

## No. 8.—1873.

15th July.

AN ORDINANCE for the incorporation of the Bishop of the Church of England in Trinidad and other persons as trustees of the said Church.

(L. S.) J. R. LONGDEN, *Governor*.

22nd July, 1873.

WHEREAS an Ordinance, No. 10 of 1870, was <sup>Preamble.</sup> passed in Council on the fifteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, entitled, "An Ordinance to repeal an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance for the better regulation of the duties of the clergy of the united Churches of England and Ireland in this Colony, and for ensuring the more effectual performance of the same,'" and thereupon it became necessary to provide for the organization and government of the Church of England in this Island; And whereas a representative body of the members of the Church of England in this Island was afterwards constituted, consisting of the clergy and of lay deputies elected by the several congregations of the said Church in this Island; And whereas by royal warrant bearing date the twenty-fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, the Island of Trinidad, which had theretofore formed part of the diocese of Barbados, was separated from the said diocese; And whereas the Right Reverend Richard Rawle, Master of Arts, sometime Fellow of Trinity College in the University of Cambridge, was by a resolution of the said representative body elected, and having been consecrated Bishop was installed, and now is Bishop of the Church of England in this Island; And whereas in pursuance of resolutions drawn up and adopted by the said representative body, a council of the Church of England in this Island consisting of the Bishop and other clergy and lay representatives elected by the several congregations of the said Church in this Island was constituted for the purpose of framing regulations for the general management, discipline and good government of the said

church, and for administering the property and affairs thereof: And whereas James Driggs and George Grant, Esquires, have been elected treasurers of the said Council; And whereas the said Council have appointed the Right Reverend Richard Rawle, Bishop as aforesaid, and the said James Driggs and George Grant as such Treasurers to represent them, and to hold property for any of the uses or purposes of the clergy and laity of the Church of England in this Colony; and it is expedient that the Ordinance No. 26 of 1872, entitled, "An Ordinance for the incorporation of the Bishop of the Church of England in Trinidad," should be repealed, and that the Bishop for the time being of the Church of England in this Island, and the Treasurers for the time being of the said Council of the Church of England should be incorporated, and should have power to hold lands and other property in trust for the said Church: Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, as follows:—

Repeals  
Ordinance  
No. 26 of  
1872.  
Bishop and  
treasurers of  
church  
council to be  
a body  
corporate.

1. The said Ordinance No. 26 of 1872 is hereby repealed.

2. The said Right Reverend Richard Rawle, and his successors in office as Bishop of the Church of England in this Island, and the said James Driggs and George Grant, and their successors in office as such Treasurers as aforesaid, shall be and are hereby created a body corporate by the name of "The incorporated trustees of the Church of England in Trinidad," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of law or equity, and before all magistrates, and shall have a common seal, and such seal shall have power at their will and pleasure to break, change, alter or make anew as they shall deem expedient: and, subject to the rules, regulations and control of the Council of the Church of England in this Colony, the said incorporated trustees shall have full power to acquire for the said Church, by purchase, devise or otherwise, all lands, buildings, messuages and hereditaments of what nature or kind soever in perpetuity or for a life or lives or for any term of years, and also any money, goods or chattels whatso-

ever; and take, hold and employ the same, subject to such rules, regulations and control as aforesaid; and subject also to the performance of any trusts upon which the said lands, buildings, messuages, hereditaments, money, goods and chattels may have been acquired.

3. The Church of the Holy Trinity in the Town of Port-of-Spain, and all churches, chapels, rectory houses, and lands in this Island now vested in the Right Reverend Richard Rawle, the Bishop of the Church of England in Trinidad, shall be and the same are hereby transferred to and vested in the incorporated trustees for the time being.

Churches,  
&c., now  
vested in  
Bishop to be  
vested in  
incorporated  
trustees.

4. It shall be lawful for the incorporated trustees for the time being subject to such rules, regulations and control as aforesaid, and to the performance of any such trusts as aforesaid, from time to time by deed under their seal to sell or demise, grant, convey or otherwise dispose of any lands, buildings, messuages and hereditaments by this Ordinance vested, or which may hereafter be vested in such incorporated trustees, upon such terms as the said incorporated trustees, with the consent of the Church Council may see fit; Provided always that no lands, buildings, messuages or hereditaments acquired with public money previous to the passing of this Ordinance, shall be disposed of except with the consent of the Governor for the time being.

Power to  
incorporated  
trustees to  
sell lands, &c.

Passed in Council this fifteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

A. C. ROSS,

*Clerk of the Council.*