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Doctor in Divinity Dean of the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Mary the Virgin of Worcester and the Chapter of the same Church Lords of the Manor of Cleeve Prior in the County of Worcester under the authority of the Acts of the fifth and eighth years of the reign of Her Majesty for affording facilities for the Conveyance and Endowment of Sites for Schools do hereby freely & voluntarily and without valuable consideration to us paid **Grant and convey** (so far as we lawfully can or may) unto the Vicar and Churchwardens of the Parish of Cleeve Prior in the said County All that piece of land containing by admeasurement One thousand two hundred and ten yards or thereabouts in the Village of Cleeve Prior being part of the Common or waste of the said Manor bounded on the North by the Road leading from Evesham and on all other sides by other part of the said Common or Waste which said premises are delineated in the Map drawn in the margin hereof together with all easements appurtenances and hereditaments corporeal and incorporeal belonging thereto or now used therewith and all our estate right title and interest in or to the same premises **To hold the same unto and to the use of** the said Vicar and

Churchwardens of the said Parish of Cleeve Prior and their successors for the purposes of the said Acts and **Upon trust** to permit the said premises and all buildings thereon erected or to be erected to be for ever hereafter appropriated and used as and for a School for the education of children and adults or children only of the labouring manufacturing and other poorer classes in the Parish of Cleeve Prior and for no other purpose. And it is hereby declared that such School shall at all times open to the **Inspection** of the Inspector of Schools for the time being appointed in conformity with the Order in Council bearing date the tenth day of August One thousand eight hundred and forty and shall always be in use and conducted according to the principles and in furtherance of the ends and design of the National Society for promoting the Education of the Poor in the principles of the Established Church throughout England and Wales and subject to and in conformity with the declaration aforesaid such School and premises and the funds and endowments thereof in respect whereof no other disposition shall be made by the donor shall be controlled and managed in manner following that is to say **The principal officiating minister** for the time being of the said Parish shall have the superintendence of the religious and moral instruction of all the scholars attending such School and may use a direct the premises to be used for the purposes of a Sunday School under his exclusive control and management but in all other respects the control and management of such School and premises and of the funds and endowments thereof and the selection appointment and dismissal of the Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress and their assistants (except when under the provisions hereinafter mentioned the dismissal of any Master or Mistress or Assistant shall be awarded by the Bishop of the Diocese or the Arbitrator (as the case may be) shall be vested in and exercised by **A Committee** consisting of the principal officiating Minister for the time being of the said Parish his licensed Curate if the Minister shall appoint him to be a Member of the said Committee the two Churchwardens for the time being of the said Parish and of four other persons of whom the following shall be the first appointed that is to say Thomas Bennett Jones Farmer William Fifield Holton Farmer John Rock Farmer and Henry Atkins Farmer all of the said Parish of Cleeve Prior such other persons continuing to be Contributors in every year to the amount of twenty shillings & each at the least to the funds of the said School and to be Members of the Church of England as by Law established and either to have a beneficial interest to the extent of a life Estate at the least in real property situated in the said Parish or to be resident therein and any vacancy which shall occur in the number of the said other persons by death resignation incapacity or otherwise shall be filled up by the election of a person or persons qualified as aforesaid who shall be elected by the majority of votes of such of the Contributors during the year current at the time of the Election to the amount of ten shillings each at least to the funds of the said School being Members of the said Church of England and qualified as the person to be elected by residence or estate as shall be present at the Meeting duly convened for the purpose of the Election or not being present therat shall vote by any paper sent on or before the day of such Meeting to the Chairman thereof and signed by any such Contributor wherein shall be named the person or persons whom such Contributor shall desire to elect and every Contributor qualified to vote shall be entitled at every such Election to give one vote in respect of each such sum of ten shillings & but no person shall be entitled to give more than two votes in respect of any sum so contributed Provided that no election as aforesaid shall give or vest any right to a in any way person to serve upon the Committee or anyone to interfere with the management of the School and the funds and endowments thereof until after he shall have in the presence of the Chairman at a Meeting of the Committee made and signed in a Book to be kept at the said School a Declaration in the manner and form following that is to say "I A B. do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that I am a Member of the United Church of England and Ireland as by Law established." Provided also that no default of election nor any vacancy during any current year shall prevent the other Members of the Committee from acting until the vacancy shall be filled up. And it is hereby declared that no person shall be appointed or continue to be **The Master or Mistress of the School** who shall not be a Member of the Church of England. And the Committee shall annually select one of the Members thereof to act as **Secretary** who shall keep Minutes of the proceedings at the Meetings thereof in a Book to be provided for that purpose and shall give due Notice of all extraordinary meetings to each Member of the Committee. And the principal officiating Minister of the said Parish shall be **Chairman of all Meetings of the Committee** when present therat and at any Meeting from which he shall be absent the Members attending the same shall appoint one of their number to be Chairman thereof and all Matters which shall be brought before any Meeting shall be decided by the majority of votes of the Members attending the same and voting upon the question. And if upon any Matter there shall be an equality of votes the chairman shall have a second casting vote. And in case any difference shall arise between the Minister or Curate and the Committee of Management hereinbefore mentioned respecting the prayer to be used in the School not being the Sunday School or the religious instruction of the scholars attending the same or any regulation connected therewith or the exclusion of any Book the use of which in the School may be objected to on religious grounds or the dismissal of any teacher from the School on account of his or her defective or unsound instruction of the children in religion the Minister or Curate or any Member of the Committee may cause a written statement of the matter in difference to be laid before **The Bishop of the Diocese** within which

such School shall be situated a copy thereof having been previously communicated to the Committee or Minister or Curate if they or he shall not have been parties or privy to the making of the statement respectively and the Bishop may enquire concerning and determine the matter in difference and the decision of the Bishop in writing under his hand thereon when laid before the Committee shall be final and conclusive in the matter. And the Committee of Management for the time being is hereby expressly required to take all such measures as may be necessary for immediately carrying the said decision into complete effect. And in case any difference other than and except such difference as last described shall arise in the Committee of Management the minority thereof (being not fewer in number than one third of the whole of the Committee) may make request in writing to **The Lord President of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council for the time being and to the Bishop of the Diocese** whereon the said School shall be situated and thereupon the said Lord President may nominate one of the Inspectors of Schools appointed as aforesaid to be an Arbitrator in the matter in difference and the said Bishop may nominate one of the beneficed Clergymen of his Diocese to be another Arbitrator in the same matter. And the Arbitrators so nominated as aforesaid shall jointly select one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace being a lay member of the said Church of England as another Arbitrator. And in case they shall not jointly select such third Arbitrator within the space of thirty days next ensuing their first Meeting the Archbishop of the Province within which the said School shall be situated and the said Lord President may jointly appoint a third Arbitrator and the three Arbitrators so nominated as aforesaid shall enquire concerning the matter in difference and the award in writing under the hands of the said Arbitrators or of any two of them when laid before the Committee shall be final and conclusive in the matter. And the Committee of Management for the time being is hereby expressly required to take all such measures as may be necessary for immediately carrying the said Award into complete effect. And it is hereby further declared that if the said Bishop or the said Arbitrators upon any such reference as aforesaid shall direct or award that any Master or Mistress or Teacher in the said School shall be damaged such direction or award when a copy thereof shall have been served upon the said Master or Mistress or Teacher personally or by the same being left at his or her place of abode or at the School aforesaid addressed to the said Master or Mistress or Teacher as the case may require shall operate as a dismissal of the said Master or Mistress or Teacher so as to prevent him or her thenceforth from having any interest in his or her Office or in the School or premises under or by virtue of this Deed and so as to disqualify him or her from holding thenceforth any right or interest under this Deed by virtue of his or her previous or any future appointment. And the Committee may in the month of January in each year select and appoint a Committee of not more than three ladies being Members of the said Church of England to assist them in the visitation and management of the Girls School which Ladies Committee shall remain in Office until the first day of the same month in the following year when such Committee may be renewed. In witness whereof the said Dean and Chapter have hereunto set their common seal this second day of November One thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

