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# Treasurer of Presbyterian Church, Singapore Ordinance

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An Ordinance to incorporate the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore. This private Ordinance is reproduced in the form it appears in the 1955 Revised Edition.

[29th December 1899]

Whereas the Presbyterian Church of England, constituted at Liverpool on the thirteenth day of June, 1876, has a congregation in Singapore, who worship at a church erected upon a piece of land granted to certain persons as trustees by the Governor:

And Whereas Thomas Dunman, formerly of Singapore, Commissioner of Police, being entitled to the two pieces of land described in Schedule *A* for the respective residues of the terms of nine hundred and ninety-nine years mentioned in the said Schedule, subject to the payment of the rents reserved by and to the observance

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*Note:*

and performance of the covenants and conditions contained in the indentures mentioned in the said Schedule, subdivided the same into thirty-one building allotments, which he demised by thirty-one indentures of lease unto certain lessees for terms of ninety-nine years, reserving to himself the yearly rent of two dollars on each of such leases:

And Whereas by an indenture dated the fourteenth day of February, 1879, and made between the said Thomas Dunman of the first part and Robert Little, John Hutchinson Robertson, Samuel Dunlop, John Anderson, Robert Jamie, Alexander Maughan Martin, Thomas Cuthbertson, William McKerrow and William Alexander Pickering of the second part, the said Thomas Dunman conveyed the said two pieces of land together with the said rents unto the parties of the second part, thereafter referred to as the said trustees upon trust, that they should stand possessed of the said pieces of land and the yearly rents and profits arising out of the same, to receive the said rents and profits, and to expend and apply the same for the purpose of maintaining and upholding the said church or any church which should thereafter be erected in substitution therefor, and for the purpose of defraying all expenses in connection with the said church and with the religious worship in Singapore of the denomination of Christians holding as their confession of faith the ecclesiastical documents received by the different branches of the Presbyterian Church and known as the Westminster Standards, in such manner from time to time as the said trustees or a majority of them should from time to time, in their discretion, think proper:

And Whereas the indenture in recital contained certain powers enabling the said trustees to sell the said pieces of land and to perform certain other acts, and a provision whereby vacancies in their number could be filled up, followed by a proviso that it should not be imperative to fill up such vacancies until the number of trustees should be reduced to two:

And Whereas the piece of land upon which the said church is erected is described in Schedule *B* and is held under a Statutory Land Grant dated the sixteenth day of August, 1892, whereby the Governor of the Colony granted to John Anderson, Charles Phillips, Alexander Johnston, Robert Park, Theodore Page, Robert Allan, Arthur Knight,

David James Galloway, John Graham, Robert Little, William Paterson Waddell, Joseph Mactaggart Allinson and Francis Warrack, as trustees for the Presbyterian Church in Singapore, thereafter named the trustees, the said piece of land to hold to the said trustees, their heirs and assigns, in trust for the purposes of the Presbyterian Church, on the said piece of land, erected or any buildings thereafter to be thereon erected, for religious worship and use of any denomination of Christians holding as their confession of faith the ecclesiastical documents received by the different branches of the Presbyterian Church and known as the Westminster Standards for ever:

And Whereas the Statutory Land Grant contained a provision for appointing new trustees, with liberty upon any appointment to increase or diminish the original number of trustees but so that it be not reduced below two, and also a proviso that if at any time thereafter public worship should cease in the church aforesaid or in any building thereafter to be erected on the said land for the space of two years, or if such building or buildings should not be maintained thereon or kept in such a state of repair as to fit them for the purposes for which they were built, the said land should forthwith revert to Her Majesty together with all the erections and buildings thereon:

And Whereas the finances of the said congregation are managed by a Treasurer, who is appointed by the Board of Managers of the said Congregation, the present Treasurer being Francis Warrack:

And Whereas it is expedient for conveyancing purposes to incorporate the Treasurer for the time being of the said congregation and to appoint him trustee of the said indenture of the fourteenth day of February, 1879, and of the said Statutory Land Grant of the sixteenth day of August, 1892:

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 Treasurer of Presbyterian Church, Singapore Ordinance.

**The Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore to be a body corporate**

2.—(1) Francis Warrack and his successors for the time being in the office of Treasurer of the said congregation, 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 Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore”, 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, reassign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any movable and immovable property vested in the corporation upon such terms as the corporation thinks fit.

**Use of the 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 Francis Warrack or his attorney duly authorised by a power of attorney registered under section 48 of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Ordinance [1955 Ed., Cap. 243], or in the presence of his successor for the time being in the said office of Treasurer or his attorney duly authorised as aforesaid, and shall also be signed by the said Francis Warrack or his said attorney or by his said successor or his said attorney.

(2) Such signing shall be sufficient evidence of the due sealing of such deeds, documents and other instruments.

**Qualification of Treasurer**

4.—(1) No successor of the said Francis Warrack in the office of Treasurer of the said congregation shall be deemed to be duly qualified as aforesaid unless and until he has caused an extract from the minutes of the Board of Managers of the said congregation

appointing him such Treasurer, certified as correct by the Chairman of the Board, to be filed in the office of the Minister of the Colony, and unless and until a notification of such filing has appeared in the *Gazette*.

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(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.

### **Corporation appointed trustee of property described in Schedules**

5.—(1) The persons now trustees of the said indenture of the fourteenth day of February, 1879, and of the Statutory Land Grant of the sixteenth day of August, 1892, are hereby removed from their offices of trustees.

(2) The corporation is hereby appointed sole trustee of the said instruments in place of them notwithstanding the provisions contained in the said instruments, providing against the number of the trustees thereof not being less than two, and the powers of appointing new trustees contained in the said instruments are hereby cancelled.

### **Property described in Schedule A vested in corporation**

6. The pieces of land described in Schedule A are hereby vested for the respective residues of the said terms of nine hundred and ninety-nine years mentioned in Schedule A in the corporation, subject to the payment of the rents and to the observance and performance of the covenants and conditions contained in the leases mentioned in Schedule A, and subject also to the said thirty-one indentures of leases, but nevertheless upon the trusts contained in the said indenture of the fourteenth day of February, 1879.

### **Property described in Schedule B vested in corporation**

7. The piece of land described in Schedule B is hereby vested in the Corporation for an estate in fee simple, but nevertheless upon the trusts contained in the said Statutory Land Grant of the sixteenth day of August, 1892.

**Saving of Government rights**

**8.** Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect the rights of the Government, or of any bodies politic or corporate, or of other persons than such as are trustees of the said indenture of the fourteenth day of February, 1879, and of the said Statutory Land Grant of the sixteenth day of August, 1892.

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**SCHEDULE A**

1. All that piece of land situate in the District of Singapore Town, bounded on the north by Grant No. 502, on the east by North Bridge Road, on the west by No. 2 of the Grant No. 501, and on the south by Cross Street, now called Bras Basah Road, containing 3085.7 sq.m., as described in the plan annexed to an Indenture No. 1 of the Grant No. 501, dated 30th September 1828, and made between the United Company of Merchants of England, trading to the East Indies of the one part and C. H. Thomson of the other part, which piece of land was by the said Indenture No. 1 of the Grant No. 501 demised unto the said C. H. Thomson, his executors, representatives, administrators and assigns for the term of 999 years, subject to the payment of the rent reserved by and to the observance and performance of the covenant and condition contained in the said Indenture.

2. All that piece of land situate in the District of Singapore Town, bounded on the east by the land lastly described, on the west by Lot No. 1 of Lot No. 2 of Lease No. 501, on the north by Lease No. 502, and on the south by Cross Street, now called Bras Basah Road, containing an area of 1063.7 sq.m., as described in the plan annexed to an Indenture Lot No. 2 of Lot No. 2 of Lease No. 501, dated 14th June 1832, and made between the said United Company of Merchants of the one part and Robert Hunter of the other part, which piece of land was by the said Indenture, Lot No. 2 of Lot No. 2 of Lease No. 501 demised unto the said Robert Hunter, his executors, representatives, administrators and assigns for the term of 999 years, subject to the payment of the rent reserved by and to the observance and performance of the covenant and condition contained in the said Indenture.

**SCHEDULE B**

All that piece of land situate at Singapore Town, containing by admeasurement 7208.5 sq.m., and bounded on the north by Orchard Road, now called Stamford Road, and State land, on the south by State land, on the east by State land and Orchard Road, now called Stamford Road, and on the west by State land, which piece of land with the dimensions, abutments and boundaries thereof is delineated in the plan drawn on the Statutory Land Grant above referred to.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
TREASURER OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SINGAPORE  
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This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Treasurer of Presbyterian Church, Singapore Ordinance. It is not part of this Ordinance.

**1. Ordinance 22 of 1899 — Treasurer of Presbyterian Church, Singapore Ordinance 1899**

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**2. 1955 Revised Edition — Treasurer of Presbyterian Church, Singapore Ordinance (Cap. 325)**

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

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**4. G. N. No. S 224/1985 — The Metrication (Treasurer of Presbyterian Church, Singapore Ordinance) Order 1985**

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**5. 1985 Revised Edition — Treasurer of Presbyterian Church, Singapore Ordinance**

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