That, at such Meeting so to be convened, a State of the Accounts and Proceedings for the last Year shall be laid before the said Governors for their Inspection; and that the said Committee shall by a Majority of those present at each Meeting have the full and entire Management and Direction of the Funds and Affairs of the said Hospital and Infirmary for One Year from the Day of their said Election, Three of whom shall be a Quorum for the Purpose of transacting or managing all the household Affairs of the said Hospital and Infirmary, but not less than Five of the

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Powers of Committee.

the said Committee shall be a Quorum for the electing or removing of the Servants of the said Hospital and Infirmary, and not less than Nine of the said Committee shall be a Quorum for the Election and Removal of the Physicians, Surgeons, Apothecary, Housekeeper, Registers, and other Officers of the said Institution, or for the placing out Money at Interest, making Rules and Regulations, and for all Matters respecting the said Institution; and the Committee so elected, or any Three, Five, or Nine, or more of them, in the respective Cases before mentioned shall have the exclusive and entire Direction and Management of the Funds, Property, and Affairs of the said Corporation, and shall have the Power of electing and removing of all Persons in the Service of the said Corporation for Neglect, Nonattendance, or any reasonable Cause, and the Right of Appointment to all Vacancies which may occur in the Situation of Officers and Servants of the said Infirmary, and shall have Power to lay out in the Public Funds, or upon private Security, at Interest, or in the Purchase of Land or Houses, all such overplus Income as may come into their Hands: Provided always, that the said Committee shall not in any Manner be authorized or empowered to dispose of or let any Part of the Property in Lands or Houses of or belonging to the said Hospital and Infirmary, or which may hereafter belong to the same, without the previous Consent of the Governors to be had at a General Meeting to be convened for that Purpose, and called by public Advertisement in some One of the *Limerick* Newspapers, and at which there shall be Nine Members at least attending.

General Meetings.

VII. And be it further enacted, That any Five or more of the said Governors shall be at liberty, and are hereby authorized and empowered, at all Times, by a Requisition in Writing to be signed by them, to call a General Meeting of the Governors or Body Corporate of the said Hospital and Infirmary; and that the Purpose for which the said General Meeting shall be so called shall be specified in such Requisition; and that the said standing Committee also shall have Authority from Time to Time and at all Times to call a General Meeting of the said Governors or Body Corporate; and that Four Days previous Notice of such Meetings shall be given by Advertisement in One of the *Limerick* Newspapers.

Appointment of Physicians, Surgeons, &c.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee, at a Meeting to be held, of which Eight Days previous Notice shall be given in One of the *Limerick* Newspapers, stating the Object of the Meeting, to elect such and so many Physicians and Surgeons for the said Hospital and Infirmary as they may think proper to continue as the Physicians and Surgeons of the said Hospital for Five Years from the Time of such Election, unless removed as herein-after mentioned, and to elect a Physician or Surgeon in the Room of any Physician or Surgeon who from Time to Time, by Death, Removal, Expiration of Five Years from Time of Election, or otherwise, shall make a
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Vacancy in the said Hospital; and also to elect Apothecaries, Registrars, and Housekeepers with proper Salaries; such Physicians and Surgeons nevertheless to continue to attend and serve at the said Hospital or Infirmary without Fee, Salary, or Reward, unless the Committee shall be unable to procure the Attendance of efficient Physicians and Surgeons upon these Terms, in which Case it shall be lawful for the said Committee, at a General Meeting to be called for the Purpose, of which Notice shall be given as last mentioned, to appoint reasonable Salaries for the Attendance of the Physicians and Surgeons, and to change, vary, and abolish the same from Time to Time: Provided always, that all such Elections shall be from the Members or Licentiates of One of the Royal College of Physicians or of Chartered Universities, or One of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons; and provided also, that the said Committee shall have Power and they are hereby authorized, at all Times, to suspend or dismiss any of such Physicians or Surgeons and Apothecaries, Register and Housekeepers, for Neglect of Duty or improper Conduct.

IX. And it is hereby further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee so to be elected as herein-before mentioned, and the said Committee is hereby directed and empowered, to make and ordain any Rules or Regulations for the better Government of the said Hospital and Infirmary, or any Matter relating thereto, provided that the same shall not be inconsistent with or repugnant to the several Trusts hereby reposed in the Governors or Body Corporate of the said Hospital and Infirmary, or any Law or Statute of this Realm.

Committee authorized to make Rules.

X. And be it further enacted, That no Patient shall be admitted into the said Hospital and Infirmary but upon a written Recommendation from One of the Governors of the said Hospital and Infirmary, except in Cases of sudden Accidents which may require immediate Relief; and in case it shall so happen that more Patients shall be so recommended than can be conveniently or expediently admitted into the said Hospital and Infirmary, then the said Physician or Surgeon shall admit such Patient or Patients according to the Priority of their several Recommendations, unless otherwise regulated by the Committee; and the said Recommendations shall be carefully preserved by the resident Apothecary in the said Hospital and Infirmary as Vouchers that the said Patients were admitted in manner aforesaid: Provided also, that Persons subscribing the Sum of Two Guineas shall have a Liberty of recommending Ten Patients, and Persons subscribing One Guinea, of recommending Five Patients to the said Hospital, up to and for the First Day of *January* next following the Payment of such Subscription, but they shall have no Controul or Direction whatever in the Management of the said Hospital, or the Funds thereof, or in voting for the Election of a Committee.

Patients not to be admitted but on written Recommendations from Governors (Accidents excepted).

Proviso for certain Subscribers.

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Public Act.

XI. 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 being specially pleaded.

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