

Powers of Church Wardens.

VI. And it be enacted, 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 meeting.

Pews.

VII. And be it enacted, 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 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.

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