



CHAPTER 1.

An Act to enable the Governors of the London Hospital to acquire certain lands and to erect buildings for their Out-patients Department and for other purposes. A.D. 1899.

[20th June 1899.]

WHEREAS the London Hospital was in or about the year one thousand seven hundred and forty erected on a site in the parish of Saint Mary Whitechapel in the county of London fronting the Mile End Road by a society formed for the purpose of relieving the sick and diseased poor in the city of London and borough of Southwark :

And whereas by a charter or letters patent granted by His late Majesty King George the Second and dated the ninth day of December one thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight the then governors of the said society and such subscribers and donors as therein mentioned and such other persons as should be elected in manner therein mentioned were incorporated by the name of the Governors of the London Hospital :

And whereas by the London Hospital Act 1884 certain leases granted by the Governors were confirmed and the Governors were empowered to grant building and other leases and their powers of dealing with real estate were in other respects enlarged and their powers of investing moneys belonging to the hospital were defined :

And whereas the work of the hospital has been carried on with great benefit to the poor of the neighbourhood and the number of patients admitted into the said hospital in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven exceeded eleven thousand and the number of out-patients relieved by the said hospital in the same year exceeded one hundred and sixty thousand :

And whereas there is now urgent need of further accommodation for the relief and treatment of out-patients and a gift of twenty-five thousand pounds has been promised to the Governors

A.D. 1899. — conditionally on their providing buildings suitable for the efficient conduct of the out-patient department :

And whereas the Governors are or claim to be the freeholders of a block of buildings near the hospital bounded on the north by Green Street on the south by Oxford Street on the east by Turner Street and on the west by New Road and the site of these buildings is admirably adapted for the erection of the buildings requisite for an out-patient department :

And whereas the Governors with the view of utilising the said site for that purpose have recently by agreement with the lessees and sub-lessees of the messuages or tenements occupying the said site obtained surrenders of their respective leases or sub-leases with the exception that in the case of one lessee there is outstanding a reversion of five days expectant on the determination of the existing sub-leases of the messuages numbered seventeen nineteen twenty-one and twenty-three Oxford Street and also a reversion of twenty-one days expectant on the determination of the existing sub-lease of one messuage numbered thirteen Oxford Street :

And whereas it is expedient to empower the Governors to acquire these reversions and also to remove any doubt which may exist as to the power of the Governors to apply the funds of the hospital in the erection of buildings for an out-patient department :

And whereas it is expedient to empower the Governors to acquire the almshouses situate immediately to the south of the hospital and known as John Baker's Almshouses and to utilise them or the site thereof for the purposes of the hospital :

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament :

And whereas a plan showing the lands authorised to be acquired under the powers of this Act and a book of reference to the said lands containing the names of the owners or reputed owners lessees or reputed lessees and of the occupiers thereof have been deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county of London and the said plan and book are herein-after respectively referred to as the deposited plan and deposited book of reference :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the London Hospital Act 1899.

2. In and for the purposes of this Act—

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The expression “the Governors” means the Governors of the London Hospital;

Interpretation.

The expression “the hospital” means the London Hospital.

3. The Lands Clauses Acts are hereby incorporated with this Act.

Incorporation of Lands Clauses Acts.

4. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Governors may acquire all or any of the lands delineated on the deposited plan and described in the deposited book of reference and any reversionary or other interest of or in any lease or sub-lease of or in any of the messuages or tenements numbered respectively thirteen seventeen nineteen twenty-one and twenty-three Oxford Street in the parish of Saint Mary Whitechapel in the county of London.

Power of Governors to acquire lands.

5. The Governors shall not under the powers of this Act purchase or acquire in any parish in the administrative county of London twenty or more houses which on the fifteenth day of December last were occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class as tenants or lodgers or except with the consent of the Secretary of State for the Home Department twenty or more houses which were not so occupied on the said fifteenth day of December but have been or shall be subsequently so occupied.

Restriction on taking houses of labouring class.

If the Governors acquire or appropriate any house or houses under the powers by this Act granted in contravention of the foregoing provision they shall be liable to a penalty of five hundred pounds in respect of every such house which penalty shall be recoverable by the Secretary of State for the Home Department by action in the High Court and shall be carried to and form part of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom. Provided that the Court may if it think fit reduce such penalty.

For the purpose of this section the expression “labouring class” means mechanics artisans labourers and others working for wages hawkers costermongers persons not working for wages but working at some trade or handicraft without employing others except members of their own family and persons other than domestic servants whose income does not exceed an average of thirty shillings a week and the families of any of such persons who may be residing with them.

6. It shall be the duty of the Governors after acquiring the outstanding reversionary or other interests which they are by this Act authorised to acquire in the leases or sub-leases of the messuages or tenements aforesaid being part of the said block of buildings

Duty of Governors to erect buildings for out-patient department.

A.D. 1899. — bounded on the north by Green Street on the south by Oxford Street on the east by Turner Street and on the west by New Road to remove the said block of buildings or such of them as they see fit and to erect on the site or part of the site of the said block a suitable building or buildings for the accommodation and treatment of out-patients with all necessary or proper approaches yards works and conveniences.

Power of
Governors
to erect
buildings on
site of
almshouses.

7. If the Governors shall under the powers of this Act acquire the almshouses known as John Baker's Almshouses they may remove the same and on the site thereof may erect a suitable building or buildings for the reception and treatment of patients or the accommodation of the staff of the hospital or for such other purposes of the hospital as the Governors may determine.

Power to
apply funds.

8. The Governors may apply for the purposes of this Act any income or capital funds of the hospital not specifically appropriated by law to any other purpose and shall also apply any sum or sums bequeathed or contributed for any specific purpose of this Act by any donor or donors or any subscriber or subscribers to the purpose for which such sum or sums shall respectively have been contributed.

Costs of Act.

9. All the costs charges and expenses preliminary and of and incidental to the preparation and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Governors.

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