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An ACT to Incorporate certain persons Trustees of Princetown Royalty Church.

[Passed May 15, 1851.]

WHEREAS by a Deed Poll, or Instrument in writing, bearing date the Fifteenth day of May, *Anno Domini* One thousand Eight hundred and Ten, *John Thomson* and *Benjamin Warren*, junior, released and conveyed unto the Inhabitants of Princetown and its vicinity, their Heirs and Assigns, a certain Piece or Parcel of Ground, being Pasture Lot Number One hundred and Ninety, in Princetown Royalty, for the purpose of building a Meeting House on the Presbyterian Foundation, as will appear on reference to the said Deed Poll: And whereas sundry Inhabitants of Princetown and its vicinity, being of the Presbyterian Profession of Faith, have, since the date of the said Deed Poll or Instrument, been in possession of the said Land thereby conveyed, and have erected a Building thereon as a Meeting House on the Presbyterian Foundation and Place of Public Worship: And whereas a Petition has been presented to the Legislature, from divers Inhabitants of Princetown and its vicinity, forming the Presbyterian Congregation therein, representing the inconveniences which result from the want of some efficient Corporate Body, wherein might be vested the said piece of Land, and praying that an Act of Incorporation should be passed, whereby *George Beirsto*, *George Ramsay*, *Charles Macnutt*, *William Ewen Clark*, *James Montgomery*, *James Mackay*, and *Malcolm Macgougan*, therein named, (who have been duly chosen and appointed Trustees and Managers of the said Church and Congregation,) and also their Successors in Office, might be constituted a Body Corporate for the purposes aforesaid, and also with power to hold such Lands and Real and Personal Estate as heretofore has been or hereafter may be granted, conveyed and purchased for the use of the said Church, and to manage and transact the Secular Affairs of the Congregation thereof: Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That the said *George Beirsto*, *George Ramsay*, *Charles Macnutt*, *William Ewen Clark*, *James Montgomery*, *James Mackay*, and *Malcolm Macgougan*, and their Successors in Office, (to be elected and chosen as hereinafter mentioned,) shall be, and they are hereby constituted and declared a Body Corporate and Politic in Name and in Deed, by the Name and Style of "The Trustees of Princetown Royalty Church," and shall be a perpetual Corporation, consisting of Seven Members, with perpetual succession, and shall have a Common Seal, with power to break, change and alter the same from time to time at pleasure, and shall be in Law capable, in their said Corporate Name, of suing or being sued, pleading or being impleaded, defending or being defended, answering or being answered unto in all Courts of Law and Equity, in all manner of Actions, Suits, Complaints, Causes and Matters whatsoever, touching or concerning the Lands, Real or Personal Estate, Debts, Claims, Rights, and Property of them, as such Trustees, and belonging to the said Princetown Royalty Church, and shall also be capable of Contracting and of being Contracted with, relative to the Funds of the said Corporation, and the business and purposes for which it is hereby constituted as hereinafter mentioned.

II. And be it enacted, That Five of the Members of the said Corporation shall form a Quorum, and be sufficient for the transaction of all matters to be done or disposed of by the said Corporation.

III. And be it enacted, That no Suit, Action, or Cause, brought by or against the said Corporation, shall be discontinued or abate by reason of the Death, Removal, or Resignation of any Member thereof, but shall and may be proceeded with by the remaining Member or Members, any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding; and the Corporation shall pay or receive the like Moneys, Costs and Expenses, as if the Actions or Suits had been prosecuted by or against Individuals, and shall be received for the benefit of, or be paid from the Trust Funds of the said Church, as the case may be.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said piece of Land, conveyed unto the Inhabitants of Princetown and its vicinity, their Heirs and As-

signs, by the Deed Poll or Instrument hereinbefore mentioned, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be vested in the said Corporation, which shall stand so vested and possessed thereof for ever, to and for the uses and purposes of the said Princetown Royalty Church, or to be disposed of in manner as hereinafter mentioned.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation, and they are hereby empowered, in their said Corporate Name, to contract for and purchase, or in any lawful mode, either by Devise, Bequest, or otherwise, to receive, acquire, or obtain, either in Fee Simple or for Life or Lives, Term or Terms of years, or on any other Tenure for the use and benefit of the said Princetown Royalty Church, any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Real or Personal Estate in this Island, and to take and receive and join in the necessary and legal Conveyances, Leases, Assignments, or other Transfers thereof respectively, to hold for and subject to the uses and purposes of the said Church, and that the same shall be and remain so vested in the said Corporation for the purposes aforesaid: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for the said Corporation to hold Real Estate for the use of the said Church, which shall exceed in value or yield more at any time than a clear net yeary Income of Five hundred Pounds, Sterling.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation, and they are hereby empowered, (provided it shall meet with the approval of any Public Meeting of the Congregation of the said Church, to be convened as hereinafter mentioned,) to Grant, Sell, Exchange, Mortgage, Lease, Convey, or Dispose of as well all or any part of the Real Estate, Hereditaments and Premises now held or hereafter to be conveyed to, and held by the said Corporation, as also all or any of the Personal Estate and Property of the said Church, to be vested in them as aforesaid, to such person or persons, and for such prices, rents, or terms, and for such times, extent and proportion as the said Corporation shall think fit or agree upon; and every Deed, Mortgage, Lease or Conveyance thereof, executed by the said Corporation under their said Corporate Seal, shall be valid and sufficient in Law to convey to the Grantees, Mortgagees, Lessees, or Purchasers, respectively, in perpetuity or otherwise, according to the nature of the Estate intended to be conveyed, all such Estate and interest therein as the said Corporation, or the said Princetown Royalty Church now have, or are entitled unto, or shall have or be entitled unto in or out of the same, or as they can, lawfully, by such Deed, Mortgage, Lease or Conveyance respectively, vest in the Grantee, Mortgagee or Lessee therein named.

VII. And be it enacted, That the Members of the said Corporation shall retain, or be paid and allowed out of the Trust Funds, all reasonable Costs, Charges and Expenses incurred in or about the Trusts as aforesaid.

VIII. And be it enacted, That when any vacancy or vacancies shall happen in the said Corporation by the death, resignation or removal from the Island of any of the Members thereof, or otherwise, then, and in such case, the vacancy or vacancies so occurring shall be supplied by such person or persons as shall be elected to fill the same 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 public Meeting of the Congregation, to be held as hereinafter mentioned.

IX. And be it enacted, That there shall be opened and kept by the said Corporation a Register or Book, in which shall be entered, from time to time, the proceedings for electing persons to supply any vacancies occurring therein as aforesaid, as well as all the proceedings and transactions of the said Corporation—which Register shall be open to the inspection of every member of the Congregation not in arrear of Assessment, at all reasonable times; And that on every election to such vacancies, the same shall be declared by an Instrument to be forthwith made and executed under the hands of the Member of the said Congregation who shall preside at the Meeting, and of three of the Mem-

bers present thereat—which said Instrument, declaratory of such Election, shall, at the diligence of the person elected at such Meeting, be caused to be registered in the proper Office for the registration of Deeds in this Island, within Twelve Calendar Months after the day of such Election, and which registration the proper Officer is hereby required to make, at the request of the Bearer of such Instrument, on receiving payment of the usual Fees and Charges; and in default of the Registration of said Instrument within the time aforesaid, the said Election shall be absolutely null and void, and the said Congregation shall proceed, *de novo*, to another Election, and in the same manner as if no such Election had taken place.

X. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Corporation, or Board of Trustees, to make, repeal, alter, and put in execution, such By-Laws, Rules and Regulations concerning the good government of the said Church, and the preservation of the property thereof, and the mode and manner by which persons who may conceive themselves aggrieved by Rates, Levies, or Assessments hereinafter mentioned, or otherwise, may have redress or appeal against such Rates, Levies or Assessments, as to them shall seem expedient: Provided always, that no such By-Laws, Rules or Regulations shall be contrary to the Laws and Constitution of this Island, or to the provisions of this Act, nor shall have any force or effect until the same shall have been submitted to and approved of by a Public Meeting of the said Congregation, to be convened and held in manner as hereinafter mentioned.

XI. And be it further enacted, That all Deeds of Gift and Conveyance of Real Estate which shall be made to the said Corporation shall be enregistered within Twelve Calendar Months after the execution thereof respectively, in the proper Office for the registration of Deeds in this Island—which Registration the proper Officer is hereby required to make at the request of the Bearer of such Deeds, respectively, and for which he shall be entitled to demand and receive the usual Fees; and in default of Registration of any such Deed or Deeds as aforesaid, within the time aforesaid, the same shall be absolutely null and void, and of no more force or effect than if the same had not been made and executed.

XII. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful to and for the Persons composing the Congregation of the said Princetown Royalty Church, to meet annually, on the First Monday in October, in each year, at such time as the Minister for the time being of the said Church shall appoint, (Notice having been given from the Pulpit at least at Three successive Sundays next previous to the said day of meeting, and a similar Notice in writing, having been posted on the door of the said Church, at least Three successive Weeks prior thereto), and then and there to proceed to the election of Six fit and proper persons, being members of the said Congregation, to act as Assessors, whose term of office shall be One year only; and also of Three fit and proper persons to act as Head Assessors, who shall be elected once in every three years, and shall continue in office for that period. And the said Meeting shall also have power to make and order such Rates, Levies, and Assessments, to and for the necessary purposes of the said Church, and to direct such Alterations, Repairs and Improvements to be made therein, and also to make such Order or Orders respecting the disposition of the Property, real and personal, of and belonging to the said Church, which shall, from time to time, be vested in the said Corporation, (and which Order or Orders it shall be the duty of the said Corporation to carry out and execute) as to the majority of the Members of the said Congregation present at any Meeting convened and holden as aforesaid, either by themselves or by any person or persons duly authorised, in writing, to act for them, shall seem proper and expedient. And it shall also be lawful for the said Meeting to fix the rate of annual Salary to be paid to the Clerk of the Congregation and other Officers of the said Church, and to elect proper persons to fill such offices in case any vacancy or vacancies therein shall have occurred.

XIII. And whereas it is necessary to make