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CAP. LXXV.

An Act to amend the Laws for the better Regulation of the Linen Manufacture in *Ireland*.

[22d *June* 1802.]

WHEREAS the ſeveral Proviſions heretofore made for preventing the Importation and Sale of Flax Seed and Hemp Seed unfit for ſowing, and for ſecuring the Growers of Flax Seed and Hemp Seed from being impoſed on by bad, mixed, or damnified Flax Seed or Hemp Seed in *Ireland*, have proved inſufficient: May it therefore 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 every Clauſe, Proviſion, and Direction, contained in an Act, made in *Ireland* in the Third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of the Linen or Hempen Manufacture*, and every Clauſe, Proviſion, and Direction contained in One other Act, made in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, paſſed in the Third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, 'An Act for the better Regulation of the Linen and Hempen Manufacture,'* and every Clauſe, Proviſion, and Direction contained in One other Act, made in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for further promoting the Linen and Hempen Manufactures*,

Such Parts of the *Iriſh* Acts of 3 Geo. 3.

17 & 18 Geo. 3. and

23 & 24 Geo. 3.

as relate to the Importation, &c. of Flax or Hemp Seed ſhall be repealed.

Manufactures, relating to or in any Manner concerning or affecting the Importation, Sale, or Branding of Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, be, and the ſame is and are hereby repealed, and declared to be null and void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.

Bad or damaged Flax or Hemp Seed imported into *Ireland*, ſhall be forfeited.

II. And be it further enacted, That all bad, mixed, or damnified Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, which ſhall be imported into *Ireland*, ſhall be forfeited, together with the Packages in which the ſame ſhall be contained, to the Truſtees of the Linen and Hempen Manufacture of *Ireland*, to be by them burned or ſold for the Purpoſe of being exported or cruſhed into Oil, as they ſhall think proper.

Regulations to be obſerved in aſcertaining the Quality and Condition of Flax and Hemp Seed imported.

III. And, in order to aſcertain the Quality and Condition of all Flax Seed and Hemp Seed which ſhall be imported there, be it further enacted, That all Flax Seed and Hemp Seed, which ſhall be imported into *Ireland*, ſhall be detained in His Majeſty's Stores at the Place of Import, or in ſuch Stores as ſhall be provided for that Purpoſe at the Expence of the Importer, of which Stores the Collector ſhall keep the Key; for which Storage or detaining no Fee whatſoever ſhall be demanded or payable, there to remain until it ſhall be examined and inſpected by an Officer appointed by the ſaid Truſtees in Manner herein-after mentioned; that is to ſay, ſuch Officer ſhall immediately, on receiving Notice in Writing from the Importer thereof or his Agent that ſuch Seed is landed, repair forthwith to the Cuſtom Houſe, and ſhall there open, in the Preſence of the Collector, or ſome Officer of the Port to be by him appointed for the Purpoſe, every Caſk or Package thereof, and examine the ſame; and ſhall brand or mark every Caſk or Package which ſhall appear to him to contain ſound unmixed Seed fit for ſowing, with the Word *Sound*; and ſhall alſo mark thereon the Month and Year of ſuch his Examination, together with his Name or the Initials thereof, and the Name of the Port; and he ſhall forthwith ſeize, for the Uſe of the ſaid Truſtees, all ſuch Seed as ſhall appear to him to be bad, mixed, damnified, or unfit for ſowing, together with the Caſks and Packages containing the ſame: Provided always, that if the Importer of any Seed, which ſhall be ſo ſeized, ſhall think himſelf aggrieved by ſuch Seizure, it ſhall and may be lawful for him to apply to any Magiſtrate within whoſe Juriſdiction the Place of Import ſhall be ſituated; and every ſuch Magiſtrate is hereby authorized and required to ſummon ſuch Officer to appear before him, and alſo to ſummon any Merchants, Farmers, or other Perſons within his Juriſdiction, whom he ſhall conceive to be ſkilled in the Nature of ſuch Seed, and he ſhall ſwear not more than Five nor leſs than Three of ſuch Merchants, Farmers, or other Perſons, which Oath he is hereby empowered to adminiſter, well and truly to examine the Quality and Condition of the Seed contained in each Caſk or Package ſo ſeized, and true Verdict to give, whether the ſame is bad, mixed, or damnified, or whether it is ſound, unmixed, or fit for ſowing; and if the Opinion or Verdict of ſuch Perſons, or the Majority of them given in Writing and ſigned by them, ſhall be, that the Seed contained in any Caſk or Package is ſound, unmixed, and fit for ſowing, ſuch Officer ſhall forthwith brand or mark the ſaid Caſk or Package in Manner aforeſaid, and ſhall alſo mark over or before the Word *Sound*, the Word *Sworn*; and

Perſons aggrieved by the Seizure of ſuch Seed may apply to a Magiſtrate.

ſuch Caſk or Package ſo marked ſhall be forthwith diſcharged from Seizure: Provided alſo, that if the Importer or Owner of any Flax Seed or Hemp Seed ſeized or detained in Manner aforeſaid, for being bad, mixed, or damnified, or unfit for ſowing, ſhall give Notice in Writing to the Cuſtomer or Collector of the Port, and to the Officer who ſhall have ſeized the ſame, that he means to export ſuch Seed detained in His Majeſty's Stores, it ſhall and may be lawful for him to export the ſame at any Time within Three Months after the Importation, notwithſtanding the Seizure thereof; or if the Importer or Owner thereof ſhall give Notice in Writing to ſuch Officer that he intends to cruſh the ſame into Oil, or to ſell the ſame for being cruſhed into Oil, and ſhall by himſelf, or together with ſuch Manufacturer of Linſeed Oil, as he ſhall ſell or agree to ſell the ſame for that Purpoſe; or in caſe he ſhall not be himſelf a Manufacturer of Linſeed Oil, within One Month after ſuch Seizure, enter into Security before any Inſpector General of the ſaid Truſtees, or other Officer of the ſaid Truſtees, or before any Two of the ſaid Truſtees, by Bond to their Secretary in a Sum after the Rate of Ten Pounds for each Hogſhead or other Package thereof, that the Seed contained therein ſhall be cruſhed into Oil before the Firſt Day of *December* following, every ſuch Caſk or Package, and the Seed contained therein, ſhall remain in His Majeſty's Stores until the Firſt Day of *July* following; and it ſhall then be delivered notwithſtanding ſuch Seizure to ſuch Merchant or Manufacturer of Linſeed Oil as ſhall have given ſuch Security, on his producing to the proper Officer of the Revenue a Certificate from the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have taken ſuch Security, that the ſame has been duly given as required by Law; and no ſuch Security ſhall be vacated until due Proof be given, to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Truſtees, that ſuch Seed has been cruſhed into Oil.

Flax or Hemp Seed may be delivered up, after Seizure, for Importation, or for cruſhing into Oil, *etc.*

IV. And be it further enacted, That, before any Hogſhead, Caſk, or Package containing Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, which ſhall be ſo branded or ſmaſhed by ſuch Officer appointed by the ſaid Truſtees, ſhall be delivered out of the aforeſaid Stores at the Port into which the ſame ſhall be imported, the Collector at ſuch Port ſhall likewiſe brand or mark thereon the Name of the Port and the Year; and that every Collector ſhall and may demand and receive, and he is hereby required to demand and receive from the Importer and Owner of all Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, imported and examined as aforeſaid, the Sum of Sixpence for each and every Hogſhead, Caſk, or Package containing the ſame, to be diſpoſed of in Manner following; that is to ſay, every Collector ſhall and may, out of the Sums ariſing therefrom, retain and take to his own Uſe a Sum, after the Rate of Three-pence for each Hogſhead, Caſk, or Package, which he ſhall brand or mark, purſuant to the Proviſions aforeſaid, and he ſhall pay over the Remainder on Demand, without any Defalcation or Abatement to ſuch Officer appointed by the ſaid Truſtees; and he ſhall and may detain, and he is hereby required to detain, every ſuch Hogſhead, Caſk, or Package, until the ſaid Sum of Sixpence be paid on Account thereof.

Before any Hogſhead of Flax or Hemp Seed ſhall be delivered out of Store, the Collector ſhall brand thereon the Name of the Port of Importation, and Year: Collector to receive 6 *d.* for each Hogſhead, *etc.*

V. And be it further enacted, That no Flax Seed or Hemp Seed imported into *Ireland* ſhall be ſent Coaſtwiſe to any Port in that Country without a Permit from the Collector, or other proper Officer of His Majeſty's Revenue, at the Port from whence the ſame ſhall be ſhipped, ſpecifying

No Flax or Hemp Seed to be ſent Coaſtwiſe without a Permit, on Pain of Forfeiture.

cifying the Number and Nature of Packages containing the ſame, and the Marks or Brands thereon, and the Port for which the ſame is to be ſhipped, together with the Name of the Port from whence it came, and the Ship in which it was imported; for every which Permit the Sum of Three-pence, and no more, ſhall be paid; and every ſuch Permit ſhall be entered by the proper Officer of the Port, immediately on the Arrival of the Seed, in a Book to be open at all Times within Cuſtom Houſe Hours, for the Inſpection of any Officer of the ſaid Truſtees, without Fee or Reward; and ſuch Permit ſhall be then delivered to the Perſon to whom the ſaid Seed ſhall be conſigned; and if any Flax Seed or Hemp Seed ſhall be ſent Coaſtwiſe without ſuch Permit, it ſhall be forfeited to the Uſe of the Perſon proſecuting for the ſame, and ſhall and may be ſeized by any Officer of His Majeſty's Revenue, or by any Officer appointed by the ſaid Truſtees.

Forfeited Flax or Hemp Seed to be burned or ſold within a Month after Seizure, unleſs Security be entered into for its being cruſhed into Oil, *etc.*

VI. And be it further enacted, That all Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, which ſhall be forfeited as aforeſaid to the Uſe of the ſaid Truſtees, ſhall be delivered out of His Majeſty's Stores to the ſaid Truſtees, or any Officer by them appointed to be burned or ſold for the Purpoſe and in Manner before mentioned, at the Expiration of One Month from the Day of its Seizure, unleſs ſuch Security be entered into as aforeſaid for its being cruſhed into Oil, or unleſs ſuch Notice as before mentioned ſhall be given of the Intention to export the ſame; in which latter Caſe it ſhall be delivered to be burned or ſold for the Purpoſes before mentioned at the End of Three Months from the Day of its Seizure, if the Perſon or Perſons, giving ſuch Notice of Intention to export, ſhall have omitted or neglected to ſhip the ſame for Export.

No Flax or Hemp Seed ſhall be ſold for ſowing, except in the Caſk in which imported, and branded with the Word *Sound*.

VII. And be it enacted, That no Flax Seed or Hemp Seed ſhall be ſold or expoſed to Sale for ſowing, except in the Caſk or Package in which the ſame ſhall have been imported, and duly branded with the Word *Sound*, and marked in Manner as before mentioned; and that every Perſon who ſhall import any Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, and ſell or deliver to any One Perſon, at any One Time, One or more Caſk or Caſks, Package or Packages of ſuch Seed for ſowing, or in order to be ſown, ſhall, together with every ſuch Parcel, deliver a Certificate in Writing, if demanded, ſubſcribed by ſuch Perſon expreſſing truly the Quantities and Price of Seed ſo imported and ſold, and the Port from whence the ſame was imported, and the Year of its Growth; and that every Perſon not being the Importer, who ſhall ſell or deliver, to any One Buyer at One Time, One Peck or any larger Quantity of Flax Seed or Hemp Seed for ſowing, or in order to be ſown, ſhall, together with every ſuch Parcel, deliver to the Buyer a Certificate ſigned by ſuch Perſon (if demanded) expreſſing truly the Quantity and Price of the Seed ſo ſold, that the ſame was ſo ſold by him for ſowing, with the Name and Abode of the Perſon from whom he or ſhe bought it, and the Time when, together with the Name of the Port from whence the ſame was imported, if it be Foreign Seed, and the Year of its Growth as ſpecified in the Certificate given to him or her therewith; and that it is ſold to ſuch Perſon out of the original Caſk or Package wherein he or ſhe received it, without any Mixture of other Seed, unleſs it be Seed of *Iriſh*

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Growth, in which Case he or she need not certify that it is sold out of the original Cask or Package, but that it is Seed of *Irish* Growth, unmixed with any other Seed; and if any Person shall sell or expose to Sale in any Cask or Package so branded or marked, any other Seed than what was actually imported in the same, or shall sell at any Time, or in any Manner, any bad, mixed, or damnified Flax Seed or Hemp Seed for sowing, or any Flax Seed or Hemp Seed unfit for sowing, or any Seed not being of the Growth of the Country, or the Year he or she hath stated it so to be, or if any Person selling or exposing any Flax Seed or Hemp Seed to Sale shall have in his Custody any mixed, bad, or damnified Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, or any Foreign Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, except in the Cask or Package wherein it was originally imported, branded with the Word *Sound*, and marked as herein provided, or shall neglect or refuse to deliver such Certificate as is herein-before required if demanded, or if any Thing contained in any such Certificate shall not be Truth, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit all such Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, together with the Casks or Packages containing the same, or the Price thereof if sold, and also the Sum of Ten Pounds Ten Shillings for every Hogshead, Cask, or other Package thereof, and so in Proportion for any less Quantity than a Hogshead to any Person who shall sue for the same; and if any Officer or Officers appointed by the said Trustees shall neglect or refuse to inspect and examine any Cask or Package containing Flax Seed or Hemp Seed imported, or shall on such Examination omit to seize any Cask or Package containing bad, mixed, or damnified Seed, or shall brand or mark any Cask or Package contrary to the Provisions of this Act; or if any Officer of His Majesty's Customs shall permit any Flax Seed or Hemp Seed to be taken from His Majesty's Custom House or Stores contrary to the Provisions hereof, every Officer or Officers so offending shall, for each and every Cask or other Package in respect to which such Offence shall be committed, forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds to any Person who shall sue for the same; and if any Person or Persons shall counterfeit or fraudulently alter any Brand or Mark which shall be put on any Cask or Package, pursuant to the Provisions of this Act, and shall be duly convicted thereof by Indictment or Information, every such Person shall be adjudged guilty of Felony and suffer Punishment accordingly, and may be transported as a Felon.

Penalty for not complying with such Regulations.

Officers neglecting their Duty in inspecting Casks, *etc.* shall forfeit 10*l.*

Penalty on Persons counterfeiting Marks on Casks.

VIII. And whereas it hath been found that Flax Seed and Hemp Seed, branded as sound, and not sown in the same Year in which it shall have been branded, may become unsound and unfit for sowing in the next Year; be it therefore enacted, That such Brands or Marks as shall be put on any Cask or Package pursuant to this Act, shall only be of force until the First of *July* in each Year wherein the same shall have been made, so as to allow the Seed therein contained to be sold or exposed to Sale; and that every Importer of Flax Seed or Hemp Seed who shall have any such Seed remaining unsold on the First Day of *July* in each Year, shall, within One Month after the said First Day of *July* in each Year; and every Person selling or dealing in Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, or who shall mean to sell or deal therein, and who shall have in his or her Possession on the said First Day of *July*, or who shall before the First Day of *February* following buy or receive any Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, shall, within One Month after such First Day of *July*, or after such Person

Marks put on Casks shall only be in force till *July* 1, of the Year in which the same shall be branded, so as to allow the Seed therein contained to be sold.

Notice shall be given to the Inspector of the Quantity of Seed in Possession after the 1st of *July*,

etc. who shall again brand on the Casks the Month and Year, and the Word *Sound*;

Person shall receive such Seed, give Notice in Writing to the nearest Inspector, or other Officer of the said Trustees, stating the Quantity and Number of Packages of the Seed in his or her Possession, the Substance of the Certificate given to him or her therewith, if he be not the Importer, and if he be the Importer a Certificate of the like Import as every Importer is hereby required to give to any Person to whom he sells Seed; and every such Officer shall, at some Time in the Months of *January* or *February* next following such Notice, inspect and examine the same; and on every Cask or Package containing sound Seed fit for sowing he shall brand or mark the Month and the Year, as near as conveniently may be to the original Brand or Mark, and impose a Second Brand or Mark of the Word *Sound*; and if it shall appear to him to contain Seed bad or damnified, so as not to be fit for sowing, he shall mark thereon the Word *Unfit*, together with the Month and Year of such his Examination, and he shall seize the same, together with the Seed contained therein: Provided always, that if the Owner thereof or the Person giving him such Notice shall, within One Week after such Second Examination, give Security by Bond payable to the Secretary of the said Trustees, in a Sum after the Rate of Ten Pounds for each Hogshead or Package containing the same, that such Seed shall be exported or crushed into Oil, such Officer who shall have seized the same, shall keep it in his Custody at the Expence of the Owner thereof until the First Day of *July* following, when he shall deliver it to the Owner thereof; and on Failure of such Security being then given, all such Seed shall be forfeited to the said Trustees, to be disposed of by them in like Manner as any Seed forfeited pursuant to the Provisions of this Act: Provided always, that the Person or Persons in whose Possession any such Seed shall be so seized, may, if he, she, or they think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved, have like Remedy, by Application to a Magistrate, as is herein-before provided in case of an Importer.

but if the Seed proves to be bad the Word *Unfit* shall be branded, and the Cask and Seed forfeited, unless Security be given by the Owner that it shall be exported or crushed into Oil.

Such Second Examination shall entitle the Officer to 6 *d.* for each Cask.

IX. And be it further enacted, That, for every such Second Examination, the Officer appointed by the said Trustees shall be entitled to receive the Sum of Sixpence for each Cask or Package which he shall examine, and no more.

Application of Forfeitures and Fees.

X. And be it further enacted, That the Produce arising from all Seed forfeited to the said Trustees and sold for their Use, and from all Fees payable by virtue of this Act, except where it is otherwise directed, shall be applied by them in rewarding Officers or other Persons for their Zeal and Attention in carrying this Act into Execution, or in otherwise encouraging and promoting the Growth of Flax and Hemp in *Ireland*.

Officers not answerable for any Damage forfeited Seed may sustain, or for any Expence attending the Seizure.

Officers taking any other than the allowed Fees, shall forfeit 100*l.*

XI. And be it further enacted, That no Collector, Revenue Officer, or Officer of the said Trustees, shall be answerable for any Damage which any Seed seized may sustain while it shall be under Seizure; and that all Expences attending every Seizure, and the detaining of Seed in Custody, shall be paid by the Person or Persons whose Property it shall have been when seized, before such Seed shall be returned to him, pursuant to the Provisions of this Act; and that if any Officer of His Majesty's Revenue, or any Officer or other Person appointed by the Trustees of the Linen Manufacture, shall ask, take, or receive, directly or indirectly, any Fee,

Gratuity, or Reward, other than the Fee or Fees hereby enacted, for any Thing done or to be done by virtue of this Act, he shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person who shall sue for the same.

Penalties and Forfeitures how to be recovered.

XII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by this Act shall and may be sued for and recovered in Manner as any other Penalties respecting the Linen and Hempen Manufacture, may be sued for and recovered.

Buyers not barred bringing Actions against Persons who have sold them damaged Seed, notwithstanding the Penalties hereby inflicted.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall buy Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, with an Intent to sow the same, and it shall prove to be unsound, mixed, bad, damnified, or unfit for sowing, the Penalties hereby inflicted on the Person who shall have sold the same, shall not be deemed a Bar to his or her bringing his or her Action for Damages, or suing for the same by civil Bill or otherwise, but that it shall and may be lawful for every Person to sue for and recover the Damages which he or she shall sustain by such Seed having been mixed, bad, damnified, or unfit for sowing, or different from the Seed which the Certificate given, or which ought to have been given at the Time of Sale, if demanded, imports, or would have imported.

The Trustees of the Linen Manufacture, instead of the Periods prescribed by 26 Geo. 3. shall make Grants for the Encouragement of the Manufactures in the Five Months ending *Jan.* 1, only, except for the Buildings at the Linen Hall in *Dublin*, &c.

XIV. And whereas, by an Act passed in *Ireland*, in the Twenty-sixth Year of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for granting the Sum of Four thousand Pounds to the Trustees of the Linen Manufacture for the Purposes therein mentioned*; it was enacted, that the said Trustees should not make any Grant of any Kind whatsoever, for the Encouragement of the Linen or Hempen Manufacture, or for any Purpose whatsoever, save only for the Buildings at the Linen Hall in *Dublin*, and the necessary Repairs thereof, or the Expence of instituting or defending any Suit at Law, or adjudge or determine any Premium or Bounties whatsoever, except in the Three Months ending the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, or agree to offer or propose any Premium or Bounty except in the said Three Months, or in the Month ending the Twenty-fifth Day of *April*; provided always, that no Premium or Bounties shall be offered or proposed in the Month ending the Twenty-fifth Day of *April* following, to a greater Amount than the Savings on the Determination or Adjudication of Premiums or Bounties on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* preceding: And whereas the said Months are now become inconvenient for the Purposes aforesaid, be it enacted, That the said recited Clause shall be and is hereby repealed; and that the said Trustees shall not make any Grant of any Kind whatsoever for the Encouragement of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures or for any Purpose whatsoever, save only for the Buildings at the Linen Hall in *Dublin*, and the necessary Repairs thereof, or the Expence of instituting or defending any Suit at Law, except in the Five Months ending the First Day of *January*.

On the Expiration or Surrender of the Demise of Premises near *Balls Bridge* made to *Mary Dunkin*, the

XV. And whereas the said Trustees of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures are seised of a Piece of Ground near *Balls Bridge* in the County of the City of *Dublin*, by virtue of a Lease for Lives, with a Covenant of perpetual Renewal made by *John Forde* Esquire, to *Brockhill Newburgh* Esquire, deceased, then Clerk to the said Trustees, and in Trust for the said Trustees and their Successors; and the said

Truſtees may let the ſame, on Condition that the Leſſee carry on ſome Branch of the Linen or Cotton Manufacture there.

ſaid *Brockhill Newburgh*, by Order and Direction of the ſaid Truſtees, and for their Uſe, did many Years ago demiſe the ſame to *Mary Dunkin* deceaſed, for a Term of Years, of which about Seven Years are yet unexpired, at a Rent conſiderably leſs than the Rent payable by the ſaid Truſtees for the ſame; which ſaid Premiſes were ſo demiſed to the ſaid *Mary Dunkin* for the Purpoſe of carrying on the Buſineſs of printing and ſtamping of Linens and Cottons therein: And whereas ſome Doubts may be entertained whether the ſaid Truſtees are empowered, as the Law now ſtands, to demiſe the ſame; be it therefore enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, upon the Expiration or Surrender of the ſaid Demiſe made to *Mary Dunkin*, to demiſe, grant, and let the ſaid Premiſes, or any Part thereof, for ſuch Term of Years, or for ſuch Number of Lives, and with ſuch Covenant for Renewals, as they ſhall think proper, at ſuch Rent and Fines for Renewal, not being leſs than the Rent and Fines for Renewal which the ſaid Truſtees are ſubject to: Provided always, that in every ſuch Grant or Demiſe there be contained a ſufficient Covenant on the Part of the Leſſee or Leſſees, his or their Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, to carry on, in and upon the ſame, ſome Branch of the Linen or Cotton Manufacture at all Times during the Continuance of ſuch Demiſe.

The Secretary of the Truſtees ſhall execute the Demiſe of ſuch Premiſes by their Order.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Secretary or Clerk of the ſaid Truſtees, and his Succeſſor for the Time being, by their Order and Direction given at One of their Meetings to be holden on the Firſt *Tueſday* in any Month, ſigned by Twelve of the ſaid Truſtees at the leaſt, preſent at ſuch Meeting, to ſeal and execute any Demiſe of the ſaid Premiſes which they ſhall ſo direct to be made purſuant to this Act; and that in any and every ſuch Demiſe to be ſo made of the ſaid Premiſes, they the ſaid Truſtees, and their Succeſſors, ſhall have all ſuch Remedies for Recovery of the reſerved Rent and Fines or Renewal, and for enforcing the Performance of all Covenants, Conditions, and Agreements to be therein contained, by proceeding either at Law or in Equity, in the Name of their Secretary or Clerk, for the Time being, as any other Leſſor may or can have; and that no Suit at Law or in Equity touching or concerning the ſame ſhall abate by the Death, Reſignation, or other Removal of ſuch Secretary or Clerk, but the ſame ſhall be carried on in the Name of the Succeſſor of every ſuch Secretary or Clerk.

Publick Act.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a publick Act, and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch by all Judges, Juſtices, and other Perſons, without ſpecially pleading the ſame.

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