

CHAPTER 231.

ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP INCORPORATION.

[No. X of 1904.]

[30th April, 1904.]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Roman Catholic Bishop Incorporation Ordinance.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance the term "successors in office" means the persons from time to time having, by virtue of the canon law of the Roman Catholic Church, or by appointment by the proper authority in Rome, supreme ecclesiastical jurisdiction in the colony in that Church.

Roman Catholic bishop to be a body corporate.

3. The Right Reverend Compton Theodore Galton, Bishop of Petenissus, the Roman Catholic Bishop and Vicar Apostolic in British Guiana, and his successors in office, shall be a body corporate, and have the name of "The Roman Catholic Bishop in British Guiana," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and full power to purchase, take, hold, enjoy, sell, transport, mortgage, lease, invest, and otherwise deal with, and dispose of, all property, movable and immovable, of what nature or kind soever, hereby vested and hereafter acquired, and may sue and be sued in all courts of justice, and before all magistrates in the colony.

Vesting of property held by present or any previous bishop.

4. All property in the colony, movable or immovable, of what nature or kind soever, now held by or vested in the Right Reverend Compton Theodore Galton, or previously held by, or vested, in any other Roman Catholic bishop and vicar apostolic in British Guiana, and not heretofore transferred or otherwise disposed of, whether the transfers or conveyances thereof vest the property in that bishop and vicar apostolic in his own proper name or as that Bishop and Vicar Apostolic, shall be held by, and the same are hereby vested in, the said body corporate.

5. All property, movable or immovable, of what nature or kind soever, heretofore and hereafter bequeathed by will, or otherwise given to the Roman Catholic Church in the colony, shall be held by, and is hereby vested in, and shall be deemed to be the property of, the said body corporate.
- Vesting of property bequeathed by will to Roman Catholic Church.
6. All property vested in, or hereafter acquired by, the said body corporate shall be held by the said body corporate for the use and benefit of the Roman Catholic Church in British Guiana.
- Property to be held for use of Roman Catholic Church.
7. In all cases where property, movable or immovable, of what nature or kind soever, has been or is bequeathed by will or otherwise given to any number or class of persons being members of the Roman Catholic Church in the colony, who have not as that number or class any legal status, and no person is authorised by the will or otherwise to deal with the property, the said body corporate shall be the administrator thereof, and as the administrator shall have power to sell, transport, mortgage or lease the property, and all other powers necessary for the absolute control and disposal thereof without, however, thereby imposing any personal liability on any Roman Catholic Bishop or any Vicar Apostolic or any other Roman Catholic dignitary in British Guiana.
- Bishop to be administrator of property left to Church, when no other person authorised.
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