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1st February.

AN ORDINANCE for the Establishment of a Public Library in the Town of Port of Spain.

HARRIS.

Annual allowance of £300 sterling from Colonial Treasury towards maintenance of Library.

WHEREAS it is expedient to promote the establishment of a Public Library in the town of Port of Spain for the instruction and amusement of the Inhabitants thereof: Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government, That there shall be paid from the Colonial Treasury towards the maintenance of a Public Library in the town of Port of Spain, the yearly sum of three hundred pounds.

Town Council to appropriate such yearly sum as they may see fit.

2. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Town Council of the town of Port of Spain to appropriate to the purposes of such library such yearly sum as the said Town Council may from time to time see fit.

The library and the management of the officers thereof to be under the charge of a committee.

3. And be it enacted, That such library and the management of the officers thereof and the appointment of the librarian and of the servants to be employed for the purposes of such library, shall be under the charge of a committee.

Committee how to be appointed.

4. And be it enacted, That such committee shall consist of the following number of persons, viz.: six persons, being subscribers, to be appointed once in every three years by the Governor; so many persons, being subscribers, as may be appointed by the Town Council in the proportion of one person for every fifty pounds appropriated annually by the Town Council to such library, such persons to be appointed annually; and of so many other persons, being subscribers to the library, as shall be elected annually by ballot by the subscribers in the proportion of one committee man for every twenty-five subscribers.

Who are deemed sub.

5. And be it enacted, That every person making a donation to such library of the sum of twenty pounds

in money, or to the value of thirty pounds in books or works of art or science, and accepted by the committee of such library, shall be a subscriber for life, *and every person subscribing and paying in advance to such library the yearly sum of two pounds, so long as he shall continue to pay such subscription shall be a subscriber** to such library.

scribers to
Library.

6. And be it enacted, That all books and specimens of art or science, and articles of every description which may be purchased for or presented to such library and accepted by the committee of such library, shall be vested in the members of the committee for the time being.

Books, &c.,
presented to
Library or
purchased for
it, to be vested
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the time being.

7. And be it enacted, That the committee for the time being, or any five of them, may from time to time make such rules and regulations regarding the time and mode of election of the members of the committee, the admission to the library of the subscribers and non-subscribers, the preservation of the contents of such library, and the maintenance of order within such library, and generally for the management of the affairs of such library as to them may seem expedient, and a copy of such rules and regulations shall be laid before the Council at its first sitting next after the making of such rules and regulations.

Committee to
make rules
and regula-
tions for their
government,
&c., copy of
such rules to
be laid before
Council.

8. And be it enacted, That the said sum of three hundred pounds sterling to be paid from the Colonial Treasury shall be applicable in the first instance to the payment of the rent of the building occupied as a library and of the salary of the librarian, and shall be issued and paid quarterly from the Colonial Treasury on the warrant of the Governor, to be granted on the receipt of three members at the least of the committee.

How funds ap-
propriated by
the Colonial
Treasury are
to be applied.

Passed in Council this first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

RICHARD D. CADIZ,

Clerk of Council.

* The italicized part of this section is repealed by Ordinance 3 of 1852.