



CHAPTER xcii.

An Act to amend King's College London Act 1882.

A.D. 1903.

[21st July 1903.]

WHEREAS King's College London (in this Act referred to as "the College") was incorporated by Royal Charter dated the fourteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine :

And whereas by King's College London Act 1882 (in this Act referred to as "the Act of 1882") the said charter was annulled but the College was continued incorporated by the same name and the provisions theretofore subsisting with respect to the constitution government and management of the College were in various respects altered and amended :

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And whereas by section 12 of the Act of 1882 it was provided that the Council of the College (in this Act referred to as "the Council") should consist of the governors and treasurer and twenty-four other members of the College and that no person who did not declare himself to be a member of the Church of England should be competent to act as a governor by virtue of his office or to be a life governor or a member of the Council or to fill any office in the College except professorships of Oriental literature and modern languages :

And whereas it is expedient that the obligation to make such declaration as in the said section 12 is mentioned should be removed except in the case of professors and lecturers in the faculty of theology in the College and that except as aforesaid no religious test shall hereafter be required as a qualification for any office position or membership in or under the College or the Council :

And whereas it is expedient that other provisions as in this Act contained should be made with respect to the constitution of the Council the holding of the general annual court of the members of the College (in this Act referred to as "the annual

A.D. 1903. court") and the preparation and audit of the accounts of the College:

And whereas it is expedient that the other provisions in this Act should be sanctioned:

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament:

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 as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as King's College London Act 1903.

Council of
College.
Section 12
of Act of
1882
repealed.

2. From and after the passing of this Act the following provisions shall have effect:—

(1) The Council shall consist of the governors and the treasurer and twenty-four other members of the College and of such other person or persons as may from time to time be appointed by the Council under the provisions of this Act:

(2) The Council in consideration of any gift to the College either in money or in any other form (and if in money either by an annual or any other payment or payments) made by any body or bodies empowered to make gifts or payments for or in aid of any educational purpose or for supplying or aiding in the supply of technical or manual instruction and who in consideration of such gift are by their constitution or regulations required to be represented on the governing body of the institution receiving the same may from time to time appoint as a member or members of the Council for such period or periods whether fixed or ascertainable as the Council may think fit all or any one or more of the person or persons from time to time nominated in writing in that behalf by the body or bodies making such gift to be their representative or representatives on the Council but such appointed member or members of the Council (in this Act referred to as "appointed members") shall not thereby become a member or members of the College:

(3) No religious declaration condition or test shall be imposed or required as a condition or qualification for any office position or membership in or under the College or the Council thereof except for the office or position of a

professor or lecturer in the faculty of theology in the College No person shall be competent to hold the office or position of or to act as a professor or lecturer in the said faculty unless and until he shall have declared himself to be a member of the Church of England : A.D. 1903.

(4) Section 12 (Council of the College) of the Act of 1882 is hereby repealed.

3. The following sections and part of a section of the Act of 1882 (that is to say) :— As to audit of accounts of College.

Section 11 (Auditors) ;

Section 21 (Rotation of auditors) ; and

So much of section 23 (Election of Council and auditors) as applies to auditors

are hereby repealed and in lieu thereof the following provisions shall have effect (that is to say) :—

(a) At the annual court in every year a professional accountant or firm of accountants shall be appointed to audit the accounts of the College for the period ending on the next day up to which the said accounts are under the provisions of this Act to be made up Provided that if the auditor so appointed die or refuse or become incapable to act the Council of the College may appoint another person so qualified as aforesaid to be the auditor in lieu of such first-mentioned auditor :

(b) The auditor shall not be a member of the College and shall hold office for one year only but shall be eligible for reappointment and so from time to time :

(c) The College may pay any auditor so appointed such salary or remuneration as the Council shall think fit.

4. The Council shall lay before the annual court a report of their proceedings during the preceding year and of the state of the College and the audited accounts (together with any written remark subject to which the accounts are signed by the auditor) up to the preceding first day of September or such other date as the Council may from time to time by byelaw appoint for the closing and making up of the College accounts And the accounts shall be examined and signed by the auditor who shall have full power to inquire into the accounts and examine all books necessary for that purpose at all reasonable times and all officers of the College shall give him such information as he may properly require for that purpose. Annual report

A.D. 1903. Section 24 (Report and statement of accounts to be made to annual court) of the Act of 1882 is hereby repealed.

General
annual court
and retire-
ment of
members of
Council.

5. There shall be held in each year on a day to be fixed by the Council but not later than four months after the date on which the accounts are closed for the year a general annual court of the members of the College And on such day annually the six members of the Council not being governors or appointed members who have been longest in office since their last election shall go out but shall be capable of being re-elected but they shall not be considered out of office until their successors are elected as by section 23 of the Act of 1882 provided.

Section 19 (Annual court of members of College to be held) of the Act of 1882 is hereby repealed.

Costs of Act. 6. All the costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing applying for obtaining and passing of this Act (as taxed by the taxing officer of the House of Lords or of the House of Commons) shall be paid by the Council out of the funds of the College.

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