

No. 18.—1875.

1st October.

AN ORDINANCE for vesting in the Bishop for the time being of the Church of England in Trinidad certain powers formerly vested in the Bishop of Barbados, and for other purposes.

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6th October, 1875.

WHEREAS by Ordinance No. 10 of 1870, the Ordinance No. 16 of 1844, entitled "An Ordinance for the better regulation of the duties of the clergy of the United Church of England and Ireland in this Colony, and for ensuring the more effectual performance of the same" was repealed saving always and except the sections of the said Ordinance numbered respectively 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, and it was by the first-mentioned Ordinance enacted that the provisions of the said sections should so far as regards any rector, island curate, or assistant curate, then holding office under the said Ordinance, No. 16 of 1844, continue and be in force so long as any such rector, island curate, or assistant curate should hold such office and no longer;

And whereas by Ordinance No. 11 of 1863, "To amend the law with regard to the solemnization and registration of marriages," it was enacted that it should be lawful for the registrar of marriages, on application by the Bishop of Barbados, for the registration of any place of worship attached to the Church of England, to register such place for the solemnization of marriages;

And whereas since the passing of the said several Ordinances the island of Trinidad, which had theretofore formed part of the diocese of Barbados, was by Royal Warrant bearing date the twenty-fourth day of April, 1872, separated from such diocese;

And whereas a representative body of the members of the Church of England in this island has been constituted, consisting of the clergy and lay deputies elected

by the several congregations of the said Church, and by a resolution of such representative body the Right Reverend Richard Rawle, Master of Arts, sometime Fellow of Trinity College in the University of Cambridge, was elected, and having been consecrated Bishop has been installed, and now is Bishop of the Church of England in Trinidad :

Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, as follows :—

1. Wherever in the 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th sections of the Ordinance No. 16 of 1844, the words “the Bishop” or “the Bishop of the diocese,” or wherever in Ordinance No. 11 of 1863, the words “the Bishop of Barbados” occur, the same shall be taken to mean the Right Reverend Bishop Rawle or his successors in office for the time being as Bishop of the Church of England in Trinidad.

2. Any rector, island curate, or assistant curate, now holding office under the said Ordinance No. 16 of 1844, may resign his present cure, and be transferred by the bishop for the time being of the Church of England in Trinidad, to some other cure in the island, without loss or diminution of the stipend now payable to him under the said Ordinance; but such stipend shall, from the date of such transfer, be paid to such rector, island curate, or assistant curate, as the stipend of the minister of the cure to which he shall have been so transferred; and such rector, island curate, or assistant curate shall, in respect of such last-mentioned cure, be deemed and taken to be holding office under the provisions of the said last-mentioned Ordinance, and be subject to the provisions of the same so far as the same are un-repealed.

Passed in Council this first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven-five.

JAS. W. O'BRIEN,

Acting Clerk of the Council.