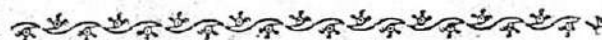


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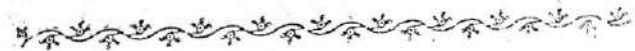


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An Act for settling and preserving a
Public Observatory and Museum in
the City of *Armagh*, for ever.

WHEREAS the most Reverend C H A P. XLVI.
Father in God, Richard Lord Arch-
Bishop of Armagh, Primate and Metropo-
litan of all Ireland, out of his generous
Inclinations to the good of this King-
dom, and for the Encouragement of the
liberal Arts and Sciences, very lately at
his own Cost and Charges erected and
built such Observatory and Museum,
and laid out for the present Twenty Acres
in or near the said City of Armagh, in-
tended Preamble.

An Obser-
vatory and
Museum built
by the Pri-
mate, and 20
Acres laid out
for the Keep-
er.

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Keeper to be
under the Go-
vernment of
the Primate,
Dean, &c.
incorporated
by 13 & 14
Geo 3.

Observatory,
&c. vested by
the Primate
in the Gover-
nors of the
Library,

tended as an Endowment for the Keeper of the said Observatory and Museum, and his Successors for ever; which said Twenty Acres are the Estate of the See of Armagh, and are now in the Possession of the Reverend Doctor James Archibald Hamilton, lately nominated and appointed Keeper of the said Observatory and Museum: And whereas the said Richard Lord Arch-Bishop of Armagh, intending that the Keeper of the said Observatory and Museum should be under the Government and Visitation of the Primate for the Time being, the Reverend the Dean of Armagh for the Time being, and certain other Persons herein after named, and their Successors, who by an Act of Parliament made in this Kingdom in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of his present Majesty's Reign, were at the Petition of the said Richard Lord Arch-Bishop of Armagh, incorporated for the better Regulation of the Public Library of Armagh, then also lately erected at the Costs of the said Richard Lord Arch-Bishop of Armagh, and for the Preservation of the Funds thereof: And whereas the said Richard Lord Arch-Bishop of Armagh, did by a certain Indenture, bearing Date the Fifth Day of April last, so far as in him lay, vest the said Observatory and Museum, and the said Twenty Acres of Land, and an Astronomical and Philosophical Apparatus, intended by the said Lord Arch-Bishop to be deposited in and bestowed

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bestowed upon the said Observatory and Museum, in the Governors and Guardians of the said Public Library, upon Trusts similar for the Regulation and Preservation of the said Observatory and Museum, to those with which they are invested by the said Act of Parliament, with Respect to the said Public Library, and all Things deposited therein; and the said Lord Arch-Bishop did shortly after the Execution of the said last mentioned Deed, nominate and appoint the Reverend Doctor James Archibald Hamilton, the first Keeper of the said Observatory and Museum: And whereas the said Richard Lord Arch-Bishop of Armagh, doth intend further to Endow the said Observatory and Museum with Lands in Fee Simple; and as it may be doubtful whether such Gift can be valid without a License to alien the same in Mortmain, at the Suit therefore of the said Richard Lord Arch-Bishop of Armagh, and to remove the said Doubt and all others which might arise for want of an Incorporation of the Governors and Guardians of the said Observatory and Museum, as well as those of the said Public Library, 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 the said Observatory and Museum, and the Fabricks thereof, and the Ground on which they stand, and all

Dr. Hamilton
appointed
Keeper.

Further En-
dowments in-
tended by the
Primate.

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The Observa-
tory and Mu-
seum, and all
Appurte-
nances, &c.
vested in the
Archbishop,
Dean and
Chapter for
the Time be-
ing.

Appurtenances to the same, and the said Twenty Acres of Land, and the said Astronomical and Philosophical Apparatus of the said Lord Arch-Bishop of Armagh when lodged therein, and also all other Astronomical Instruments, Optical Glasses, and natural or other Curiosities, as shall be given and placed therein by the said Lord Arch-Bishop of Armagh, or any other Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, and all other Things of what Kind or Nature soever which shall at any Time from thenceforth be given or disposed of, whether personally or by Deed or Will, to the Use of the said Observatory or Museum, or to the Office of the Keeper thereof, be vested in the Arch-Bishop of Armagh for the Time being, the Reverend the Dean of Armagh, and the other Members of the Chapter of Armagh, and their Successors severally for the Time being for ever in Trust, and to and for the respective Uses and Purposes herein before mentioned, to be intended concerning the same respectively, to the Use of the said Observatory and Museum, and the Keeper thereof for ever, and to such other Uses, Intents and Purposes as shall be declared or appointed by the Person and Persons giving, granting, and devising the same, and to no other Use or Intent or Purpose whatsoever; and that the same shall remain, continue, and be in the said Trustees and their Successors for ever unalienable and without their being capable of forfeiting, selling,

to remain
unalienably
in Trustees
for ever,
save as here-
after,

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House and
Land free
from all
Taxes except
expressly
charged.

selling, incumbering or otherwise disposing of the same, (otherwise than as here- in after mentioned) the said House so founded by the said Richard Lord Arch-Bishop of Armagh, as an Observatory and Museum, and the said Twenty Acres of Land in the said City of Armagh, to be and remain free from all Manner of Taxes imposed, or hereafter to be imposed by Act of Parliament, except the same shall be charged expressly and by Name; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

2. And for the better Preservation of the said Observatory and Museum, with their and every of their Appurtenances, and every Matter and Thing therein to be deposited, and for making the same more useful to the Public, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Lord Arch-Bishop of Armagh for the Time being, the Reverend the Dean of Armagh for the Time being, together with the other Members of the Chapter for the Time being, severally for ever, be created a Corporation or Body Politic, for the Purposes contained herein only, and be appointed Governors and Guardians of the said Observatory and Museum so lately built, and in Part founded by Richard Lord Arch-Bishop of Armagh; and that the Governors and Guardians be authorized to Elect two Persons to be joined with them in the aforesaid Trust,

Archbishop,
Dean and
Chapter, for
the Time be-
ing, incorpo-
rated for ever,

Governors to
elect 2 others,
and so from
Time to Time,

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Governors
empowered to
receive all
Gifts, &c.
not exceeding
300l. a year,

as Governors and Guardians of the said Observatory and Museum, and upon the Death or Resignation of any such Elected Governors or Guardians, from Time to Time to Elect other fit Person or Persons to be Governors or Guardians in their Room, and that the said Governors and Guardians for the Time being, in their own Names and Descriptions as aforesaid, as well as by the Title of Governors and Guardians of the Observatory and Museum, erected by Richard Lord Arch-Bishop of Armagh, shall have Power, and be authorized, empowered and enabled to accept, take and receive all such Gifts, Grants, and Legacies as aforesaid, and that they shall have a Capacity to take from the said Richard Lord Arch-Bishop of Armagh, and from any other Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, by Deed or Will, or Testamentary Disposition, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, not exceeding the Yearly Value of Three Hundred Pounds, and to stand and be seized and possessed thereof for ever, to the Uses and under the Trusts aforesaid, and be capable to sue for the same in any Court of Law or Equity, the Statute of Mortmain, and all other Laws, Statutes, Usages or Customs to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding; and that they the said Governors or Guardians, or any Three or more of them, the Arch-Bishop of Armagh, for the Time being, being present and of that Number, but in Case of his being

3 Governors, the Arch-bishop being one, or in his Absence, as herein, 5 Governors may make Rules, &c.

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ing Sick, or Absent out of this Kingdom, or during the Vacancy of the said See, that then any Five or more of the said Governors or Guardians shall have Power and Authority, and be authorized to meet together from Time to Time, and as often as there shall be Occasion, to consider of and to make such reasonable Rules and Orders for the better Government and Management of the said Observatory and Museum, and the Astronomer and Keeper thereof for the Time being, as they shall think necessary and convenient; to which Rules and Orders made as aforesaid, the Astronomer for the Time being, shall for ever be subject, and shall from Time to Time observe, on Pain of being suspended from the said Office or Employment, and from the Income, Profits and Lodgings thereunto belonging, at and during the Pleasure of the said Governors and Guardians.

Astronomer
subject to
such Rules, on
Pain of Suspend-
tion.

3. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in Case the said Astronomer and Keeper of the Museum shall continue obstinate Seven Days after his being suspended as aforesaid, and will not observe the Orders, Rules and Directions of the said Governors and Guardians, that then and in such Case the said Governors and Guardians, or any Five or more of them, the Arch-Bishop of Armagh for the Time being, being present and of that Number, shall

Astronomer
continuing
obstinate 7
Days, 5 Go-
vernors, the
Archbishop
being one,
may remove
him,

another may
be appointed.

have Power and be authorized to meet together, and to deprive and remove the said Astronomer off and from the said Office or Employment; and to take from him the Income, Profits and Lodgings to the said Office belonging, from the Time of his continuing and being declared obstinate as aforesaid; and also that another Astronomer and Keeper of the said Observatory and Museum be nominated and appointed, in like Manner as if the said Astronomer so deprived or removed was naturally dead.

Nomination
of Astronom-
er vested in
the Archbi-
shop for the
Time being.

4. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Nomination and Appointment of an Astronomer and Keeper of the said Observatory and Museum, upon a Vacancy of the said Office, now filled by the said Doctor James Archibald Hamilton, and of his Successor and Successors from Time to Time, so often as there shall be Occasion, upon the Death of such Astronomer and Keeper of the said Observatory and Museum for the Time being, or upon the Surrender or Forfeiture or other Avoidance of the said Office, be vested in the Arch-Bishop of Armagh for the Time being, and that the Person so nominated and appointed, and none other shall be Astronomer or Keeper of the said Observatory and Museum for the Time being, and hold that Office during his good Behaviour, and be intitled to the Lodgings and Apartments in said House, allotted for the Keeper of the said

Astronomer
so appointed.
to enjoy
Lodgings,
Land, &c.

Observatory

Observatory and Museum, and to the said Twenty Acres of Land, and to such Salary as may be allowed to the Office out of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, with which the said Observatory or Museum shall hereafter be endowed as aforesaid; Provided the said Astronomer and Keeper of the said Museum so to be appointed, shall at the next Meeting of the Governors or Guardians succeeding such his Appointment, produce a Certificate from the Astronomer Royal of England for the Time being, of his due Qualification for the said Office, which Certificate shall be entered in the Registry of the Corporation; and if such Certificate is not produced at the first Meeting of the Corporation subsequent to such Nomination, the Appointment shall be void and of none Effect, and shall also be void of none Effect, and shall also be void before his Admission give to Governors and Guardians Security to the Value of Five Hundred Pounds by Recognizance, with Two sufficient Securities, that none of the several Particulars already given or bestowed, or hereafter to be given and bestowed on the said Observatory or Museum, or either of them, shall be lost or otherwise embezzled, and shall also take the Oath following, videlicet.

a Certificate
from the A-
stronomer
Royal of Eng-
land to be
produced, as
herein,and 500l. Se-
curity given,

I A. B. do swear, That I will use my utmost Care and endeavour to preserve all and every of the particular Matters and Things

Oath to be
taken.

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So help me God.

Archbishop,
or 2 Govern-
ors may ad-
minister Oath.

Which said Oath the Arch-Bishop of *Armagh* for the Time being, or in Case of his being absent or Sick, or of the Vacancy of that See, any Two or more of the said Governors or Guardians shall be authorized and empowered to administer and to tender the same.

Governors
may change
Things be-
stowed to the
Observatory.

5. Provided always, That it may be lawful for the said Governors and Guardians, or any Three or more of them, to change any of the particular Matters or Things bestowed or hereafter to be bestowed or given to the said Observatory or Museum, or either of them, any Thing contained herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

Governors,
&c. as herein,
to visit the
Observatory
every year.

6. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governors or Guardians, or any Three or more of them, wheresoever the Arch-Bishop of *Armagh*, unless Sick or out of the Kingdom.

Kingdom, or that the said See shall happen to be vacant, shall always be One, and in Case of such Absence or Sickness that one of the Governors aforesaid, whom the Arch-Bishop shall under his hand and Archiepiscopal Seal appoint to be present and of that Number, shall on the Day preceding, or next after the Visitation of *Armagh*, personally visit every Year the said Observatory and Museum duly and respectively, and inspect the State and Condition of the same, and of every Thing therein contained, and at such their Visitation make such Rules and Orders, and give such Directions concerning the same, as to them, or the major Part of them, shall seem necessary and convenient.

*Meeting of Vis-
iting Governor
on the day be-
fore after the
Visitation of Armagh*

7. Provided always, That such Rules and Regulations for the Government of the said Observatory and Museum, or either of them, or the Astronomer and Keeper thereof, which have been already made or shall be hereafter made by Instrument or Instruments, under the hand and Seal of the aforesaid *Richard* Lord Arch-Bishop of *Armagh*, and which are not or shall not be contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, shall be considered as standing Rules of the said Observatory and Museum respectively, until altered or repealed by the joint Suffrages of Two-thirds of the whole Corporation assembled together, the Arch-

Rules and
Regulations
not contrary
to the Mean-
ing of this
Act, con-
sidered as
Standing
Rules.

Bishop of Armagh for the Time being, being present at the said Meeting or Visitation.

Two Days
Notice of
Meeting to be
sent to the
Governors.

Saving to his
Majesty and
others, all
Right, In-
terest, &c.

8. And whereas it is necessary that the said Governors or Guardians should have due Notice of the Time and Place for their Meeting, to execute the Trust reposed in them by this Act, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Arch-Bishop of Armagh for the Time being, or in Case of his Absence or Neglect, that then any Two of the said Governors or Guardians be directed to give due Notice, and to send Summons to each of the said Governors and Guardians, of the Time and Place intended for the Meeting of the said Governors and Guardians for the Purposes aforesaid, Two Days at least before the Time of such Meeting; saving nevertheless to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and saving to all other Person and Persons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, their Heirs, Executors Administrators and Successors, other than the said Richard Lord Arch-Bishop of Armagh, and his Executors, Administrators and Successors, all such Right, Title, or Interest as they or any of them had, or may or might have in to or in any wise concerning the Premises herein before mentioned, or any Part, Parcel, or Particular thereof, intended to be invested in the aforesaid Trustees severally, for the respective Uses, Intents and Purposes before

before mentioned, as if this Act had never been made.

9. And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be deemed, taken, and allowed in all Courts within this Kingdom, as a Publick Act, and that as such all Judges shall take Notice thereof, without specially pleading the same.

A public Act.