CAP. XIII.

An Act to render more simple and effectual the Titles by which Congregations or Societies associated for Purposes of Religious Worship or Education in *Scotland* hold Real Property required for such Purposes. [17th *May* 1850.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to render more simple and effectual the Titles by which 'Congregations or Societies associated together for the Purposes of maintaining Reli- 'gious Worship or promoting Education in *Scotland* may hold the Heritable Property 'required for such Purposes:' 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, That wherever Heritable Property, consisting of Lands or Houses in *Scotland*, has been or may hereafter be acquired by any Congregation or Society or Body of Men associated for religious Purposes or for the Promotion of Education, as a Chapel, Meeting House, or other Place of Worship, or as a Manse or Dwelling House for the Minister of such Congregation, or Offices, Garden, or Glebe for his Use, or as a School-house, or Schoolmaster's House, Garden, or Play-ground, or as a College, Academy, or Seminary, or as a Hall or Rooms for the Meetings or Transaction of the Business of such Congregation or Society or Body of Men, and wherever the Charter, Disposition, Conveyance, or Lease of such Heritable Property has been or may be taken in favour of the Minister, Kirk Session, Vestrymen, Deacons, Managers, or other Office-bearers or Office-bearer of such Congregation or Society or Body of Men, or any of them, or of Trustees appointed or to be from Time to Time appointed, or of any Party or Parties named in such Charter, Disposition, Conveyance, or Lease, in trust for behoof of the Congregation or Society or Body of Men, or of the Individuals composing the same, such Charter, Disposition, or Conveyance, when followed by Infeftment duly expede and recorded in Terms of Law, or such Lease, shall not only vest the Party or Parties named therein in the Lands, Houses, or other Heritable Property thereby feued, conveyed, or leased, but shall also, after the Death or Resignation or Removal from Office of such Party or Parties, or any of them, effectually vest their Successors in Office for the Time being, chosen and appointed in the Manner provided in such Charter, Disposition, Conveyance, or Lease, or if no Mode of Appointment be therein set forth or prescribed, then in Terms of the Rules or Regulations of such Congregation or Society or Body of Men, in such Lands, Houses, or Property, subject to such and the like Trusts, and with and under the same Powers and Provisions, as are contained in the Charter, Disposition, Conveyance, or Lease given and granted to the Parties, Disponees or Lessees therein, and that without any Transference, Assignment, Conveyance, or other Transmission or Renewal of the Investiture whatsoever, anything in such Charter, Disposition, Conveyance, or Lease contained to the contrary notwithstanding,

Heritable Property conveyed for religious or educational Purposes to vest in Disponees or their Successors.

II. And be it enacted, That where no Agreement shall have been made or shall be made with the Superior of such Heritable Property for a periodical or other Payment in lieu of the Casualty or Composition payable by Law or in Terms of the Investiture upon the Entry of Heirs and singular Successors, or where the Casualty and Composition shall not have been taxed, and where by Law and under the Terms of the Investiture Composition as on the Entry of a singular Successor would be, or but for the Provisions of this Act would have been, payable upon the Entry of any Party or Parties as Successors to the Party or Parties in whose Name the Titles shall have been expede or recorded as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for such Superior, at the Death of the existing Vassal in such Heritable Property, and at the Expiration of every Period of Twenty-five Years thereafter, so long as such Heritable Property shall belong to or be held for behoof of such Congregation or Society or Body of Men, to demand and take from such Congregation or Society or Body of Men, or other Party or Parties to whom such Heritable Property may have been or shall be feued or conveyed, or by whom the same may be held, for their Behoof, a Sum corresponding to the Casualty or Composition, if any such shall in the Circumstances be due, which would have been payable upon the Entry of a singular Successor therein, and such Payments shall be in full of all Casualties of Entry and Composition payable to the Superior for or furth of such Heritable Property while the same shall remain the Property or be

Providing for Payment in lieu of Casualties of Superiority.

held for behoof of such Congregation or Society or Body of Men, and the Superior shall have all such and the like Preference and Execution for the Recovery of such Sums as Superiors have for the Recovery of Casualties of Superiority according to Law: Provided always, that where such Casualty or Composition shall not have been taxed in the Investiture, and the Heritable Property so feued or conveyed shall not be situated in a Town or Village, or in the immediate Vicinity thereof, the Casualty or Composition payable therefor shall be held to be the annual Rent or annual Value of the Land so feued or conveyed, if let as an agricultural Subject at the Time when such Casualty or Composition shall become due and exigible in virtue of this Act.

Sums invested on Heritable Security for religious, educational, or charitable Purposes to vest in Disponees and their Successors.

III. And be it enacted, That wherever any Sum or Sums of Money shall have been or shall be invested on Heritable Security in *Scotland* for the Behoof of any such Congregation or Society or Body of Men as aforesaid, for the Purposes aforesaid, or for any religious, educational, or charitable Object under their Administration and Management, and the Bond and Disposition in Security or other Deed whereby such Security has been or may be constituted shall have been or shall be taken in favour of any Minister, Kirk Session, Vestrymen, Deacons, Managers, Office-bearers or Office-bearer, or of Trustees as aforesaid, and duly recorded or followed by Infeftment (where Infeftment shall be necessary) duly expede and recorded in Terms of Law, such Bond and Disposition in Security or other Deed and Infeftment (if any) shall not only effectually vest the Party or Parties therein named in such Bond and Disposition in Security or other Deed, but shall also, after the Death or Resignation or Removal from Office of such Party or Parties or any of them, effectually vest their Successors in Office for the Time being chosen and appointed in the Manner provided in such Bond and Disposition in Security or other Deed, or if no Mode of Appointment be therein set forth or prescribed, then in Terms of the Rules of such Congregation or Society or Body of Men in such Bond and Disposition in Security or other Deed, and the Sum or Sums of Money therein contained, subject to the same Trusts, and with and under the same Powers and Provisions, as are contained in the Bond or Disposition in Security or other Deed given and granted to the Parties Disponees therein, and that without any Transference, Assignment, Conveyance, or other Transmission, or Renewal of Investiture whatsoever, anything in such Bond or Disposition in Security or other Deed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Act may be amended, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in the present Session of Parliament.

CAP. XIV.

An Act to authorize a further Advance of Money to certain distressed Poor Law Unions, and to make Provision for the Repayment of Advances made and authorized to be made to Poor Law Unions and other Districts, in *Ireland*.

[17th *May* 1850.]

1 & 2 Vict. c. 56. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 9. 9 & 10 Vict. c. 80. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 51. 12 & 13 Vict. c. 86.

‘ WHEREAS under an Act of the Second Year of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act for the more effectual Relief of the destitute Poor in* Ireland, an Act of the Fifth Year of ‘ Her Majesty, “to authorize the Advance of Money out of the Consolidated Fund, to a ‘ “ limited Amount, for carrying on Public Works and Fisheries and Employment of the ‘ “ Poor, and to amend the Acts authorizing the Issue of Exchequer Bills for the like Pur- ‘ “ poses,” an Act of the Tenth Year of Her Majesty, “to authorize the Advance of Money ‘ “ out of the Consolidated Fund for carrying on Public Works and Fisheries and Employ- ‘ “ ment of the Poor,” an Act of the Twelfth Year of Her Majesty, “to provide additional ‘ “ Funds for Loans for Drainage and other Works of public Utility in *Ireland*,” and an ‘ Act of the last Session of Parliament, “to provide additional Funds for Loans by the ‘ “ Public Works Loans Commissioners for building Workhouses in *Ireland*,” Loans have ‘ been made by the Public Works Loan Commissioners to or on behalf of many Unions in ‘ *Ireland*, for the Purposes of building Workhouses and the other Purposes in relation to ‘ Workhouses in the first-recited Act mentioned, and other Loans may be made for the like

‘ Purposes