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METHODIST EPISCOPAL LOCATION BOARD ORDINANCE 1908

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An Ordinance to incorporate the Secretary of the Trustees of the Methodist Church in Singapore.

[31 July 1908]

Whereas the Methodist Episcopal Church has undertaken a Mission in the Straits Settlements and the Malay Peninsula and Archipelago, generally known as the Malaysia Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

And whereas the Malaysia Mission is possessed, as well as of other lands in the Federated Malay States and elsewhere, of certain lands in the Settlements of Singapore and Penang and in Province Wellesley described in the first column of the Schedule for the respective estates and interests mentioned in the second column of the Schedule and which are vested in the respective persons or in the corporate body known as "The Financial Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Straits Settlements" respectively mentioned in the third column of the Schedule upon trust for the Malaysia Mission, subject to such mortgages as are in the said second column mentioned:

And whereas the lands of the Malaysia Mission are managed by the Board of Building and Location of the Malaysia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, consisting of the Presiding Elders of the Malaysia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the present Secretary of the said Board of Building and Location being the Reverend William Thomas Cherry:

And whereas it is expedient for conveyancing purposes to incorporate the Secretary for the time being of the said Board of Building and Location of the Malaysia Mission and to vest the lands specified in the Schedule in such Secretary for the time being as aforesaid as trustee for the Malaysia Mission, subject to the mortgages in the second column of the Schedule respectively mentioned:

It is hereby enacted by the Governor of the Straits Settlements, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Methodist Episcopal Location Board Ordinance 1908.

The Secretary of the Trustees of the Methodist Church in Singapore to be a body corporate

2.—(1) The said William Thomas Cherry and his successors for the time being in the office of Secretary of the said Board of Building and Location duly qualified as hereinafter provided shall be a body corporate, hereinafter called the Corporation, and shall have perpetual succession under the name of "The Secretary of the Trustees of the Methodist Church in Singapore", and shall and may have and use a corporate seal.

[15/1954]

- (2) The said seal may from time to time be broken, changed, altered and made anew as to the Corporation seems fit.
- (3) The Corporation may acquire, purchase, take, hold and enjoy movable and immovable property of every description, and may sell, convey, assign, surrender and yield up, mortgage, demise, re-assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any movable and immovable property vested in the Corporation upon such terms as to the Corporation seem fit.

Use of corporate seal

- **3.**—(1) All deeds, documents and other instruments requiring the seal of the Corporation shall be sealed with the seal of the Corporation in the presence of the said William Thomas Cherry or his attorney, duly authorised by a power of attorney deposited under section 48 of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1886, or in the presence of his successor for the time being in the office of Secretary of the Trustees of the Methodist Church in Singapore or his attorney duly authorised as aforesaid, and shall also be signed by the said William Thomas Cherry or his attorney or his said successor or his said attorney.
- (2) Such signing shall be and be taken as sufficient evidence of the due sealing of such deeds, documents and other instruments.

Qualification of Secretary

4.—(1) No successor of the said William Thomas Cherry in the office of Secretary of the Trustees of the Methodist Church in Singapore shall be deemed to be duly qualified as aforesaid unless and until he has caused an extract from the minutes of the Trustees of the Methodist Church in Singapore appointing him such Secretary, certified as correct by the Chairman of the Board, to be filed in the office of the Minister, and unless and until a notification of such filing has appeared in the *Gazette*.

[15/1954; S(NS) 177/59]

(2) Such notification shall be sufficient evidence of the appointment, and that the person named therein is duly qualified as by this Ordinance is required.

Property described in Schedule vested in Corporation

5.—(1) The persons or their executors or administrators and the Financial Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Straits Settlements, mentioned in the third column of the Schedule, in whom are vested the respective estates and interests mentioned in the second column of the Schedule in the lands, hereditaments and premises specified in the first column of the Schedule are hereby divested of such estates and interests.

(2) Such estates and interests and all other estates and interests of such persons and body in the said lands, hereditaments and premises are hereby vested in the Corporation as sole trustee for the Malaysia Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church subject to the mortgages mentioned in the second column of the Schedule, but with full powers as such trustee to deal with the said property as provided in section 2.

Saving of Government and other rights

6. Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect the rights of the Government or of any bodies politic or corporate, or of other person or persons than are specified in the third column of the Schedule.

[7/97]

THE SCHEDULE

LAND IN SINGAPORE

Persons or body in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance

Description of land

Estate

The Anglo-Chinese School and adjoining land, Singapore

1.—(i) All that piece of land situate at Coleman Street, Singapore Town, marked Survey No. 12505, containing by admeasurement 1,516.9 m² and bounded as follows, that is to say:

On the North by Survey No. 6426 (being the land next described) Crown Land and Coleman Street. On the South by land now or formerly Crown Land and Survey No. 11760. On

Fee simple

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THE SCHEDULE — continued

Persons or body in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance

Description of land

the East by Coleman Street, Survey No. 11760 and Crown Land. On the West by Crown Land Survey No. 6426 and land now or formerly Crown Land

(ii) All that piece of land situate in the District of Singapore Town, in the Settlement of Singapore, being General No. 6426 and bounded as follows:

North by the land next described. South by the land last described. East by Reserve Land. West by land now or formerly Crown Land and estimated to contain and area of 1,529.4 m² or thereabouts

Estate

Leasehold for the residue of a term of 999 years from 18 August 1885 Frederick John
Benjafield,
Alexander James
Gunn,
Revd. William
Fitzjames
Oldham, John
Polglase and
Stamford
Raffles
Robinson

Description of land

(iii) All that piece of land situate in the District of Singapore, being General No. 6988 and bounded as follows:

North by land next described. South by General No. 6426 (being land last described). East by Reserve. West by land now or formerly Crown Land and estimated to contain an area of 252.0 m²

(iv) All that piece of land situate in the District of Singapore Town and bounded as follows:

North by land now or formerly Crown Land and Reserve. South by General No. 6988 (being land last described). East by Reserve and General No. 6988. West by land now or formerly Crown Land and estimated to contain an area of 351.2 m²

(v) The buildings and premises known as the Anglo-Chinese School, and the Church erected on the said 4 pieces of land or some part thereof

Estate

Leasehold for the residue of a term of 999 years from 18 August 1885

Leasehold for the residue of a term of 999 years from 18 August 1885 Persons or body in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance

Frederick John
Benjafield,
Alexander James
Gunn,
Revd. William
Fitzjames
Oldham, John
Polglase and
Stamford
Raffles
Robinson

Frederick John
Benjafield,
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Oldham, John
Polglase and
Stamford
Raffles
Robinson

in whom land vested prior to
Description of land Estate the Ordinance

Nos. 10 to 14, Stamford Road, and Nos. 23 and 24, Armenian Street, Singapore

2. All that piece of land situate at the junction of Stamford Road and Armenian Street in Singapore, and estimated to contain an area of 658.4 m². Together with the messuages or dwelling houses and buildings now or formerly erected thereon and known as Municipal Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 Stamford Road. aforesaid, and Municipal Nos. 23 and 24, Armenian Street

Leasehold for the residue of a term of 99 years from 31 January 1859, subject together with the land thirdly herein described a mortgage dated to 12 June 1907. and registered in Volume CCLXXIX, No. 180

The Financial
Board of the
Methodist
Episcopal
Church in the
Straits
Settlements

Persons or body

View Place, No. 4 Mount Sophia, Singapore

3.—(i) All that piece of land situate in the District of Claymore in the Island of Singapore, estimated to contain an area of 8,093.7 m², being known as Prinseps Lot No. 285 of Government Grant No. 67

Freehold subject together with the land herein described in item 2 to the said mortgage dated 12 June 1907

Description of land

- (ii) All that piece of land situate in the District and Island aforesaid, estimated to contain an area of 2,832.8 m², being known as Prinseps Lot No. 152 of Government Grant No. 67
- (iii) The messuage or tenement erected on the said 2 pieces of land or on some part thereof and known as View Place, or No. 4 Mount Sophia

Wesley House, No. 5 Mount Sophia, Singapore

4. All that piece of land in Mount Sophia and District and Island Singapore, which premises contain by admeasurement 4,520.4 m² or thereabouts and are a portion of the land comprised in Government Grant No. 67. Together with the messuage dwelling house thereon erected and called Wesley House, or No. 5 Mount Sophia

Estate

Freehold subject together with the land herein described in item 2 to the said mortgage dated 12 June 1907

Persons or body in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance

The Financial
Board of the
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Church in the
Straits
Settlements

Fee simple

Revd. Ralph Waldo Munson, Revd. Charles Corwin Kelso and Revd. Fred Hugh Morgan

Persons or body in whom land vested prior to Description of land Estate the Ordinance The Deaconess Home, No. 6 Mount Sophia, **Singapore** 5. All that piece of land in Leasehold for the residue Revd. Ralph Mount Sophia and of a term of 999 years Waldo Munson. District and Island from 17 March 1828 Revd. Charles Singapore which premises Kelso Corwin contain by admeasurement and Revd. Fred 13,228.1 m² or thereabouts. Hugh Morgan Together with the messuage or dwelling house thereon erected and called the Deaconess Home, or No. 6 Mount Sophia Clifton House, No. 7 Mount Sophia, Singapore 6. All that piece of land in Fee simple Revd. Ralph Mount Sophia, in Waldo Munson, District of Claymore in the Revd. Charles Island of Singapore, which Corwin Kelso and Revd. Fred premises contain by admeasurement 3,803.8 m² Hugh Morgan or thereabouts and were formerly conveyed 5 allotments, Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of Lots 18 and 19 of Grant No. 67. Together with the messuage or dwelling house thereon erected and called Clifton House, or No. 7 Mount Sophia

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Description of land

Estate

Persons or body in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance

Woolsthorpe, off Sophia Road, Singapore

7. All that piece of land situate in the District of Claymore in the Island of Singapore, containing an area of 2,033.7 m² and which said land forms a part of the land described Government Grant No. 67, dated 30 June 1859, to Charles Robert Prinsep, and together with the messuage or dwelling house erected on the said piece of land and known as Woolsthorpe, off Sophia Road

Fee simple

John Polglase and Revd. William Girdlestone Shellabear

Persons or body
in whom land
vested prior to
Description of land
Estate the Ordinance

Methodist Girls School and adjoining land, Singapore

8.—(i) Lease No. 278 from the East India Company, comprising all the piece or parcel of land situated in the District of Singapore Town in the Island of Singapore, bounded on the North by Lease No. 280. On the South by Lease No. 277. On the East by Lease No. 279, and on the West Selegie by Road. containing area an 783.8 m^2

Leasehold for the residue of a term of 99 years from 1 September 1840

Revd. William Girdlestone Shellabear and his successors in the office of Presiding Elder of the Singapore District of the Malaysia Mission

(ii) Lease No. 279 from the East India Company, comprising all that piece or parcel of land situated in the District of Singapore Town in the Island of Singapore, bounded on the North by Lease No. 281. On the South by Lease No. 277. On the East by Short Street, and on the West by Lease No. 278, containing an area of 783.8 m²

Leasehold for the residue of a term of 99 years from 1 September 1840

Revd. William Girdlestone Shellabear and his successors in the office of Presiding Elder of the Singapore District of the Malaysia Mission

Persons or body in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance

Description of land

(iii) The buildings known as the Methodist Girls School, erected on the said 2 pieces of land or some

part thereof

Anglo-Chinese Boarding School and adjoining land, Singapore

9.—(i) All those pieces of land, namely Sub-lot 1 of Part III of Lot No. 150 of Grant No. 67, containing an area of 2,744.2 m², and Sub-lot 2 of Part II of Lot No. 150 of Grant No. 67, containing 972.0 m²

(ii) All that piece of land (being Part IV of Lot No. 150 of Grant No. 67, and containing an area of 7,573.5 m², and Sub-lot 2 of Part III of Lot No. 150 of Grant No. 67, and containing an area of 341.3 m²), estimated to contain an area of 7,914.9 m²

(iii) The messuage or dwelling house known as Bellevue, off Orchard Road, and occupied as the Anglo-Chinese Boarding School, erected on the said 2 pieces of land or some part thereof Estate

Fee simple Revd. William Oldham and John Polglase

Fee simple

Benjamin
Franklin West,
the Revd.
Charles Corwin
Kelso, the Revd.
William
Girdlestone
Shellabear, Foo
Teng Quee, Goh
Cheng Lim and
Song Ong Siang

Description of land

Estate

Persons or body in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance

The Christian Institute, Singapore

10. All that piece or parcel of land, situate in the District of Singapore Town in the Island of Singapore, bounded on the North by Middle Road. On the East by Church Street (now called Waterloo Street). On the West bv Lease No. 1403, and on the South by Lease No. 1405, estimated to contain an area of about 793.4 m². Together with the buildings thereon erected, and known as the Christian Institute

Leasehold for the residue of a term of 999 years from 7 August 1832

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Episcopal
Church in the
Straits
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Plots in the Singapore Christian Cemetery, Singapore

11. All those 33 plots of land numbered 129, 131, 133 to 140 and 142 to 164 the **Episcopalian** in Division. containing an area of 138.0 m², situate in and being part of the New Burial Ground in District of Claymore in the Island of Singapore, known as the Singapore Christian Cemetery

Leasehold for the residue of a term of 999 years from 15 August 1894 Revd. Ralph
Waldo Munson
and his
successors in the
office of
Presiding Elder
of the Singapore
District
Malaysia
Mission
Conference

Persons or body in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance

Description of land

Estate

Land at Ponggol, Singapore

12. All that piece of land comprised in Statutory Land Grant No. 4506 situate at Ponggol, marked General No. 11383, containing by admeasurement 8,726.0 m² and bounded as follows:

Fee simple

Revd. Ralph Waldo Munson

On the North by General Nos. 3715 and 11061. On the South by General Nos. 3715 and 3721. On the East by General Nos. 3715 and 3721. On the West by General No. 11061

Land at Ponggol, Singapore

13. All that piece of land situate in the District of Ponggol in the Island of Singapore, being marked Lot. No. 15 in Government Map of such estimated district. contain area of an m^2 . 19,602.0 Together with the buildings erected thereon

Fee simple

Benjamin Franklin West

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		Persons or body in whom land vested prior to
Description of land	Estate	the Ordinance
Land adjoining Orchard Road, Singapore		
14. All those 2 pieces or parcels of land situate in the District of Claymore in the Island of Singapore, being Lots Nos. 18 and 19 of Lot No. 31 of Grant No. 67, estimated to contain an aggregate area of 437.6 m ²	Fee simple	The Financial Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Straits Settlements
Land adjoining Orchard Road, Singapore		
15. All that piece or parcel of land situate in the District of Claymore in the Island of Singapore, being Lot No. 20 of Lot No. 31 of Grant No. 67, estimated to contain an area of 218.7 m ²	Fee simple	The Financial Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Straits Settlements
Land adjoining Orchard Road, Singapore		
16. All that piece or parcel of land situate in the District of Claymore in the Island of Singapore, being Lot No. 21 of Lot No. 31 of Grant No. 67, estimated to contain an area of 334.5 m ²	Fee simple	The Financial Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Straits Settlements

LAND IN PENANG

Description of land

Estate

Persons or body in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance

The Anglo-Chinese School, Penang

17. All those 2 pieces of land adjoining one another and forming one connected piece situate in the District of Campong Pulo Penang in Penang, being parts of Government Grants Nos. 506 and 515 of 1802, forming Lot 7, Town Subdivision XVII, on the Government Survey Plan, and being estimated to contain an area of 3,838.2 m². Together with buildings thereon the known the as Anglo-Chinese School

Freehold subject with the land herein described in items 18 and 19 to a mortgage dated 17 May 1907, and registered in Volume CCXLVI, No. 14

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Estate

Persons or body in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance

The Deaconess Home, Penang

Description of land

18. All that piece of land situate in the District of Campong Pulo Penang in Penang, being part of the land comprised Government Grant No. 506, forming Lot 5, Town Subdivision XVII. the Government Survey Plan, and being estimated to contain an 1.506.6 m^2 . area of **Together** with the buildings thereon known as the Deaconess Home

Freehold subject with the land herein described in items 17 and 19 to the said mortgage dated 17 May 1907

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Description of land

Estate

Persons or body in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance

The Chinese Methodist Episcopal Church, Penang

19. All that piece of land situate in the District of Campong Pulo Penang in Penang, being part of the comprised land in Government Grant No. 506, forming Lot 4, Town Subdivision XVII. the Government on Survey Plan, and being estimated to contain an area of 759.9 m². Together with the buildings thereon known as the Chinese Methodist **Episcopal** Church

Freehold subject with the land herein described in items 17 and 18 to the said mortgage dated 17 May 1907

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THE SCHEDULE — continued

Persons or body in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance

Description of land

Estate

The Tamil Church, **Penang**

20. All that piece of land situate in the District of Tulloh Jelutong in Penang, being part of the land comprised in Grant No. 29 of 1794 and bounded and measured as follows:

On the North by Datoh Kramat Road 24.384 m. On the South by Lot 227, 24.384 m. On the East by Lot 210, 36.881 m., and on the West by the remaining land now or formerly belonging to Poomalay, 36.881 m., and being Lot 209 II, Town Subdivision III, on the Government Survey Plan, and being estimated to contain an area of 875.8 m². Together with buildings erected thereon and known as the Tamil Church

Fee simple

George Revd. Frederick Pykett

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Description of land

Estate

Persons or body in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance

8 houses, Nos. 481 to 495, Penang Road, Penang

21. All that piece of land situate in the District of Campong Pulo Penang in Penang, being part of the land comprised in Grant No. 506. re-registered No. 326 of 1802, which said piece of land is estimated to contain an area of 2,087.9 m² and forms Lot 3, Town Subdivision XVII, on the Government Survey Plan. Together with the houses thereon Nos. 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493 and 495, Penang Road, Penang

Fee simple

THE SCHEDULE — continued LAND IN PROVINCE WELLESLEY

Description of land	Estate	Persons or body in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance
Land at Bukit Mertajam, Province Wellesley		
22. All that piece of land situate in the Mukim of Bukit Mertajam in Province Wellesley, being Lot 307 XI Mukim X, and estimated to contain an area of 50.6 m ²	Fee simple	The Financial Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Straits Settlements
Land at Bukit Mertajam, Province Wellesley		
23. All that piece of land situate in the Mukim of Bukit Mertajam in Province Wellesley, being Lot 307 XII Mukim X, and estimated to contain an area of 379.4 m ²	Fee simple	The Financial Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Straits Settlements
Land at Bukit Mertajam, Province Wellesley		
24. All that piece of land situate in the Mukim of Bukit Mertajam in Province Wellesley, being Lot 307 XIII Mukim X, and estimated to contain an area of 404.7 m ²	Fee simple	The Financial Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Straits Settlements

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THE SCHEDULE — continued

Persons or body in whom land vested prior to the Ordinance

Description of land

Estate

Land at Bukit Mertajam, Province Wellesley

25. All that piece of land situate in the Mukim of Bukit Mertajam in Province Wellesley, being Lot 307 XIV Mukim X, and estimated to contain an area of 1062.3 m²

Fee simple

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

METHODIST EPISCOPAL LOCATION BOARD ORDINANCE 1908

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1. Ordinance V of 1908 — The Methodist Episcopal Location Board Incorporation Ordinance 1907

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Notice of Amendments : 22 May 1908

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2. 1920 Revised Edition — Ordinance No. 194 (Methodist Episcopal Location Board)

Operation : 28 November 1921

3. 1926 Revised Edition — Ordinance No. 227 (Methodist Episcopal Location Board)

Operation : 1 August 1926

4. 1936 Revised Edition — Methodist Episcopal Location Board Ordinance (Chapter 249)

Operation : 1 September 1936

5. Ordinance 15 of 1954 — Methodist Episcopal Building and Location Board (Change of Name) Ordinance, 1954

Bill : G.N. No. S 27/1954

First Reading : 17 March 1954

Second Reading : 13 April 1954

Select Committee Report : Council Paper No. 34 of 1954

Third Reading : 20 July 1954

Commencement : 1 January 1954

6. 1955 Revised Edition — Methodist Episcopal Location Board Ordinance (Chapter 302)

Operation : 1 July 1956

7. G.N. No. S (NS) 177/1959 — Singapore Constitution (Modification of Laws) (No. 3) Order, 1959

Commencement : 20 November 1959

8. G.N. No. S 217/1985 — Metrication (Methodist Episcopal Location Board Ordinance) Order 1985

Commencement : 23 August 1985

9. 1985 Revised Edition — Methodist Episcopal Location Board Ordinance (Chapter 368)

Operation : 30 March 1987

10. Act 7 of 1997 — Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1997 (Amendments made by section 6 read with item (24) of the First Schedule to the above Act)

Bill : 6/1997

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L.N. Legal Notification (Federal/Malaysian Subsidiary

Legislation)

M. Act Malayan Act/Malaysia Act

M. Ordinance Malayan Ordinance

Parl. Parliament

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