

each year, showing the number and names of persons admitted into the house of refuge within the six calendar months ending on such 30th day of June and 31st day of December respectively, the grounds of admission, the days of their admission and of their discharge, if discharged, and the names of the persons who, or of the wards the funds of which shall have been charged towards the maintenance of such inmates respectively, and the amount and particulars of all moneys expended in respect of such house of refuge, and the maintenance of the inmates thereof, and of the moneys received by way of contribution towards their maintenance during the same term of six months.

13. All the powers and authorities given by this Ordinance to the Board for the relief of the destitute shall and may be exercised by any two of the members of the same. Quorum of board to be two.

14. In the construction of this Ordinance words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine, and words importing the singular number shall include the plural, and the word "oath," shall include affirmation and declaration in cases of persons allowed by law to declare or affirm instead of swearing. Interpretation clause.

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

R. LECHMERE GUPPY,

Clerk of Council.

No. 10.—1867.

1st April.

AN ORDINANCE to Facilitate the Sales of Infants' Estates.

(L. S.) ARTHUR GORDON.
8th April, 1867.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Supreme Civil Court should have power to authorise the sale of infants' estates where it shall deem that such sales

would be for the benefit of such infants : Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, as follows :—

Definition of
"lands."

1. The word "Lands," as used in this Ordinance, shall signify all hereditaments of any tenure, and all estates or interest in any lands, not being settled estates within the meaning of the Ordinance No. 26 of 1865, entitled "An Ordinance to facilitate Leases and Sales of Settled Estates."

Supreme
Civil Court to
authorise
sales of
infants'
lands.

2. It shall be lawful for the Supreme Civil Court in Equity, on the petition of any infant by his guardian or next friend, if it shall deem it proper and for the benefit of such infant, from time to time to authorise the sale of any lands of such infant, subject, if the Court shall so direct, to any charge or incumbrance affecting the same; and every such sale shall be conducted and confirmed in the same manner as by the rules and practice of the Court for the time being is or shall be required in the sale of lands sold under a decree of the Court.

Notice of
petitions to
be inserted
in news-
papers, and
persons and
bodies
corporate
may be heard
on such
petitions.

3. Notice of any petition to the Court under this Ordinance shall be inserted in such newspapers as the Court shall direct, and any person or body corporate, whether interested in the lands or not, may apply to the Court by motion for leave to be heard in opposition to or in support of any petition which may be made to the Court under this Ordinance, and the Court is hereby authorised to permit such person or corporation to appear and be heard in opposition to or in support of any such petition on such terms as to costs or otherwise, and in such manner as it shall think fit.

Moneys
received to be
paid into
Treasury and
may be
applied to
certain
purposes.

4. All money to be received on any sale effected under the authority of this Ordinance shall be paid into the Colonial Treasury, to the account of the Registrar of the Court ex parte the petitioner in the matter of this Ordinance; and such money, after payment of any costs attending such petition which may be allowed by the Court, shall be applied as the Court shall from time to time direct, to some one or more of the following purposes, namely: The discharge or redemption of any incumbrance affecting the hereditaments in respect of which such money was paid; or, the payment to any person becoming absolutely entitled.

5. Until the money can be applied as aforesaid, the same shall be from time to time invested in such securities as the Court shall think fit, and the interest or dividends of such securities, or such parts thereof as the Court may from time to time direct, shall be paid to the guardian for the time being of the infant, or such other person as would have been entitled to the rents and profits of the lands so sold if the same had not been sold.

Pending application of money the same to be invested.

6. The Court may, if it shall think fit, from time to time make general rules and orders for carrying the purposes of this Ordinance into effect, and for regulating the times and form and mode of procedure, and generally the practice of the Court in respect of the matters to which this Ordinance relates, and for regulating the fees and allowances to all officers and solicitors of the Court in respect of such matters; and such rules or orders may from time to time be rescinded or altered by the like authority; and all such rules and orders shall take effect as general orders of the Court.

Court to make rules.

7. All general rules and orders made as aforesaid shall, immediately after the making and issuing thereof, be laid before the Legislative Council; and it shall be lawful for the Legislative Council to resolve that the same, or any part thereof, ought not to continue in force, and thereupon the same shall cease to be binding.

Rules to be approved or otherwise by council

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

R. LECHMERE GUPPY,

Clerk of the Council.