

[STATUTES OF ENGLAND, 1623]

*Anno 21° [& 22°] JACOBI, I.  
A.D. 1623–4. [& 1624.]*

## CHAPTER I.

### AN ACT for the erecting of Hospitall<sup>f</sup> and Working Howses for the Poore.

[1] **W**HEREAS in the Parliament held in the nyne and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of the late Queene Elizabeth of happie memorie, a good Law was made, intituled *An Acte for erecting of Hospitall<sup>f</sup> or abiding and working Houses for the Poore*; but the Power Licence and Authoritie given by the said Statute to erect found and establish such Houses and abiding Places as are therein mencioned was confined to the space of Twentie Yeares then next ensuing, which said tyme is now expired;

[I.] St. 39  
Eliz. c. 5.  
for erect-  
ing Hospi-  
tals and  
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houses,  
made per-  
petual

Be it therefore enacted by the Authoritie of this present Parliament, That the said Acte and all Thing<sup>f</sup> therein conteyned, shall from henceforth be revived and made *perpetuall* to have continuance for ever.

II. Hospi-  
tals, &c.  
erected  
since Expi-  
ration of 39  
Eliz. c. 5.  
declared to  
be incorpo-  
rated un-  
der that  
Act.

AND be it alsoe enacted, That all Hospitall<sup>f</sup> Measons de Dieu [2] and abiding Places for poore lame maimed and impotent People, or for Houses of Correction at any tyme since the said Twentie Yeares expired, erected founded or made, or at any tyme hereafter to be erected founded or made according to the purport of the said Statute, shalbe incorporated and have *perpetuall* Succession and Capacitie to have take and enjoy all other Priviledges Benefitt<sup>f</sup> and Immunities to all Intent<sup>f</sup> and Purposes, according to the *Provisions* Tenor Purport and true meaning of the said Acte as if the same had byn made founded or endowed within the space of Twentie Yeares next ensuing the saide Statute.

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[1] *Statutes of the Realm* (1810–25), vol. 4, part 2, p. 1209; *Statutes at Large*, Pickering (1763) vol 7 pp 250-251; Ruffhead (1763) vol 3 p 89; Raithby (1811) vol 5 [unavailable]. *Note*: Abbreviations have been expanded in italics. This act was repealed by *SLR 1948*.

[2] **Measondue**. *Obs.* . . . A hospital or poorhouse.—*OED*, 1st ed. [= modern Fr. *maison de Dieu*.]