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An Act to Incorporate the Minister and Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Cascumpec.

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WHEREAS it is desirable for the efficient management of the temporal affairs of the Presbyterian Congregation of Cascumpec, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, that its Minister and Trustees be an Incorporate Body: Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly as follows, that is to say:

I. That the Reverend Allan Fraser, *ex officio*, James Forsyth, senior, Alexander Matthews, Allan Forsyth Matthews, and William C. Montgomery, and their successors in office, shall be and are hereby constituted and declared to be a Body Corporate under and by the name of "The Minister and Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Cascumpec;" and they, and their successors in office, shall have a common seal, with power to break, change and alter the same, from time to time, as may be found requisite, and shall be in law capable of suing, pleading, defending and answering, and of being sued, in pleaded, defended and answered unto, in all Courts of Judicature, in all manner of actions, and also of contracting and being contracted with relative to lands and funds of said Corporation and the other purposes for which it is constituted, as hereinafter declared, and may establish, put in execution, alter or repeal such by-laws and regulations as shall not be contrary to the Constitution and Laws of this Island as may appear to the said Corporation necessary and expedient for the interests thereof, and for these purposes appoint their own chairman and other officers; four to form a quorum in all matters to be done and disposed of by the said Corporation.

II. That when any vacancy in the Trust shall arise, by death, resignation or otherwise, that the Minister of the said Church shall give notice that a Congregational meeting of the said Church shall be held on a given day for the election of one or more Trustees to fill the said vacancy or vacancies, and that the said notice shall be given, in the said Church of Cascumpec, immediately after Divine Worship, on a Sabbath, at least ten days previous to the day of said meeting; and the choice of said

Trustee or Trustees shall be determined by the vote of the majority of the adherents of the Congregation, from twenty-one years of age, who may be contributing from ten shillings and upwards annually, and not in arrears; and any male adherent in the Congregation from twenty-one years of age, and who is in full communion and who may be contributing from twenty-five shillings and upwards annually, and not in arrears, shall be eligible to hold office as a Trustee.

III. After the passing of this Act there shall annually be chosen, by such of the Congregation of the said Church as are qualified to vote as above mentioned, six persons, being members of said Church as above stated, who shall be Trustees thereof, together with the Minister of the said Church; and such seven persons so chosen shall be in lieu of the Trustees chosen or deputed under this Act, and be recognized as a Body Corporate of the said Church.

IV. The first election of Trustees under this Act shall take place on the Second Tuesday in December of the present year, viz., One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six; and all future elections shall take place on the Second Tuesday in December in each and every year thereafter in all time coming, due notice being given in each case as above stated.

V. If it should happen that no election of Trustees should take place on the Second Tuesday in December in any year as aforesaid, then, and in such case, the Trustees then in office shall continue and remain in office for, during and until the expiration of the next ensuing year, unless a requisition, signed by at least twelve of those persons who shall be qualified to vote as aforesaid, shall be presented to the Trustees, calling upon them to cause a meeting to be held for the election of Trustees, and of which meeting ten days notice shall be given; and such meeting shall be held and conducted in manner and form as hereinbefore prescribed with respect to annual elections.

VI. The seal of said Corporation, and all books, deeds, minutes, vouchers, subscriptions, obligations and securities for moneys, and all and every description of property really and truly belonging to the Congregation shall, immediately after the passing of this Act, come into the custody and possession of the above named Trustees, and shall be by them transferred to their successors immediately following them in office as Trustees.