

EMERGENCY STATUTE 1939

An Emergency Statute duly made under the Universities and Colleges (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, at a Meeting of the Governing Body of the Queen's College of St Margaret and St Bernard, commonly known as Queens' College, Cambridge, specially summoned for this purpose held on the sixteenth day of November, 1939 and passed at such Meeting by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the number of persons present and voting and submitted for the approval of the Crown, acting through the Lord Chancellor, Visitor of the said College, under section 6 (a) of the said Act.

Whereas by the Universities and Colleges (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, it is enacted that it shall be lawful for any College in the University of Cambridge to make statutes for the purposes and in the manner and subject to the provisions mentioned in the Act and a statute made under the Act is thereafter referred to as an emergency statute.

And whereas it appears to us the President and Fellows of the said College (being the Governing Body thereof) that it is expedient to make an emergency statute in manner hereinafter appearing.

Now therefore we the President and Fellows of the said College do hereby in exercise of the powers given us by the said Act make the statute hereinafter following:

(1) This Statute shall have retrospective effect so as to relate back to September 1, 1939.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Statutes of the College the College may:-

(a) postpone until any date not later than the end of the period of the present emergency the election or admission to any Fellowship or office;

(b) suspend until any date not later than the end of the said period any Fellowship or office which may be or may become vacant;

(c) (i) apply for any purpose connected with the College or the University any monies which may be undisposed of by reason of any such postponement or suspension as aforesaid;

(ii) with regard to any trust fund vested in the College and applicable to a College purpose (but not with regard to any trust fund applicable to a University purpose) apply any income thereof (not for the time being actually being paid to a beneficiary) to any purpose connected with the College or the University other than the purpose for which it is applicable under the trust;

(d) suspend or modify until any date not later than the end of the said period any conditions, whether as to residence, duties or otherwise, affecting the tenure or emoluments of any Fellowship or office, so however that no suspension or modification shall be made unless it is in the interest of the holder thereof or is made with his consent;

(e) suspend or modify until any date not later than the expiration of one year after the end of the said period any provision relating to the age or University standing at which any person is eligible as a candidate for any scholarship, prize or other emolument;

(f) make provision for the electors to any scholarship prize or other emolument until any date not later than the expiration of one year after the end of the said period to take into account the fact that any person offering himself as a candidate has been engaged in war service;

(g) extend the length of tenure of any scholarship, prize or other emolument in the case of any person who has been engaged in war service or who has been detained during the said period by a neutral Power or a Power at war with His Majesty by reason of circumstances arising out of the existence of a state of war;

(h) make payments until any date not later than the end of the said period out of the corporate revenue or other fund applicable to the statutory purposes of a College to the tuition fund of the College;

(i) suspend payments until any date not later than the end of the said period from the corporate revenue or other fund applicable to the statutory purposes of the College to any pension or other fund of the College;

(j) make payments until any date not later than the end of the said period out of the income of any fund applicable to any statutory purposes of the College, so far as the income is not required for the purposes of that fund, to any fund applicable to some other statutory purposes of the College;

(k) make payments until any date not later than the end of the said period out of the corporate revenue or other fund applicable to the statutory purposes of the College for the relief and assistance of members of the College or other members of the University engaged in war service;

(l) make such provisions of a similar nature to any of the foregoing as may seem to be required to prevent any loss or injustice, and to meet exigencies due to circumstances attributable directly or indirectly to the existence of a state of war;

provided always that nothing done under this Statute shall affect the obligations of the College under the University Statutes unless the Council of the Senate shall have consented thereto.

(3) The quorum to constitute a meeting of the Governing Body to effect any such purpose as hereinbefore authorised shall be a majority of the existing members thereof who are in residence at the date of the meeting.

(4) In this Statute the expression 'war service' and 'the period of the present emergency' have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the University and Colleges (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939.