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An Act to regulate the Appointment of Governors of the *Richmond* Lunatic Asylum in *Dublin*.

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WHEREAS it hath been found necessary to build and erect, in the City of *Dublin*, an Asylum or Hospital for the Reception and Management of Lunatic Patients: And whereas the building of such Asylum hath been begun and proceeded on, under the Care and Direction of the Governors of the House of Industry in *Dublin*, and hath been and is called and known by the Name of "The *Richmond* Lunatic Asylum;" and divers Sums, for or towards such Building, have been included in the Estimates returned to Parliament by or from the said Governors, and have accordingly been included in the Grants from Time to Time made to the said Governors; and it is expedient that the said Asylum or Hospital should be from henceforth under the Care of separate and distinct Governors; 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 it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, to appoint any Persons, not exceeding Fifteen in Number, to be Governors of the said Asylum; and from Time to Time to fill up all Vacancies which shall happen in the said Body, by whatever Means, and to appoint new Governors; but so as that the Number of such Governors shall not at any one Time exceed Fifteen, and from Time to Time to remove any of the said Governors at his or their Will and Pleasure.

Lord Lieutenant empowered to appoint 15 Governors of the Lunatic Asylum.

Governors shall be a Corporation, &c. and may make Bye-Laws.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors shall be a Corporation in Deed and in Name, and shall have perpetual Succession in Manner aforesaid, and shall be called, "The Governors of the *Richmond* Lunatic Asylum in *Dublin*," and shall have a Common Seal, and shall have full Power to make Bye Laws for the Regulation, Direction, and Management of themselves, and of the said Asylum and of the Patients therein, and of all and every Physicians, Surgeons, Apothecaries, Housekeepers, Nursetenders, and other Attendants, Officers, and Servants, of what Nature or Description soever, of or belonging to the same.

Governors shall obey Orders of Lord Lieutenant.

III. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors shall obey all lawful Orders of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, signified to them by the Chief Secretary, or, in his Absence, by the Under Secretary for the Civil Department.

Governors may appoint Housekeepers, Nurses, &c. and (with Consent of Lord Lieutenant) Physicians, Surgeons and Apothecaries, and pay them out of the Funds of the Asylum.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Governors from Time to Time, with the Consent and Approbation of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, to appoint such and so many Housekeepers, Nursetenders, and other Attendants, Officers and Servants, in and for the said Asylum, as may seem fitting and proper; and that it shall also be lawful for the said Governors from Time to Time, with the Consent and Approbation of the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, to appoint such and so many Medical Attendants for the said Asylum as may seem fitting and proper, and with such Consent and Approbation to direct and pay out of such Funds as shall be at their Disposal, to all and every the Person and Persons so appointed as aforesaid, whether as Physicians, Surgeons, or Apothecaries, or as Housekeepers, Nursetenders, or otherwise, such yearly or other Sums as they shall think reasonable; and it shall be lawful for the said Directors to suspend or remove at their Pleasure any of the said Persons.

Governors may remove or suspend Officers.

Asylum empowered to receive Gifts and Bequests of Land.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Governors from Time to Time to take and receive, by Gift, Grant, Devise, or other Conveyance of what Nature or Kind soever, for the Use of the said Asylum, and for or towards defraying the several Expences thereof, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in *Ireland*, not exceeding in the Whole the yearly Value of Five hundred Pounds at the Time of so acquiring the same.

Three Governors a Quorum.

VI. And be it further enacted, That any Three such Governors may do and perform any Thing required to be done by the said Governors under this Act, as fully and effectually as all the said Governors might do if personally present; and that the Majority of Governors assembled at any Meeting, at which not less than Five shall be present, shall have full Power to do all Acts which all the Governors duly assembled would be competent to do.

The Asylum already built, and all Materials and Money, &c. in Possession of

VII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act, the said Building and all Ground and Soil thereto belonging or therewith intended to be used, occupied or enjoyed, shall be and remain vested in the said Governors and their Successors for ever, together with all Materials thereon; and that all Sums granted as aforesaid

to the Governors of the Houſe of Induſtry, and not actually paid or expended on, in or towards the building or erecting of ſuch Aſylum, or procuring Ground or Materials for the ſame, ſhall be forthwith paid over and delivered to the Governors of the ſaid Aſylum, by the Governors of the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry; and that all and every Materials, Matters, and Things, for the purchaſing or procuring of which Credit ſhall be claimed by the Governors of the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, and which ſhall not have been actually uſed, applied, or expended in or for the ſame, ſhall alſo be forthwith delivered in like Manner to the Governors of the ſaid Aſylum, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint to receive the ſame; and for that Purpoſe the ſaid Governors of the Houſe of Induſtry ſhall forthwith account, before the Commiſſioners for auditing the Public Accounts in *Ireland*, for all and every Sum and Sums heretofore granted to them as aforeſaid, or otherwiſe, for or on account of the ſaid Aſylum, and which ſhall not have been duly accounted for at ſome Time before the Commencement of this Act.

the Houſe of Induſtry, ſhall be veſted in and delivered over to the Governors of the Aſylum.

Houſe of Induſtry ſhall account before Auditors of Public Accounts.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if the ſaid Governors of the Houſe of Induſtry ſhall have contracted any Debts to Workmen, or otherwiſe, for or on account of the ſaid Aſylum, which ſhall remain unpaid, they ſhall ſtate the ſame in paſſing their ſaid Accounts; and if the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall be ſatisfied that the ſame were fairly incurred for the Benefit or Purpoſes of the ſaid Aſylum, they ſhall certify the ſame at the Foot of ſuch Account, and thereupon the ſaid Corporation ſo created under this Act ſhall be liable to pay the ſame, in like Manner as the ſaid Governors of the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry would have been; and from the ſigning of ſuch Certificate, the ſaid Governors of the Houſe of Induſtry ſhall be altogether freed and diſcharged therefrom.

On Certificate of ſaid Auditors, the Aſylum ſhall be liable to Debts remaining due for erecting Aſylum.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the Governors of the ſaid Aſylum ſhall once in every Year, at ſuch Times as they ſhall be required by the Commiſſioners for auditing the Public Accounts in *Ireland*, well and truly account before the ſaid Commiſſioners, for all and every Sum and Sums of Money received and paid by them, for or on Account of the ſaid Aſylum in any Manner whatſoever, or from any Perſon, or out of any Fund whatſoever, whether Public or Private.

Governors of Aſylum ſhall account yearly before the Auditors.

X. And be it enacted, That if it ſhall be or be deemed neceſſary at any Time hereafter to enlarge the Building of the ſaid Aſylum, or the Out Offices thereof, or the Ground fit or neceſſary to be enjoyed therewith, then and in every ſuch Caſe, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Governors, with the Conſent and Approbation of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, by Warrant under Hand and Seal, but not otherwiſe, to make ſuch Enlargement or Extenſion accordingly, by and with ſuch Funds and Means as they may then have for that Purpoſe; and for that Purpoſe to take and receive, by Gift, Grant, Deviſe, or otherwiſe, ſuch Ground as may be neceſſary, and as may be deſcribed in ſuch Warrant of ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, which ſhall or may be over and above ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments as aforeſaid.

The Building, &c. of the Aſylum may be enlarged under Warrant of the Lord Lieutenant.

XI. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be amended, altered, or repealed in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament.

Act may be altered this Seſſion.

XII. And