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An Ordinance to incorporate the Agent of the Commission for the Administration of the Estates of the Portuguese Missions in China at Singapore.

[8 April 1910]

Whereas an institution, known as the Cathedral of Pekin, was founded in the year 1690 by the Holy See of Rome through the solicitation of Dom Pedro II, then King of Portugal, and dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and was administered by the successive bishops of Pekin until the date of the Ordinance next hereinafter named:

And whereas another institution, known as the Mission of St. José at Pekin, was established by the Portuguese Jesuits before the year 1650 under the patronage of the Kings of Portugal:

And whereas another institution, known as the College of St. José at Macao, was founded in or about the year 1747 by the Portuguese Jesuits in order to prepare missionaries for China under the patronage of the Portuguese Royal Crown:

And whereas by a Royal Charter of the then King of Portugal, dated 13 February 1800, the property of the Cathedral of Pekin and of the College of St. José at Macao and that of the Mission of St. José at Pekin was entrusted to the Congregation of the Mission, which was the congregation of St. Vincent de Paul established in Portugal under that name:

And whereas by an indenture of assignment, dated 14 December 1831, and made between James Clarke of the one part and Isaiah Zechariah, attorney to and for Joaquim Jozé Leite, therein called Liete, and Nicholao Rodrigues Pereira de Borja, “Superiores” of the Cathedral of Pekin, of the other part, the lands and hereditaments comprised in the First Schedule were assigned unto the said Isaiah Zechariah, attorney, as aforesaid, his executors, administrators and assigns, nevertheless to the proper use and behoof of the said Joaquim Jozé Leite, therein called Liete, and Nicholao Rodrigues Pereira de Borja, “Superiores” of the Cathedral of Pekin, and their successors to the title and office of Superiores as aforesaid during the residue of the term of years created by the indentures of lease mentioned in the First Schedule:

And whereas by an indenture of assignment registered No. 116, dated 11 August 1831, made between Lim Chye, attorney, to and for Lim Si Ong of the one part and Isaiah Zechariah, attorney, to and for Joaquim Jozé Leite, therein called Liete, and Nicholao Rodrigues Pereira de Borja, “Superiores” of the Cathedral of Pekin, of the other part, the land and hereditaments described in the Third Schedule and comprised in indenture of lease No. 34 therein mentioned were assigned to the said Isaiah Zechariah, attorney, as aforesaid nevertheless to and for the use and behoof of the said Joaquim Jozé Leite, therein called Liete, and Nicholao Rodrigues Pereira de Borja, “Superiores” of the Cathedral of Pekin aforesaid, and their successors to the title and office of Superiores for the residue then unexpired of the term of years created by the said indenture of lease No. 34:

And whereas by an indenture of assignment registered No. 113, dated 13 July 1831, and made between Si Hoo Keh of the one part and Isaiah Zechariah, attorney, to and for Joaquim Jozé Leite, therein called Liete, and Nicholao Rodrigues Pereira de Borja, “Superiores” of the Cathedral of Pekin, of the other part, the land and hereditaments described in the Third Schedule and comprised in the indenture of lease No. 36 therein mentioned were assigned unto the said Isaiah Zechariah, attorney, as aforesaid nevertheless to and for the proper use and behoof of the said Joaquim Jozé Leite, therein called Liete, and Nicholao Rodrigues Pereira de Borja, “Superiores” of the Cathedral of Pekin as aforesaid, and their successors or assigns for the residue then unexpired of the term of years created by the said indenture of lease No. 36:

And whereas by a memorandum of transfer registered No. 114, dated 31 October 1828, under the hand of S. G. Bonham and endorsed on the indenture of lease referred to in the Second Schedule, the said S. G. Bonham thereby made over all his right and title to the lands and hereditaments comprised in that Schedule to Isaiah Zechariah and the Reverend Padre Francisco da Silva Pinto a Maya, Sacerdote da Congregação da Missao: And by another memorandum of transfer registered No. 131 dated 8 April 1829, and under the hands of the said Isaiah Zechariah and Francisco da Silva Pinto a Maya and endorsed on the said indenture of lease, the said Isaiah Zechariah and Francisco da Silva Pinto a Maya thereby made over all their right and title to the said lands and hereditaments to the Reverend Nicholao Rodrigues Pereira de Borja, Superior of the College of Saint José at Macao:

And whereas by an indenture of assignment, dated 15 July 1845, and made between Joaquim Jozé Leite, therein called Letta, at that time residing in China, of the one part and the Reverend Joaquim Jozé Leite, Superiore and Principal of the Cathedral of Saint José at Pekin, of the other part, after reciting the said indenture of lease and memorandum of 31 October 1828, it is thereby further recited that the said Isaiah Zechariah and Reverend Padre Francisco da Silva Pinto a Maya, da Congregação da Missao, by a certain other endorsement bearing date 8 April 1829, did assign, transfer and set over the lands and hereditaments comprised in the Second Schedule unto the said Joaquim Jozé Leite, Superior of the College of Saint José, and it is