

provision for the calling of Special General Meetings of the said Congregation when occasion requires; Be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Three Head Assessors, or any Two of them, from time to time, as they may see fit, or upon an application for that purpose, in writing, under the hand of at least Five Members of the said Congregation being presented to them, to call a Public Meeting of the said Congregation, by causing notice thereof to be given from the Pulpit, or to be posted on the door of the said Church at least Three successive Sundays previous to the day of such intended Meeting, in which Notice shall be stated the purposes for which the Meeting is called; and said Meeting, when so called and assembled, shall have the same powers with respect to all matters connected with the management and property of the said Church, or otherwise, as are hereby given to the General Annual Meeting of the said Congregation, to be held as aforesaid on the First Monday in October.

XIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said Six Assessors, so to be appointed as aforesaid, or of the majority of them, immediately after the holding of any such Meeting as aforesaid, to assess and fix, in just and equal proportions, as near as may be, what rate or amount shall be paid by each of the Members of the Congregation of the said Church towards defraying the Salaries of the Minister, Clerk of the Congregation, and other Officers thereof, and the Rates and Levies made or ordered as aforesaid, for Repairs, Alterations and Improvements, and to collect and receive the Amounts, when so fixed and assessed from the several Members of the Congregation. And if any Member of the Congregation, on demand made in writing, under the hand of any one or more of the said Assessors, neglect or refuse to pay the amount assessed against him as aforesaid, then and in such case, it shall be lawful for the said Assessors, or the majority of them, in their individual names, as such Assessors, or in the names of the majority of them, within Thirty days of the time of making such demand, in case the same shall then still remain unpaid, to sue for and recover the same in any Court of Law or Equity, or Court of competent jurisdiction, or before any Justice of the Peace in this Island. And it shall be the further duty of the said Assessors, upon receipt or recovery of the Amounts so assessed as aforesaid, to pay the same over unto the said Corporation or Board of Trustees, who shall apply the same to the several uses and Purposes for which they shall have been ordered to be raised.

XV. And whereas it is deemed necessary to give power to alter the present mode of assessing the members of the Congregation of the said Church, if occasion require, and they shall think fit: Be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Members of the said Congregation, at any such Meeting as aforesaid, if they shall think proper, after having directed any Rates or Levies to be made for any of the Purposes aforesaid, to order that, instead of each individual Member of the said Congregation being assessed towards the payment thereof, that each Powner or Pewholder, only shall be assessed in respect of his Pew, and in such case it shall be the Duty of the said Assessors to assess what amount or proportion shall be paid by each Powner or Pewholder in the said Church, towards the Rates and Levies aforesaid; and the said Assessors shall have the same Powers and Duties with respect to Collecting, Recovering and paying over the amount so assessed against the Powners and Pewholders as are hereinbefore conferred and enjoined upon them, in collecting, recovering and paying over the amounts assessed against individual Members.

XVI. And be it enacted, That it shall be the Duty of the said Head Assessors to overlook the Proceedings of the said Assessors—to see that they fairly and regularly assess and collect all Sums ordered to be levied, and that they duly pay over the same to the said Corporation, or Board of Trustees, for the purposes aforesaid.

XVII. And be it enacted, That when any of the said Assessors or Head Assessors elected as aforesaid shall die, resign or be removed, then and in such case the Vacancies so occurring shall be supplied by such Person or Persons as shall be elected to fill the same respectively, by a Majority of the Votes of the Members of the Congregation of the said Church present, either by themselves or by some Person or Persons duly authorised in writing to act for them at any Annual or other Meeting of the said Congregation, to be held as aforesaid.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That there shall be kept by the said Assessors, a Register or Book in which shall be entered and recorded, from time to time, the Proceedings for electing the Assessors and Head Assessors, and all other Officers of the said Church, and for supplying such Vacancies as aforesaid, as well as all the

Proceedings and Transactions of the said Assessors, and of the various Congregational Meetings of the said Church, to be held as aforesaid, and also all Receipts, Payments and Expenditure. Rates, Levies, Assessments and Orders made or ordered as herein before mentioned; and said Book or Register shall be open to the Inspection of any Member of the Congregation, not in Arrear of Assessment, at all reasonable times: And on every Election of Assessors or Head Assessors, or of Persons to fill Vacancies occurring among them as aforesaid, the same shall be verified and declared by a Minute or Entry thereof, to be forthwith made in the said Book or Register under the Hands of the Member of the said Congregation presiding at the Meeting, and of Three other Members present thereat—which Minute or Entry, so signed, shall be evidence of such Appointment and Election.

XIX. And be it enacted, That all Male Members of the Congregation of the said Church, above the age of Twenty-one years, shall be entitled to vote at any Meeting of the Congregation, and shall also be liable to be rated and assessed as aforesaid, under and by virtue of this Act; but no Female shall be allowed to Vote on any occasion whatsoever, unless she be the Owner of a Pew.

XX. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall affect or annul a certain Deed or Instrument in writing under Seal, dated the Fifteenth Day of November, One thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, whereby certain persons who executed the same, being Owners of Pews in the said Church, among other things engaged to contribute towards keeping the said Church in repair, in manner and at the times as in the said Instrument (a Copy of which is set out in the Schedule to this Act) is mentioned, but the same shall still remain, continue and be in full force and effect for all the Purposes thereof—anything in this Act contained, to the contrary thereof, notwithstanding.

XXI. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall affect or be construed to affect, in any manner or way, the Rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or of any Person or Persons, or of any Body Corporate or Politic, such only excepted as are herein mentioned.

XXII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such, by all Judges, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Small Debts, and Ministers of Justice, and other Persons whomsoever, without being specially pleaded.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force for the space of Three Years from the passing thereof, and no longer.

SCHEDULE.

Deed or Instrument referred to in the Twentieth Section of this Act.

Whereas a certain Instrument in writing was executed, bearing date at Princetown, the Thirteenth Day of September, One thousand eight hundred and thirteen, purporting to be a Bond for the Sum set opposite to each Subscriber's name, to be paid to a Committee or Trustees therein named for the purpose of finishing a certain Building then erected in Princetown, for the Worship of Almighty God, upon the foundation of the Presbyterian Church Government, and authorising and empowering the said Committee or Trustees to enforce payment of the same, and to levy and collect such further sum or sums of Money as they should deem necessary for that purpose: And whereas the said Building has now become in a state of disrepair, and being desirous to preserve the same, and the said Committee or Trustees having resigned, it becomes necessary to appoint others: Now know all Men by these Presents, that we, the present Proprietors of Pews in the said Building, have nominated, constituted and appointed Thomas M'Nutt, William Clark, and George Thompson of Darnley, and George Beirsto, and Dugald Stewart, of Princetown, aforesaid, a Committee or Trustees to supersede the Committee or Trustees aforesaid, with full power and authority to receive all such sum and sums of money as may be due and owing to the said Building from the said Committee or Trustees; and upon receipt thereof, Receipts and other sufficient discharges for the same to give, and the money so received, to lay out and expend in repairing the said Building, and further to levy and exact upon and from each and every Pew equally, such further sum or sums of Money from time to time, as they or any Three of them may deem necessary to keep the said Building in a state of good repair, which sum or sums of Money we do hereby bind ourselves, severally and respectively, and our several and respective Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, to pay in Merchantable Wheat, Oats and Sheep,

at the current price, within Thirty days after being notified of the same; and in case a failure should be made in the payment of the said sum or sums of Money, or any part thereof, we do hereby agree that it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee or Trustees, or any Three of them, to set up and sell the Pew or part of the Pew so in arrear, at Public Auction, and the purchaser thereof to put in immediate possession, with a good and sufficient Title to the same, which Title shall be considered good and valid against the former proprietor or proprietors; and out of the proceeds of such sale to pay the sum so due, together with the Expenses so due and attending the same, and the overplus, if any, to pay to the former proprietor or proprietors: And further, to let or sell, to the best advantage, any vacant Pews, from time to time, and at all times, for the benefit of the said Building. And lastly, it is hereby further agreed and declared, by and between the said parties hereto, that in case of the death of either of them, the said Thomas Macnutt, William Clark, George Thomson, George Beirsto, or Dugald Stewart, or that the whole or any one of the said Committee or Trustees shall refuse or decline to act, or that the majority of the Pewholders should be dissatisfied with the conduct or management of the said Committee, or of any one of them, then and in every such case it shall and may be lawful to and for the major part of the Pewholders who shall be present at a Meeting to be held pursuant to a notice to be given for that purpose, to nominate and choose such other person or persons as they shall think fit, to be a Committee or Trustees in the place or stead of such Committee or Trustees, or of such party so removed by death or otherwise, as aforesaid: And every such person or persons, so to be chosen as aforesaid, shall have the like power, authority and controul, as either of them, the said Committee hereinbefore named, have, can, or may have, by virtue of these Presents, and shall and may act, in every respect, to all intents and purposes, as the said person or persons, in whose place or stead he or they shall be so nominated or appointed might have done, if he or they were or was living, or had not refused or declined to act, or had not been removed as aforesaid. In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals this Fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Twenty-four.

Signed, sealed and delivered }
in the presence of }
Robert Woodside,
James Mountain.

(Signed)	William Donalds	(Signed)	Thomas M'Nutt
	James Brandon		Donald Ramsay
	Edward M'Kay		George Owen
	John Thomson		Matthew Stewart
	John Sinclair ^{his}		John Coughlan
	mark.		Francis Clark
	Benj. Thomson		Archd. Woodside
	William Donald		William x Coughlan
	Executors for Jas.		mark.
	Woodside, deceased		Dugald Ramsay
	Andrew Woodside		John Mathews x
	Dugald Stewart, sen.		mark.
	Alex. Mathews		Dugald Stewart, jr. x
	William Riely		mark.
	Joseph Murchland		John Taylor
	James Allen		Donald M'Gougan
	James Sinclair		John M'Kay, jun.
	Hugh Mathews		Neal Ramsay
	Daniel Watt		Malcolm M'Kendrick
	John x Power, sen.		Lauchlin M'Kendrick
	mark.		Edward Ramsay, jr.
	Daniel x Taylor		Matthew Stewart
	mark.		James Stewart, jun.
	James M'Neil x		Dugald Stewart
	mark.		Malcolm Ramsay
	George Ramsay x		Edward Mountain x
	mark.		mark.
	John Ramsay		William Stewart
	Robert Stewart		Thomas Pickering
	Charles M'Nutt		Thomas Coughlan
	John M'Gougan, jun.		Hugh Craig
	George Ellison x		Jno. Craig
	mark.		Thomas Hunter
	William Beirsto		Alexr. Anderson
	George Beirsto		James Townsend,
	Benj. Beirsto		per Geo. Beirsto }
	John Thomson		P. Stewart, }
	William Clark		per Thos. M'Nutt }
	Chas. Stewart		Malcolm M'Gougan
	Geo. Thomson		John Crozier
	Daniel Montgomery		Saml. Wilson x
	James Woodside		mark.

Witness to the Signatures of Hugh Craig, John Craig, and Thomas Hunter,
(Signed) P. S. Macnutt.

Witness to the Signature of Alexander Anderson,
(Signed) John Keir.

Witness to the following Signatures, viz.:
P. Stewart, by his Agent, Thos. M'Nutt,
James Townsend, by his Agent, Geo. Beirsto,
and Malcolm M'Gougan, for himself,
(Signed) P. S. Macnutt.