

*Church of England in Ceylon.***No. 24 of 1892.****An Ordinance to amend the Ordinance No. 6 of 1885.****Preamble.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Ordinance No. 6 of 1885, intituled "An Ordinance to enable the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Church of England in Ceylon to provide for the regulation of the affairs of the said Church," and hereinafter referred to as "the principal Ordinance:" Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :

Definitions.

1 In this Ordinance—

"Church" shall be construed to mean any episcopal church not governed by the provisions of the Ordinance No. 12 of 1846, which has not been brought under the operation of the provisions of the Ordinance No. 5 of 1864, and any church not vested in any person or body corporate or originally vested in any trustee or trustees where the deed or instrument creating the trust contains no adequate provisions for the appointment of a new trustee or trustees, and the trustee or one or more of the trustees originally appointed may have died, or may have left the colony and be residing elsewhere, or may be desirous of being relieved from the duties thereof.

"Members of the congregation" shall mean all persons entitled to vote at the election of lay representatives of the church under the rules and regulations for the time being of the synod, assembly, or convention held under the authority of the principal Ordinance.

Power to synod to make regulations enabling congregations to pass a resolution to vest the church in incorporated trustees.

2 It shall be lawful for the synod, assembly, or convention held under the authority of the principal Ordinance, by any Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution to be passed for such purpose, to make regulations for enabling the majority of the members of the congregation of any church, present and voting at a meeting to be held and convened in manner by the said regulations provided, to declare by resolution their desire that such church and all immovable property belonging or appertaining to such church shall absolutely vest in "The Incorporated Trustees of the Church of England in Ceylon."

Church to vest in incorporated trustees on such resolution being passed.

3 On the passing of such resolution by the congregation under section 2 of this Ordinance, the church and all the immovable property belonging or appertaining to such church shall forthwith absolutely vest in the incorporated trustees of the Church of England in Ceylon in trust, and to and for the use of the Church of England in Ceylon, in the same and in the like manner as the same has heretofore been held, exercised, and enjoyed; subject, nevertheless, in all respects to the provisions and conditions contained in the 9th section of the principal Ordinance, whereby the

constitution of the said incorporated trustees and the beneficial enjoyment of all property which shall vest in them are to be regulated or controlled by the said synod, assembly, or convention.

4 Every resolution passed by a congregation under section 2 of this Ordinance shall be published in the *Government Gazette* within one month of the passing thereof.

Resolution to be published in the *Government Gazette*.

5 This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as "The Episcopal Church Amendment Ordinance, 1892."

Short title.

12th December, 1892.
