

An Ordinance for establishing of a Parish
and the regulating of the Choice of Church
Wardens and Vestrymen.

Whereas our most gracious Sovereign
and the Parliament of Great Britain were
pleased, in their pious concern for the advance-
ment of Gods Glory and the more decent cele-
bration of the Divine Ordinances, in this Island
to grant a sum of money towards erecting a
Church for the religious Worship according to
the Usage of the Church of England.

And Whereas the said Monies so
granted as aforesaid have been wholly expended
in the Building of the walls, Completing the
Roof and Inclosing the said Church.

And whereas numbers of the In-
habitants have signified their willingness to
erect pews, in the said Church at their own
expence and to subscribe according to their
Abilities towards the further Completing the
inside of the said Church as soon as they can
be insured in the Enjoyment of the said Pews.

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And Whereas it is found necessary in
Order to answer the good purposes aforesaid
and to encourage so laudable a disposition in
the Inhabitants that a Parish should be Estab-
lished and the Parishioners Authorised to
choose ^{annually} the necessary Officers for having the care
and Management of the said Church.

Be it therefore Ordained and Or-
dered by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governour
by and with the Advice and consent of His Ma-
jesty's Council, and it is hereby Ordained and
Ordered by the Authority of the same, That the
Parish of the Church known by the name of
Saint Georges Church in the Town of Swaney shall
Comprehend this Island and its Dependencies
and shall hereafter be known and called by the
name of the Parish of Saint George for and during
such time only as the said Island and its Dependencies
shall consist of one Parish; And for the preservation
of purity and Unity of Doctrine and Discipline
in the said Church and the right Administration
of the Sacraments therein, no Minister shall be
admitted as a Minister of the said Church or as
belonging thereto but such as shall produce to the
Governour, Lieutenant Governour or Commander

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in Chief, for the time being a Testimonial that he hath
 been regularly Ordained as a Minister of the Church
 of England, and shall publicly declare his assent
 and Consent to the Book of Common prayer and
 shall subscribe to be conformable to the Orders
 and Constitutions of the Church of England, and
 shall have been Inducted into the said Parish by the
 Governor Lieutenant Governor or Commander in
 Chief, for the time being.

And be it further Ordained and
 Ordered by the Authority aforesaid that the Parish-
 oners of the said Parish are hereby empowered to
 meet at the said Church in the Town of Sydney on Mon-
 day the Twenty fifth day of April next and shall
 then and there choose two persons from among the
 said Parishoners for Church Wardens, And eight
 persons of the said Parishoners for Vestrymen, in
 addition to which number the Minister belonging to
 the said Parish shall always be one of the Vestry, and
 the meeting of the Parishoners for the Choosing of
 Church Wardens and Vestrymen shall after the
 said Twenty fifth day of April next be annually
 on Easter Monday.

And be it further Ordained and
 Ordered by the Authority aforesaid; That the said
 Church Wardens and Vestrymen shall have full
 powers

power and Authority when the plan for Com-
-pleting the inside of the said Church shall
be fixed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Govern-
-nor to agree with such of the Parishioners as
shall be desirous of building pews in the said
Church upon such terms and Conditions as
the said Church Wardens and Vestrymen or
the Majority of them shall deem just and Equitable
which Agreements so made by the said Church
Wardens and Vestry, shall be Valid and have
their full force and effect in Law Provided al-
-ways that such agreement or any other Act done
or agreed upon to be done shall be agreed on by
at least one of the said Church Wardens and
Five of the said Vestrymen.

And be it further Ordained and Or-
-dered by the Authority aforesaid, That the said
Church Wardens and Vestrymen may meet as
often as the business of the said Church shall
require and shall have full power and Authority
to ask demand sue for and receive the rents
that may become due from time to time for the
pews of the said Church or other dues for the
benefit and repairs of the same, and to take
and receive all gifts of money to and for the

use of the said Parish Church and to improve the same for the benefit and advantage thereof according to their best discretion and the true Interest and meaning of the Donors and shall at the expiration of their Office annually account with their successors for all the monies received by them for the use of the said Parish Church, or as having been the Church Wardens and Vestrymen thereof and pay the overplus (if any in their hands) of all such monies to their successors in Office for the uses and purposes aforesaid.

And be it further Ordained and Ordered by the Authority aforesaid, that every Church Warden and Vestryman to be chosen from time to time by virtue of this Ordinance shall produce to the Minister belonging to the said church a Certificate of his having taken the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and subscribed the declaration against Popery.

And be it further Ordained and Ordered by the Authority aforesaid that nothing in this Ordinance contained shall extend to or be construed to extend to or in any wise affect

Dissenters

Diocesan from the Church of England of what
denomination soever in their mode of Worship
in their meeting Houses for that purpose

Approved Ordained and enacted
in Council, accordingly the Thirtieth
day of March One Thousand seven
Hundred, Ninety one, And in the
Thirty first Year of the Reign of
King George the Third.

Signed
W. Macarmick

Passed in Council
the 30th day of March 1791.

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Henry Clerk of Council