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AN ACT to provide for the Incorporation and Government of the Tasmanian Public Library. [18 October, 1870.]

W HEREAS the Institution known as the Tasmanian Public PREAMBLE. Library, established under the provisions of the Act of Council of this Colony passed in the Fourteenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, No. 12, was some time since closed: And whereas provision has been made for the reopening and partial endowment of the said Library in premises provided and furnished by the Corporation of Hobart Town: And whereas the surviving Trustees under the said Act are the Honorable Thomas Daniel Chapman and Joseph Allport, Esquires: And whereas it is expedient to repeal the said Act and to enact other provisions in lieu thereof: Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled:—

- 1 This Act may be cited as "The Tasmanian Public Library Act." Short title.
- 2 The Act of Council of the 14th Victoria, No. 12, is hereby repealed. Repeal.
- 3 For the government of "The Tasmanian Public Library" there Appointment of shall be Eight Trustees, of whom the Honorable Thomas Daniel Trustees. Chapman and Joseph Allport, Esquires, shall be two, and three shall be appointed and removed by the Governor in Council, and three shall be appointed and removed by the Municipal Council of the City of Hobart Town: Provided that in case of the death or resignation of the said Thomas Daniel Chapman the Governor shall appoint another Trustee in his stead, and in case of the death or resignation of the said Trustee in his stead, and in case of the death or resignation of the said

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Joseph Allport the said Municipal Council shall appoint another Trustee in his stead; and in case of the death or removal of any Trustee appointed by the Governor in Council another Trustee may be appointed by him in the stead of the Trustee so dying or removed; and in case of the death or removal of any Trustee appointed by the said Municipal Council another Trustee may be appointed by the said Council in the stead of the Trustee so dying or removed.

Trustees a Corporation.

4 The Trustees so appointed under the provisions and for the purposes of this Act shall be a body politic, by the name of "The Trustees of the Tasmanian Public Library," and shall by that name have perpetual succession, and shall by the same name sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all Courts and places whatsoever, and shall have power to compound or to prove in any competent Court all debts due to them.

Personal property vested in the Trustees.

Power to hold, purchase, &c. personal property.

5 From and after the passing of this Act all moneys, securities for money, books, works of art, goods, chattels, and effects, now vested in the said Thomas Daniel Chapman and Joseph Allport as the surviving Trustees for the members of the Tasmanian Public Library under the Act of Council of the 14th Victoria, No. 12, shall be vested in the Trustees under this Act; and the Trustees shall have power and be capable in law to hold the same, and to receive, purchase, and hold any other moneys, securities for money, books, works of art, specimens, goods, chattels and effects, and with the approval of the Governor in Council to sell, exchange, convert into money, and deliver any part of the same, and to make donations of any part thereof; and to invest and reinvest for the benefit of the Library any moneys which may be received by them by way of donation or endowment, and to apply the interest and income for the purpose of maintaining such Library in a state of efficiency.

Power to make Rules, &c.

- 6 The majority of the Trustees for the time being, at any General Meeting assembled, shall have power from time to time to make, repeal, alter, and re-enact such Rules and Regulations as they think fit, for the purpose of providing for:—
 - 1. The conduct of their own proceedings:
 - 2. The due management of the affairs of the Corporation:
 - 3. The admission or exclusion of the public or any individual to and from the Library or any part thereof:
 - 4. The conditions subject to which the reading of books or manuscripts, or making copies or extracts therefrom, may be had: and,
 - 5. For the most effectual use of the books and exhibits for the purposes of public education and enjoyment:

And all such Rules and Regulations shall be reduced to writing, and shall be submitted for the approval of the Governor in Council, and if approved they shall be published in the Gazette.

Annual Report.

7 The Trustees shall, on or before the Thirty-first day of *March* in every year, report the proceedings of the Corporation during the previous year to the Colonial Secretary, and such Report shall contain a full account of the income and expenditure of the Corporation duly audited by the Colonial Auditor; and a copy of such Report, and of all the Rules and Regulations approved as aforesaid, shall be laid in each year before Parliament.

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