I assent,

ALFRED SAVAGE.

Governor,

4th August, 1954.

ORDINANCE No. 24 OF 1954.

An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Diocese of Guiana.

[7th August, 1954.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana: —

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Diocese of Guiana A.D. 1954 Ordinance, 1954.

Short title

In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires — "the Synod" means the diocesan synod of Guiana;

"the diocese" means the diocese of Guiana;

"the Church" means the Church in the diocese; "the Bishop" means the bishop of the diocese;

3. (1) The Diocesan Synod of Guiana as constituted by the The Di-Diocese of Guiana Ordinance shall continue to be the diocesan ccesan synod of the Church and to be styled the Diocesan Synod of the Synod Church in Guiana.

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(2) The Synod shall have power to make all such rules, Fower of regulations and canons as they from time to time think fit, for the Synod general management, discipline and good government of the to make Church.

- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (2) of this section the Synod may alter the constitution of the Synod, and from time to time make such provision as they may think fit to provide as to the election, qualification and number of lay representatives in the Synod, and generally to provide for the transaction of the business and proceedings thereof.
- 4. (1) The body corporate known as The Incorporated Trus-Trustees. tees of the Church in the Diocese of Guiana as created by section 5 of the Diocese of Guiana Ordinance is hereby continued, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and shall and may sue and be sued in all courts of law or equity and before all magistrates, and subject to the rules, regulations and canons, and the control of the Synod, shall have power to acquire and hold property both movable and immovable for the Church, and for all purposes connected with the administration of the affairs of the Church, to alienate, sell, transport, mortgage, hypothecate, pledge, lease, take on lease, invest and otherwise deal with and dispose of all property movable and immovable of what nature and kind soever.
- The persons lawfully exercising and performing at the commencement of this Ordinance the powers, functions and

duties of trustees shall, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, continue to be trustees under this Ordinance.

- (3) There shall be five trustees of whom the Bishop shall at all times be one.
 - (4) The Synod may, from time to time, elect as trustees four persons, of whom at least three shall be laymen.
- (5) Three trustees, of whom the Bishop shall be one, shall form a quorum for the exercise of all or any of the powers conferred by this Ordinance on the trustees.
- (6) The trustees may act notwithstanding any vacancy among their number.
- (7) The powers of this section conferred on the Bishop may be exercised —

 (a) by the Vicar General appointed from time to time
- under a mandate issued by the Bishop, in any case where the Bishop is absent from the Colony or is unable through any reason to act; or

 (b) by the Administrator of the Diccese, who, if the See is vacant, shall be a person approved by the Archbishop of the West Indies, or if the office of Archbishop be vacant or if the Archbishop is unable for any reason to act, by the Senior Bishop of the Province for the time being, where the Bishop is absent from the Colony or is unable through any reason to

act or the See is vacant and a Vicar General has

- not been appointed under a mandate issued by the Bishop.

 Power of trustees to in favour of a Bank a floating charge on all or any buildings, structures or other erections, or immovable property vested in the trustees, as security for sums advanced to the trustees by such Bank, and any interest, commission and charges that may be due
 - (2) The principal sum secured by a charge may be either a specified amount, or a fluctuating amount advanced by way of overdraft on current account the total outstanding amount of which shall not at any time exceed such amount (if any) as may be specified in the charge, and in the latter case the charge shall not be deemed to be redeemed by reason only of the current account having ceased to be in debit.
- (3) The instrument of writing referred to in this section may be in the form set out in the Schedule hereto or to the like effect and shall be deemed to confer in favour of the Bank a first charge on all buildings, structures or other erections or immovable property as the case may be vested in the trustees at the place or places therein mentioned and shall rank prior to all other claims against the trustees not secured by mortgage of any specific property vested in the trustees.
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 of property bequeathed.
 6. All property movable or immovable of what nature or kind soever hereafter bequeathed by will or otherwise given to the Church shall be deemed to be the property of the trustees.

7. All property vested in or hereafter acquired by the trus- Tenure of tees shall be held by the said trustees for the use and benefit of the Church.

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(1) The trustees shall have a common seal, which may be changed from time to time by a resolution of Synod.

Common seal.

The common seal shall be affixed to all documents executed by the trustees, and shall be countersigned by the Bishop or Vicar General or Administrator of the Diocese as the case may be and any other two trustees.

9. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to affect any Saving the right of Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors or of rights of any body politic or corporate or of any other person or persons except such as are mentioned in this Ordinance and those claiming by, through or under them.

the Crown.

10. The Diocese of Guiana Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Repeal of Cap. 229

SCHEDULE

Section 5.

(Floating Charge in favour of a Bank).

in consideration of advances to be made from time to time by(hereinafter called "the Bank") to the Incorporated Trustees of the Church in the Diocese of Guiana (hereinafter called "the trustees") to an amount not exceeding \$..... or (by way of overdraft on a current account with the Bank on such amounts as the trustees may require provided that the total outstanding amount of such overdraft shall not at any time exceed \$.....) the trustees under and by virtue of the provisions of section 5 of the Diocese of Guiana Ordinance, 1954, hereby assigns to and in favour of the Bank all buildings, structures or erections and immovable property now or which may hereafter be vested in the trustees at..... in the County of in the Colony of British Guiana. day of Dated this ., 19......