

CHAPTER 228.

CHURCHES (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE).

[No. XXXVIII of 1920.]

[14th December, 1920.]

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Churches Short title.
(Financial Assistance) Ordinance.

2. In this Ordinance the expression "governing body" Interpreta-
tion.
means:—

- (a) as to the Church of England, the incorporated trustees of the Church in the diocese of Guiana;
- (b) as to the Church of Scotland, the Presbytery of British Guiana;
- (c) as to the Church of Rome, the Roman Catholic Bishop in British Guiana;
- (d) as to the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, the chairman of the British Guiana district of the Wesleyan Methodist Society;
- (e) as to the Moravian Church, the Moravian Mission Council;
- (f) as to the Salvation Army, the General of that Army;
- (g) as to the Lutheran Church, the person or persons whom the Governor in Council determines.

3.—(1) The Governor may, for and on behalf of the colony, cause to be handed over from colonial revenue to the Churches and religious denominations at the commencement of this Ordinance provided for by the Clergy List Ordinance, 1918, and hereinafter mentioned, by means of government bonds to be issued for the purpose, the sum of six hundred and thirty-nine thousand four hundred and ten dollars. Issue of
government
bonds in
respect of
grants to
Churches.
(No. XLIX
of 1918.)

(2) The bonds shall be in the form in the first schedule hereto, or in any other form sanctioned by the Governor in Council, signed by the persons legally holding the offices of Colonial Secretary and Colonial Treasurer for First
schedule.

the time being, or by any other person or persons on behalf of the colony thereto specially authorised by the Governor in Council.

(3) Each bond shall be for the sum decided by the Governor in Council, shall become repayable in twenty-five years from the first day of January nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and shall bear interest to be paid half yearly at the rate of five per centum per annum.

Distribution
of bonds.

4.—(1) The total amount of the bonds required by this Ordinance to be issued shall be distributed and apportioned in bonds to the amounts, and between the Churches and religious denominations, mentioned below, that is to say—

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to the Church of England in the colony... ..	350,350
to the Church of Scotland in the colony... ..	87,660
to the Church of Rome in the colony	113,210
to the Wesleyan Missionary Society in the colony	75,000
to the Moravian Church	6,380
to the Lutheran Church	3,620
to the Salvation Army	3,190

(2) The bonds shall be issued by the Colonial Treasurer only to, and on the written acknowledgment of, the governing body of the Church entitled to receive the bonds and interest.

Redemption
of bonds.

5.—(1) In order to provide for the redemption of the bonds issued under this Ordinance, there shall be set apart in each year from the colonial revenues, in addition to the interest on the amount of the bonds, the sum of fifteen thousand three hundred and ninety-seven dollars.

(2) The sum so set apart each year shall be invested under the direction of the Governor until it is applied in redemption of the bonds as hereinbefore provided.

Additional
payments
from colonial
revenues.

6. In addition to the payments hereinbefore in this Ordinance prescribed, the Governor may authorise the following payments from the revenues of the colony:—

(a) to each of the Churches mentioned below, annually for twenty-five years, a certain sum of money, which shall—

(i) in the case of the Church of England, begin at \$14,943.64 for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and decrease annually thereafter by \$597.74;

- (ii) in the case of the Church of Scotland, begin at \$3,738.86 for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and decrease annually thereafter by \$149.55;
- (iii) in the case of the Church of Rome, begin at \$3,339.50 for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and decrease annually thereafter by \$133.58, up to and inclusive of the year nineteen hundred and forty-five, after which year all those payments shall cease entirely;
- (b) to the Church of England, the sum of \$360 a year in respect of each of the ministers whose names are set out in the second schedule, and to the Church of Scotland the sum of \$960 a year in respect of each of the ministers whose names are set out in the third schedule, to this Ordinance, so long only as those ministers respectively are not in receipt of a pension from colonial revenues and continue to perform the duties of the offices which they respectively fill at the present time, or of any other offices in the colony of the Church to which they belong.

Second schedule.

Third schedule.

7. Each of the annual sums provided for by the last preceding section shall grow due and become payable on the last day of each month, the first monthly payment becoming due on the thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and the Colonial Treasurer for the time being may from time to time upon the warrant of the Governor pay each monthly sum to the governing body of the Church in respect of which it is payable :

Time and manner of payment :

Provided that the sums payable under paragraph (b) of the last preceding section shall only be paid on the certificate of the bishop of Guiana, or the presbytery of British Guiana, as the case may be, or his or its lawful deputy, that the minister has discharged his duties during the month to which the certificate refers to the satisfaction of the bishop or in his absence his vicar-general, or of the presbytery, as the case may be.

Proviso.

8. All the colonial revenues not specially appropriated by any Ordinance already in force shall be held to be pledged for the payment of the interest and principal becoming due in respect of the bonds issued, and the other payments authorised to be made, under the provisions of this Ordinance.

Colonial revenues to be responsible for payment.

Defaced
bonds.

9. If any bond issued under this Ordinance is by accident defaced, the Governor may cause a new bond to be made and delivered to the bearer and the defaced bond to be cancelled, and the new bond shall bear the same interest and be subject to the same rules as the original bond.

Replacing
bonds lost or
destroyed or
payment
thereof if
overdue.

10. The Governor, on proof to his satisfaction that a bond issued under this Ordinance has been by accident lost or destroyed before it has been paid off, may, if the number and amount of the bond is ascertained, and upon due security being given to his satisfaction for indemnifying the colonial Government for any loss to which that Government may at any time be subjected by reason thereof, issue a new bond corresponding in all respects with that so lost or destroyed; or, if any bond, when so lost or destroyed, is overdue, the Governor may cause the money due thereupon to be paid off and discharged.

To secure
salaries of
ministers of
Church of
Scotland;

third
schedule :

11.—(1) The Presbytery of British Guiana shall pay to each of the ministers named in the third schedule hereto, and each of them is hereby declared to be entitled to receive from the Presbytery, the sum of two thousand four hundred dollars per annum, and those payments shall be made by the Presbytery out of—

- (a) the payments from time to time made to it under paragraph (b) of section six of this Ordinance; and
- (b) the amounts for interest from time to time paid to it in respect of the bonds issued to it under this Ordinance; and
- (c) the payments from time to time made to it under paragraph (a) of section six of this Ordinance.

(2) The annual sum to be paid to each minister under the last preceding sub-section shall be due and payable on the last day of each month, commencing on the thirty-first of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-one :

Proviso.

Provided that the Presbytery—

- (a) may, if he thinks fit, deduct from the sum to which a minister is entitled by virtue of this section any sums which it has paid to him during the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one before the coming into operation of this section; and
- (b) may dispense with his services either when he has attained the age of sixty-five years, or if at any time he is guilty of an offence rendering him, under the laws of the Church of Scotland, liable to be removed from his office of minister.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

(Section 3.)

No. BRITISH GUIANA GOVERNMENT FIVE PER CENT. BOND. No.

(Church Endowment.)

\$639,410.

(Authorised by Ordinance No. 38 of 1920.)

WHEREBY PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ARE CHARGED UPON THE REVENUES OF THE COLONY.

The principal to be repaid by the application of a sinking fund in the manner herein described.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY of the above-named Ordinance, enacted by the Governor of British Guiana, with the advice and consent of the Court of Policy thereof, dated the 14th day of December, 1920, the Government of British Guiana promise to pay the bearer hereof the sum of , together with the interest thereon at the rate of five dollars per centum per annum from the 1st January, 1921, until paid, payable half-yearly on the 1st day of July and the 1st day of January of each year on presentation of the proper coupons for the same, as hereunto annexed, at the Treasury, Georgetown.

Both principal and interest are secured on the revenues of the colony of British Guiana (not specially appropriated by any Ordinance in force before the passing of the Churches (Financial Assistance) Ordinance, 1920), and a sinking fund of such equal annual proportion of the capital sum of the said bonds as with interest will be sufficient in the aggregate to pay the same as and when the same become payable, is provided for the repayment of the said bonds.

This bond is issued for a term of twenty-five years from the 1st day of January, 1921.

Given under our hands at Georgetown, Demerara, British Guiana, this first day of January, 1921.

A.B.	}	On behalf of the colony of British Guiana.
Colonial Secretary.		
C.D.	}	
Colonial Treasurer.		

Recorded

Auditor.

COUPON.

BRITISH GUIANA 5% LOAN.

Ordinance No. 38 of 1920.

(Church Endowment.)

Six months' interest due 1st
on bond for payable
at the Treasury, Georgetown.

A.B. Colonial Secretary.

C.D. Colonial Treasurer.

1st

, 1921.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

(Section 6.)

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The Rev. A. M. B. Jemmott, B.A.
The Rev. O. H. Wilson.
The Rev. J. H. Williams.
The Rev. F. L. Quick.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

(Section 6.)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Rev. J. B. Wallace, M.A.
The Rev. R. L. Macnie, M.A., B.D.
The Rev. J. W. MacGill, M.A.
