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[2ND OCTOBER, 1920.]

- Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Public Officers Widows Ordinance.
- Interpreta-
tion. 2. For the purposes of this Ordinance—
 “public officer” means any public officer or pensioner, and includes any minister of religion whose name is mentioned in schedules A and B of the Clergy List Ordinance, 1918 ;
 “widow” includes the widow of a deceased public officer, or his children, or other heirs, or any other person the Governor considers to have the best moral claim to any payment under this Ordinance ;
 “salary” means full salary or pension, and includes personal, temporary, or other allowances by way of salary or personal emoluments whether pensionable or not.
- 49 of 1918.
- Grant to
widow of a
deceased
public
officer.
Cap. 72.
3. Whenever a public officer dies the Governor may order his salary for one month from the date of his death to be paid to his widow, but this enactment, so far as it extends to any payment to the widow of a public officer to whom the provisions of sections 20 to 22 (both inclusive) of the Pensions Ordinance, 1903, apply, shall have no force nor effect after the 22nd October, 1921.

4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Ordinance passed before the commencement of this Ordinance, on the death of a public officer to whom any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars is due from the Government in respect of salary, probate or other proof of the title of the personal representative of the deceased may be dispensed with, and that sum may be paid or distributed to or among the persons appearing to the Governor to be beneficially entitled to the personal estate of the deceased, or to or among any one or more of those persons, or, in the case of the illegitimacy of the deceased officer or his children, to or among the persons the Governor thinks fit.

Payment of salary accrued due.

5. The decision of the Governor on any question which arises as to the application of any section of this Ordinance to anyone or as to the amount to be paid to him shall be final.

Governor's decision final.

6. Where it has been decided under this Ordinance to pay a sum to anyone not residing in the Colony, the Financial Secretary may pay that sum to anyone there resident who represents himself as, and satisfies the Financial Secretary that he is, the agent of the person not so resident even though no strict legal proof of agency is produced.

When payee absent from the Colony.

7. Any payment made pursuant to this Ordinance shall be valid against all persons whomsoever, and all persons acting under its provisions shall be absolutely discharged from all liability in respect of any moneys duly paid or applied by them under this Ordinance.

Payment under this Ordinance valid against all persons.