

appointment or nomination to fill up any vacancy occasioned by death or removal, as aforesaid, and in such case the person so appointed or nominated shall hold the said office until the next annual election.

VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That such Church-wardens so to be elected and appointed, as aforesaid, shall during their term of office, be as a corporation to represent the interest of such Church and of the members thereof, and shall and may sue and be sued, answer and be answered unto in all manner of suits and actions whatsoever, and may prosecute indictments, presentments and other criminal proceedings, for and in respect of such Churches and Church-yards, and all matters and things appertaining thereto; and shall and may, in conjunction with the Rector or Incumbent, make and execute faculties or conveyances, or other proper assurances in the law, to all pew holders holding their pews by purchase, or leases to those holding the same by lease, and shall and may grant certificates to those who shall have rented sittings, such conveyances, leases, and certificates, to be given within a reasonable time after demand made, and at the charges of the person applying for the same; and further, it shall be the duty of such Church-wardens, from time to time, to sell, lease, and rent pews and sittings, upon such terms as may be settled and appointed at Vestry meetings to be holden for that purpose as hereinafter provided: *Provided always,* that any such sale, lease, or renting, shall be subject to such rent charge, or other rent, as may from time to time be rated and assessed in respect thereof at such Vestry meetings.

VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in case of the absolute purchase of any pew in any such Church, as aforesaid, the same shall be construed as a Freehold of 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 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.

VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* 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.

IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That such Church-warden, so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall yearly and every year, within fourteen days after other Church-wardens shall be nominated and appointed to succeed them, deliver into such succeeding Church-wardens a just, true, and perfect account, in writing, (fairly entered in a book or books to be kept for that purpose, and signed by