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CAP. XXVII.

An Act to explain and enlarge the Powers contained in the Charter of the *London* Assurance of Houses and Goods from Fire. [7th *March* 1796.]

WHEREAS the Corporation called *The London Assurance of Houses and Goods from Fire*, is, by virtue of a Charter of His late Majesty King *George* the First, under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, bearing Date at *Westminster* the Twenty-ninth Day of *April*, in the Seventh Year of His said Majesty's Reign, empowered to make any Contract for any Assurance or Assurances of the Life or Lives of any Person or Persons whatsoever, or for any Assurance or Assurances of any Houses, Outhouses, Warehouses, Chambers, or other Edifices or Buildings, or of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes whatsoever, in *England*, *Wales*, or the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, or within the Kingdom of *Ireland*, or within any other of the King's Dominions beyond the Seas, or of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, whatsoever, from Fire: And whereas Doubts have arisen, and may arise, whether, under the said Charter, the said Corporation hath Power to make Assurances of any Life or Lives whatsoever, or of any Houses, Outhouses, Warehouses, Chambers, or other Edifices or Buildings, or of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, in any Parts or Places except those recited in the said Charter: For removing of which Doubts, May it please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to

Preamble recites Charter of 7 *Geo.* I.

The Corporation empowered to make

Aſſurances within any Part of His Majeſty's Dominions, or elſewhere,

and for the *London* Aſſurance of Houſes and Goods from Fire, and the ſaid *London* Aſſurance of Houſes and Goods from Fire, and their Succeſſors, are hereby authorized and empowered to make all and every the ſaid Aſſurances of the Life or Lives of any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, or of any Houſes, Outhouſes, Warehouſes, Chambers, or other Edifices or Buildings, or of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, from Fire, in all Parts and Places whatſoever, within any of His Majeſty's Dominions or elſewhere, in like Manner, and to the ſame Extent, as they are reſpectively empowered to do by the ſaid Charter in the Places therein ſpecified.

If any Action be brought againſt the Corporation, they may plead the General Iſſue, and give the ſpecial Matter in Evidence.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Action or Suit ſhall be commenced, brought, or proſecuted, againſt the ſaid Corporation of the *London* Aſſurance of Houſes and Goods from Fire, by any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, for or concerning any Aſſurance or Aſſurances by the ſaid recited Charter, or hereby authorized to be made, or relating to the Powers hereby granted, or concerning any other Matter or Thing herein or in the ſaid Charter above recited contained, the ſaid Corporation and their Succeſſors may, in ſuch Action or Suit, plead the General Iſſue, and give the ſpecial Matter in Evidence.

Publick Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Publick Act; and all Judges, Juſtices, and other Perſons, are hereby required to take Notice of this Act as ſuch, without ſpecially pleading the ſame.

FINIS.