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An Ordinance to incorporate the Procureur in Singapore of La Société des Missions Étrangères.

[13 November 1891]

Whereas certain persons have associated themselves together for the purpose of the propagation of religion under the name of “La Société des Missions Étrangères”:

And whereas such Society has invested money in the purchase of property movable and immovable within the Colony:

And whereas the business operations of the said Society are managed in the Colony by an officer called a Procureur, the present Procureur being the Reverend Nicolas Justin Couvreur:

And whereas for the better carrying on of the financial business of the said Society it is expedient that the said Nicolas Justin Couvreur and his successors, being Procureurs of the said Society, should be incorporated:

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 Missions Étrangères Ordinance 1891.

**The Procureur in Singapore of La Société des Missions Étrangères to be a body corporate**

2.—(1) The said Nicolas Justin Couvreur and his successors for the time being in the office of Procureur at Singapore of “La Société des Missions Étrangères”, duly qualified as hereinafter provided, shall be a body corporate, hereinafter called the Corporation, and shall for the purposes of this Ordinance have the name of “The Procureur in Singapore of La Société des Missions Étrangères”, and by that name have perpetual succession, and shall and may have and use a corporate seal.

(2) The said seal may from time to time be broken, changed, altered and made anew as the Corporation thinks 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 the Corporation thinks fit.

(4) No person shall be deemed to be duly qualified as aforesaid unless and until he has first, with the approval of the Minister signified under his hand and seal, caused the power of attorney or other instrument constituting him such Procureur to be duly filed in the Registry of the Supreme Court at Singapore, pursuant to section 48 of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1886, and unless and until a notification of such filing has appeared in the *Gazette*.

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

**Use of corporate seal**

**3.**—(1) No deed, document or other instrument, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, shall be deemed to be duly sealed unless such seal has been affixed in the presence of the Procureur duly qualified as aforesaid, or his attorney duly authorised by a power of attorney registered under section 48 of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1886, and unless such deed, document or other instrument is signed by the Procureur or his attorney.

(2) Such signing shall be sufficient evidence of the due sealing of such deed, document or other instrument.

**Saving of Government rights**

**4.** Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect the rights of the Government.

[7/97]

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
MISSIONS ÉTRANGÈRES  
ORDINANCE 1891

This Legislative History is a service provided by the Law Revision Commission on a best-efforts basis. It is not part of the Act.

**1. Ordinance XI of 1891 — An Ordinance for the Incorporation of the Procureur in Singapore of La Société des Missions Étrangères**

Bill	:	G.N. No. 128/1891
First Reading	:	12 March 1891
Second Reading	:	15 October 1891
Third Reading	:	12 November 1891
Commencement	:	12 November 1891 (assent) 13 November 1891 (publication)

**2. 1920 Revised Edition — Ordinance No. 182 (Missions Étrangères)**

Operation	:	28 November 1921
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**3. 1926 Revised Edition — Ordinance No. 215 (Missions Étrangères)**

Operation	:	1 August 1926
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**4. 1936 Revised Edition — Missions Etrangères Ordinance (Chapter 250)**

Operation	:	1 September 1936
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**5. 1955 Revised Edition — Missions Etrangères Ordinance (Chapter 303)**

Operation	:	1 July 1956
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**6. Ordinance 72 of 1959 — Transfer of Powers (No. 2) Ordinance, 1959**  
(Amendments made by section 2 read with the First Schedule to the above Ordinance)

Bill	:	31/1959
First Reading	:	22 September 1959
Second Reading	:	11 November 1959
Notice of Amendments	:	11 November 1959
Third Reading	:	11 November 1959
Commencement	:	20 November 1959 (section 2 read with the First Schedule)

**7. 1985 Revised Edition — Missions Étrangères Ordinance (Chapter 369)**

Operation : 30 March 1987

**8. Act 7 of 1997 — Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1997**

(Amendments made by section 6 read with item (25) of the First Schedule to the above Act)

Bill : 6/1997

First Reading : 11 July 1997

Second and Third Readings : 25 August 1997

Commencement : 1 October 1997 (section 6 read with item (25) of the First Schedule)

Abbreviations

C.P.	Council Paper
G.N. No. S (N.S.)	Government Notification Number Singapore (New Series)
G.N. No.	Government Notification Number
G.N. No. S	Government Notification Number Singapore
G.N. Sp. No. S	Government Notification Special Number Singapore
L.A.	Legislative Assembly
L.N.	Legal Notification (Federal/Malaysian Subsidiary Legislation)
M. Act	Malayan Act/Malaysia Act
M. Ordinance	Malayan Ordinance
Parl.	Parliament
S.S.G.G. (E) No.	Straits Settlements Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Number
S.S.G.G. No.	Straits Settlements Government Gazette Number