

inheritance, not subject to forfeiture by change of residence, or by discontinuing to frequent the same, and the same may be bargained, sold and assigned to any purchaser thereof, being a member of the Church of England and Ireland, and such purchaser, provided the same be duly assigned and conveyed to him, shall hold the same with the same rights, and subject to the same duties and charges as the original purchaser thereof: Provided that, if by reason of such change of residence, or by discontinuing to frequent such church or chapel, any pew shall not be occupied by such pew-holder by himself or family, or by some other person under his authority, the corporation shall have the power to lease the said pew from year to year in such manner, and subject to such conditions for the immediate re-occupation of the same by the said pew-holder, or person acting under his authority, on request, as shall be provided by a bye-law of the corporation to be made for such cases, the said corporation accounting to the pew-holder for the rent of the said pew.

8. And be it enacted, that any pew-holder, whether by purchase or lease, and any person renting a pew or sitting, shall and may, during their rightful possession of such pew or sitting, have a right of action against any person injuring the same, or disturbing him or his family in the possession thereof.

9. And be it enacted, that such churchwardens so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall yearly and every year, within fourteen days after other churchwardens shall be nominated and appointed to succeed them, deliver in to such succeeding churchwardens, a just, true and perfect account in writing (fairly entered in a book or books to be kept for that purpose, and signed by the said churchwardens) of all sums of money by them received, and of all sums rated or assessed, or otherwise due and not received, and also of all goods, chattels, and other property of such church, chapel or parish, in their hands as such churchwardens, and of all monies paid by such churchwardens so accounting, and of all other things concerning their said office, and shall also pay and deliver over all sums of money, goods, chattels and other things which shall be in their hands unto such succeeding churchwardens, which said account shall be verified by oath before one or more of Her Majesty's justices of the peace, who are hereby authorized to administer the same, and the said book or books shall be carefully preserved by such churchwardens, and they shall and are hereby required to permit any member of such vestry as aforesaid to inspect the same at all reasonable times, and in case such churchwardens shall make default in yielding such account as aforesaid, or in delivering over such money, goods or other things as aforesaid, it shall be in the power of the succeeding churchwardens to proceed against them at law for such default, and in case of the re-appointment of the same churchwardens, then such account as aforesaid shall, in like manner as is aforesaid, be made and rendered before an adjourned meeting of such vestry, fourteen days after such re-appointment.

10. And be it enacted, that it shall be in the power of the incumbent of any such parsonage, parish, church, or chapel as aforesaid, or (in the absence of the incumbent) of the churchwardens thereof, to call a vestry meeting whenever he or they shall think proper so to do, giving at least eight days' notice thereof, by proclaiming it in the usual manner in the church or chapel, and by notice affixed to the outer door or doors of the said church or chapel, as the case may be, and it shall be his and their duty so to do upon application being made for that purpose in writing, by six at least of the members of such vestry as aforesaid; and in case upon such written application being made as aforesaid, such incumbent and churchwardens shall refuse to call such meeting, then, one week after such demand made, it shall be in the power of any six of such members of the vestry to call the same, by notice to be affixed to the outer door or doors (where more than one) of such church or chapel, at least one week previous to such intended meeting.

11. And be it enacted, that at all vestry meetings the incumbent of the church or chapel shall preside as chairman when present, and in his absence such one of the churchwardens as shall be present, and if both the churchwardens be present, then such one of them, or such person as the majority present at such meeting shall name; and the vestry clerk, when there is one, and present, or in case there be no vestry clerk, or he be absent, then such person as the chairman shall name, shall be the secretary of such vestry meeting;