

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 178.

The following Regulations for St. John's Cathedral Church are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th March, 1901.

*Regulations for St. John's
Cathedral Church.*

1.—These Regulations may be cited for all purposes as the Saint John's Cathedral Church Regulations, 1901. Short title.

2.—In these Regulations the expression "the Church Body" means the body constituted by the Saint John's Cathedral Church Ordinance, 1899 (No. 8 of 1899). Meaning of expression "Church Body."

THE CHURCH BODY.

3.—All male persons, not less than twenty-one years of age, British subjects, being Communicants, frequenting the public services of the Church, and who also are registered seatholders or subscribers, shall be eligible to be lay members of the Church Body. Qualifications for lay membership.

4.—The election of lay members of the Church Body shall take place at the annual meeting of seatholders and subscribers. Election of lay members.

5.—The elected lay members of the Church Body shall continue in office until the next annual meeting of seatholders and subscribers, unless in the meanwhile they vacate office by death, absence from the Colony for a period exceeding six months, incapacity to act, or resignation. Duration of office of lay members.

6.—In the event of the death, absence from the Colony for a period exceeding six months, incapacity to act, or resignation of any lay member of the Church Body, the remaining members may appoint some other qualified person to act in his place until the next annual meeting of seatholders and subscribers. Filling up of casual vacancies among lay members.

7.—(1.) Quarterly meetings of the Church Body shall be held in each year. Meetings of the Church Body.

(2.) A special meeting of the Church Body may be called at any time on the requisition of the Bishop, or of the Chaplain, or of any two lay members.

(3.) Every meeting of the Church Body shall be convened by notice in writing sent to the members a reasonable time before the meeting.

(4.) Any four members of the Church Body shall form a quorum.

(5.) The Bishop, or, in his absence, the Chaplain, or, in the absence of both of them, any member elected by the members present, shall be the chairman at any meeting of the Church Body. The chairman shall not have a casting vote.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

8.—An auditor shall be elected at the annual meeting of seatholders and subscribers.

9.—The auditor shall continue in office until the election of his successor.

10.—In the event of the death, absence from the Colony for a period exceeding six months, incapacity to act, or resignation of the auditor, the Church Body may appoint some other fit and proper person to act in his place until the next annual meeting of seatholders and subscribers.

11.—The Church Body shall from time to time appoint a Treasurer and a Secretary.

12.—(1.) The Church Body shall from time to time appoint an organist, a vergger, and such other officers and servants as they may think necessary and expedient.

(2.) Every such officer or servant shall be paid such salary or wages as the Church Body may think proper, but subject to the approval of the seatholders and subscribers in general meeting.

SEATHOLDERS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

13.—The Church Body shall cause to be registered in a book to be kept for that purpose the names—

(1.) Of all holders of sittings in the Church, with the dates of the commencement and termination of their holdings; and

(2.) Of all subscribers to the funds of the Church to an amount not less than ten dollars annually.

14.—(1.) A meeting of the seatholders and subscribers shall be convened by the Church Body in the month of January in each year.

(2.) Not less than ten days' notice of such meeting shall be given by notices posted at each of the three principal doorways of the Church.

(3.) Any five registered seatholders and subscribers or seatholders or subscribers shall form a quorum for the annual meeting.

15.—(1.) The Church Body may at any time convene a special general meeting of the seatholders and subscribers.

(2.) Within fourteen days after receiving a requisition in writing signed by not less than fifteen registered seatholders and subscribers, or seatholders or subscribers, asking for a special general meeting of the seatholders and subscribers and stating the object of such meeting, the Church Body shall convene such meeting accordingly.

(3.) Except in case of urgency, to be determined by the Church Body, not less than ten days' notice of a special general meeting shall be given by notices posted at each doorway of the Church.

(4.) Any fifteen registered seatholders and subscribers or seatholders or subscribers shall form a quorum at such meeting.

16.—(1.) The right of voting at any meeting of seatholders and subscribers shall be vested in registered seatholders and subscribers. Voting at annual and general meetings.

(2.) No seatholder or subscriber shall have more than one vote.

(3.) All questions at any meeting of seatholders and subscribers shall be decided by a show of hands or, on the requisition of any three seatholders and subscribers or seatholders or subscribers entitled to vote, by ballot.

17.—The Bishop, or, in his absence, the Chaplain, or, in the absence of both of them, any seatholder or subscriber entitled to vote who is elected by the seatholders and subscribers present and entitled to vote, shall be the chairman at any meeting of the seatholders and subscribers. The chairman shall not have a casting vote. Chairman at annual and general meetings.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

18.—(1.) The Church Body may from time to time assess and fix an annual rent for each sitting in the Church, and may at any time make an agreement or contract with any person desiring to engage any sitting according to such assessment. Rent of sittings.

(2.) The rent of every sitting shall be payable annually in advance.

(3.) A sitting may be engaged for any portion of a year, not being less than one quarter, and proportionate rent shall be charged accordingly.

19.—No seatholder shall be deprived of the use of his sitting: provided always that all sittings shall be free which are not occupied at the beginning of any service. Right of seatholder to sitting.

20.—(1.) The Church Body shall cause to be kept proper accounts of all moneys received and expended by them, and such accounts shall be open to the inspection of the auditor at all reasonable times. Keeping of accounts.

(2.) The accounts shall be brought down to the thirty-first day of December in each year, and shall then be closed and audited and laid before the annual meeting of the seatholders and subscribers.

21.—The Church Body shall cause to be kept proper books of registry of all baptisms and marriages solemnized in the Church, and of all burials performed by the Chaplain. Keeping of registers of baptisms, marriages, and burials.

22.—The Church shall provide a fire-proof safe for the safe custody of all books of registry belonging to the Church. Provision of safe for books.

23.—(1.) The Church Body may, in their discretion and subject to such conditions as they may think fit, permit the erection of any monument, tablet, or other memorial in the Church or in the precincts thereof. Erection of monuments.

(2.) Any person who has received permission to erect any such monument, tablet, or other memorial shall be allowed to maintain the same, subject to such conditions as the Church Body may think fit.

Notification of elections and appointments.

24.—Immediately after the election or appointment of any lay member of the Church Body or of an auditor or the appointment of a treasurer or secretary, notification thereof shall be made to the Colonial Secretary.

Made by the Church Body under the authority of section 13 of the Saint John's Cathedral Church Ordinance, 1899, and approved at an annual meeting of the seatholders and subscribers of the said Church on the 29th day of January, 1901.

A. BRYER,
Hon. Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 179.

The following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on Monday, the 9th day of April, 1901, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd March, 1901.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 9th day of April, 1901, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Bowen Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Inland Lot No. 1,633.	Bowen Road,.....	feet.	feet.	feet.	feet.		\$	\$
			250'	250'	100'	100'	25,000	172	6,250

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

1. The highest bidder above the upset price shall be the Purchaser, and if any dispute arise between two or more bidders, the Lot shall be put up again at a former bidding.
2. No person shall at any bidding advance less than \$20.
3. Immediately after the fall of the hammer, the Purchaser shall sign the Memorandum of Agreement, hereinafter contained, for completing the purchase according to these Conditions, and shall, within Three Days of the day of sale, pay into the Colonial Treasury the full amount of Premium at which the Lot shall have been purchased.
4. The Purchaser of the Lot shall also pay to the Land Officer, on behalf of His Majesty the KING, the sum of \$15 within three days of the day of sale, for and in consideration of the Boundary Stones, properly cut, fixed, and marked with the Registry Number, which shall be placed by the Director of Public Works, for the Purchaser, at each angle of the Lot.
5. The Purchaser of the Lot shall pay to the Land Officer, on behalf of His Majesty the KING, a Fee of \$15 upon the execution of the Crown Lease thereof.
6. The Purchaser of the Lot shall build and finish, fit for occupation, before the expiration of twenty-four calendar months from the day of sale, in a good, substantial and workmanlike manner, one or more good and permanent messuage or tenement upon some part of his Lot, with walls of stone or brick and lime-mortar and roof of tiles or such other materials as may be approved by the Director of Public Works, and in other respects in accordance with the provisions of all Ordinances, Bye-laws and Regulations relating to Buildings or Sanitation as shall or may at any time be in force in the Colony, and shall expend thereon a sum of not less than \$12,000 in rateable improvements.
7. The Purchaser of the Lot shall pay into the Treasury a proportionate part of the annual rental specified in the particulars hereinbefore contained on the 24th day of June next, and thereafter shall pay such annual rental by equal half-yearly payments on the 25th day of December and the 24th day of June in each and every year during the term of 75 years hereinbefore mentioned.