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(CHAPTER 373)**

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An Ordinance to incorporate the Senior Missionary in Singapore of the Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of England.

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Whereas the Presbyterian Church of England constituted at Liverpool on the thirteenth day of June 1876, has a Committee for Mission purposes known by the name of “The Foreign Missions Committee of the Presbyterian Church of England”:

And Whereas such Committee has several churches and other property movable and immovable in the Colony:

And Whereas the property of the said Committee in Singapore is managed by the senior missionary in Singapore of the said Committee, the present senior missionary being the Reverend John Angus Bethune Cook:

And Whereas it is expedient for conveyancing purposes to incorporate the senior missionary in Singapore of the said Committee:

And Whereas by two leases the one numbered 241 and dated the first day of August, 1840, and the other numbered 242 and dated the 1st day of July, 1840, and both made between the East India Company of the one part, and the Right Reverend Hilary Courvezy, Bishop, of the other part, two pieces of land situate in Prinsep Street, in the district of Singapore town, were demised to the said Hilary Courvezy for the terms of ninety-nine years at the yearly rents of three dollars, and subject to the conditions in such leases contained:

And Whereas by two assignments each dated September 1842, and made between the said Hilary Courvezy of the one part, and Benjamin Peach Keasberry for and on behalf of the London Missionary Society of the other part, the said pieces of land were assigned by the said Hilary Courvezy unto the said Benjamin Peach Keasberry as aforesaid, and his successors in the office of missionary in the Malay Department of the Singapore Mission, belonging to the said London Missionary Society for the residue of the said terms:

And Whereas the London Missionary Society permitted the said Committee to use the church erected upon the said pieces of land for the purpose of Divine worship, and ultimately an arrangement was come to whereby the London Missionary Society agreed in consideration of certain payments to be made by the said Committee, which payments

have been duly made, to transfer all their rights to the said church and in the said pieces of land to the said Committee:

And Whereas the said Benjamin Peach Keasberry died on or about sixth day of September, 1875, and there is now no legal representative of his estate:

And Whereas by an indenture dated the sixteenth day of April, 1884, and made between the Governor for and on behalf of the Crown of the one part, and the Reverend Alexander Stewart MacPhee, and his successors in the office of clergyman of the Presbyterian Church at Singapore, thereafter termed the lessee, of the other part, and being lease No. 1,646, the land situate in the district of Upper Tanglin and bearing general No. 4,920, was demised to the lessee, his executors, administrators and assigns for the term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years from the eight day of November, 1880, at the rent of one dollar, and subject to the conditions therein contained, one of which was that it should be used for the purpose of the Chinese Mission, and that should it be used for any other purpose it would revert to Government:

And Whereas by an indenture dated the twenty-eighth day of January, 1885, and made between the Governor of the one part, and the said John Angus Bethune Cook, therein described as of the English Presbyterian Mission House, Devonshire Road, in the town of Singapore, Presbyterian minister, thereafter termed the lessee, of the other part, and being lease No. 1,918, the land situate in the district of Amokiah, and bearing general No. 5,506, was demised to the lessee, his executors, administrators and assigns for the term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years from the date of the lease at the rent of one dollar, and subject to the conditions therein contained:

And Whereas by Statutory Land Grant No. 2,675 dated the twentieth day of March, 1891, under the hand of the Governor, the land situate in the district of Amokio, and bearing Survey No. 6,244, was granted to the said John Angus Bethune Cook, the Reverend Archibald Lamont, and Charles Phillips, who were described as trustees for the English Presbyterian Mission in Singapore, their heirs, executors and assigns for ever for the purposes of the English Presbyterian Mission, and for no other purposes whatsoever:

And Whereas by Statutory Land Grant 3,772, dated the twenty-first day of February, 1893, under the hand of the Governor, the land situate in the district of Bukit Timah, and bearing Survey No. 11,774, was granted to the said John Angus Bethune Cook, Archibald Lamont, and Charles Phillips, who were described as trustees for the Chinese Mission of the Presbyterian Church of England in Singapore, their executors, administrators and assigns for ever for religious purposes of the Chinese Mission of the Presbyterian Church of England, and for no other purposes whatsoever at the annual rent of one dollar:

And Whereas the said leases Nos. 1,646 and 1,918 and the said Statutory Land Grants