

[STATUTES OF ENGLAND, 1571]

*Anno 13° ELIZABETHÆ. A.D. 1571.***CHAPTER XVII.****AN ACTE to lycence the Earle of Leycester to founde an Hospitall.**

[1] [FORASMUCHE] [2] as the Ryght Honourable Robert Earle of Leycester, for the charytable Releefe and Sustentation of poore and needye People, ys mynded and by Gods Grace doth intend to erect founde and estableshe one Hospitall or Measondiewe in the Towne of Warwycke in the County of Warwicke, or els in the Towne of Kenelworth within the same County of Warwycke:

For the better perfection and doing whereof, Bee yt enacted ordeyned & established by the Queene our Sovereigne Ladye, the Lordes Spyrytual and Temporal and the Commons in this present Parlyament assembled, and by thaucthorytye of the same, That the said Robart Earle of Leycester hys Heyres Executours or Assignes, at his or theyr Wylles & Pleasure, shall have full Powre Strength Lycence and lawfull Aucthorytye to erect found and establish one Hospital or Measondiew within the said Towne of Warwycke, or els within the said Towne of Kenelworth at hys or their Choyse & Election, for the fyndinge Sustentation and Releefe of poore needye and ympotent People, to have a contynuance for ever;

[1] Robert, Earl of Leicester, empowered to found an Hospital in Warwick or Kenelworth;

Such Hospital shall be incorporated,

And that the same Hospytall or Measondiew so foundede shalbe incorporated and have a perpetuall Succession for ever in Facte Deede and Name, of such Head Members & Numbers of poore nedye and ympotent People as shalbe appoynted assigned lymyted or named by the said Earle his Heyres Executours or Assygnes under his or theyr Handes & Seale:

And further that the same Hospytall and Measondiewe shalbe named & called by such Name as the said Earle his Heyres Executours or Assignes shall so lymyt assigne and appoynte:

And the same Hospitall or Measondiewe being so incorporated & named, shalby the Name of the Incorporation thereof, have full Powre Aucthoritie and lawfull Capacitie & Habylitie to purchase take holde receive enjoye and have to them and to theyr Successors for ever, Manors Landes Tenementes and Hereditamentes set lyeng and being within any Countye within this Realme of England,

and empowered to take Lands, &c. to £200 a Year;

so that the same exceede not the yerely value of Two Hundreth Poundes above al Charges and Reprises, and

so that the same or any part or parcel thereof be not holden of our Soveraygne Ladye the Queene her Heyres and Successors ymmedyatly by Knightes Servyce in cheyfe or els by Knight Servyce and not in cheyfe:

And further that the same Hospitall or Measondiewe being so incorporated founded & named shall have full powre and lawfull aucthoritie by the true name of the Incorporation thereof to sue and to be sued ymplead and to be ympleaded to aunswere and to be aunswered unto, in al maner of Courtes that nowe are or hereafter shalbe within this Realme, aswel Temporal as Spyrytual, in al maner of Suites whatsoever they be or shalbe;

and to sue and be sued as a Corporation;

and that the same Hospital or Measondiw

and to have a common Seal;

shall have and enjoye for ever such a common Seale or Seales, as by the said Earle his Heyres Executours or Assignes shalbe in Wryting under his or theyr Hand and Seale assigned named or appoynted, whereby the head of the same Incorporation with the Members thereof shall and may seale any maner of Instrument touchyng the same Incorporation, and the Landes Tenementf

[1] *Statutes of the Realm* (1810–25), vol 4, part 1, p 552. Note: Abbreviations have been expanded in italics. This Act was passed (received royal assent) on 29 May 1571 but came into force on 2 April 1571, the date of commencement of the session. Summary only in *Statutes at Large*, Pickering (1763), vol 6 p 288; Ruffhead (1763), vol 2 p 598; title only in Raithby (1811), vol 4 p 315.

[2] “For so moche” in the original Act in the Parliament Office but “Forasmuche” as engrossed in the Parliament Roll.

and other Thynges therunto belonging or in any wyse touching or concerning the same:

and be governed by certain Rules, &c.

And further shalbe ruled governed ordered dyrected and vysited by such *person* or *persons* as shalbe so nomynated assigned or appoynted thereunto by the sayd Earle his Heyres or Assignes, according to such Rules Statutes and Ordynaunces as shalbe set foorth made devised and established by the said Earle or by his Heyres or Assignes in Wryting under his or theyr Hande and Seale; Any Lawe Statute Custome Usage or other Thing whatsoever to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding

II. General Saving for Titles of Strangers.

SAVYNG always to all and every *Person* and *Persons* Bodyes Politike and Corporate, theyr Heires and Successors, and the Heyres and Successors of every of them, al such Right Title Clayme Possession Interest Rentes *Annuities* Servyces Commens Leases Conditions Offyces Fees Actions Interestes Demaundes *Profittes* and *Commodities* which they or any of them shal have or of Ryght ought to have, of in or to any Manours Landes Tenementes Rentes or Heredytamentes hereafter to be geven lymited or assured unto the said Hospitalle or Measondiewe in fee in fourme aforesaid, (other then to the said Earle and his Heyres, and other then any other *person* or *persons* and theyr Heyres, that shalbe the Gevers or Graunters of the said Manours Landes Tenementes and Heredytamentes Rentf and Servyces and other *Proffytes* in fourme aforesaid,) in as ample large and in the same manor and fourme as they or any of them shall have and enjoye or of Ryght ought to have and enjoye the same as yf this Statute had never ben had or made.
