

**CHAPTER 295.**

**WESLEYAN METHODIST (VESTING OF PROPERTY).**

[PRIVATE BILL.]

5/1922.

(8th June, 1922.)

WHEREAS there is a body of persons in the Colony of Montserrat known as "Wesleyan Methodists" connected in religious fellowship and now affiliated with the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society whose office is at No. 24 Bishopsgate in the City of London : Preamble.

AND WHEREAS real property has from time to time been acquired by and on behalf of the said body of persons and is now used and occupied by the ministers and agents of the said Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society as sites for churches, chapels, schools, and mission houses :

AND WHEREAS on the acquisition of such real property the deeds of conveyance thereof and other evidences of title thereto were usually taken in the names of the ministers for the time being of the church or in the names of trustees including persons for the time being filling official positions in the churches of the said Society and in the case of some of the lands no deeds or conveyances or other evidences have been taken :

AND WHEREAS inconvenience has been caused and expense incurred by reason of the changes from time to time necessarily made in the persons officially connected with the said churches and of the deaths of persons in whom the legal ownership of such property is vested and such inconvenience and expense are likely to recur continually unless some remedy be applied to prevent the same :

AND WHEREAS a company known as the "Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Trust Association" has been duly registered in England under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1893 of the Imperial Parliament having its registered office at No. 24 Bishopsgate in the City of London and having as one of its objects the acting and allowing its name to be used as trustee for the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society and accordingly to purchase, hold, sell, lease, manage and charge land or real estate or any interest therein :

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to vest in the said company the real and personal property acquired in the Colony of Montserrat for and on behalf of the Wesleyan Methodists :

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Wesleyan Methodist (Vesting of Property) Ordinance.

Vesting of property.

2. All real and personal property in the Colony of Montserrat now held or vested in the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society or held by or vested in the people called Wesleyan Methodists or held by or vested in any person or persons on behalf of the said Society or the said Wesleyan Methodists shall be held by and vested in the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Trust Association its successors and assigns for the same estates and interests and to the extent which the same were respectively at the time of the passing of this Ordinance held or vested as aforesaid subject to the rights reservations and charges (if any) now affecting the same and the trusts upon which the same are now held.

Saving of rights.

3. Nothing in this Ordinance shall prejudice or affect the rights of Her Majesty the Queen, Her heirs and successors or any body politic or corporate or of any other person or persons except such as are mentioned in this Ordinance and those claiming by from through or under them.