

## CHAPTER 237.

## WESLEYAN METHODIST SOCIETY.

[No. XI of 1884.]

[22nd November, 1884.]

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Wesleyan Methodist Society Ordinance. Short title.
2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires,— Interpretation.  
 “the Society” means the West Indian connection in British Guiana of the people called Methodists in the connection established by the late reverend John Wesley, A. M., in England and known as the Wesleyan Methodist Society;  
 “the chairman of the district” means the chairman of the British Guiana district of the Society, appointed in accordance with the constitution and rules of the Society.
3. The chairman of the district may sue and be sued by the name of the Chairman of the British Guiana district of the Society. Power of district chairman to sue.
4. The chairman of the district, for and on behalf of the Society, may hold movable property for the Society, and may acquire and hold immovable property in the colony for the Society for the purpose of establishing and maintaining churches, chapels, schools, orphanages, ministers' houses, or almshouses. Power of chairman to hold property.
5. The conveyance of all immovable property to the Society in the colony shall be made to and in favour of “the Chairman of the British Guiana district of the Wesleyan Methodist Society for and on behalf of the said Society.” Form of conveyance of immovable property.
6. The immovable property heretofore conveyed to the Wesleyan Missionary Society shall vest in the chairman of the district and may be dealt with under this Ordinance. Immovable property previously acquired.

Conditions on which property may be mortgaged or sold.

7.—(1) The chairman of the district may mortgage or sell any immovable property in the colony belonging to the Society, if he is authorised in writing to convey or mortgage that property by the president of any conference of the Society having power, by the rules of the Society, to give the authority, but not otherwise.

(2) An affidavit by anyone that the written authority to convey or mortgage is signed by the president of a conference of the Society, and that president or that conference had, by the rules of the Society, power to give the authority shall be deemed *primâ facie* evidence of the fact.

(3) The affidavit shall be filed with the conveyance or mortgage.

(4) Every person taking the conveyance or mortgage in good faith, and all those claiming through that person, shall be deemed to have a good title, notwithstanding any error in the affidavit.

Service of process :

8. All process may be served by serving a copy thereof at the residence of the chairman of the district in Georgetown and by publishing a copy thereof in the Gazette :

Proviso.

Provided that if the chairman of the district has no residence in Georgetown, the publication of a copy of the process in the Gazette shall be a sufficient service.

Evidence of appointment of chairman.

9. A statement that any person named therein has been duly appointed chairman of the district purporting to be signed by a president of any conference of the Society shall be *primâ facie* evidence of the fact.

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