

CHAPTER 70.

An Act to amend the Acts for Incorporating the Trustees of the Free Church Congregations, of Sydney, Catalogne, Mire, Cow-bay, and Forks, in the County of Cape Breton.

(Passed the 31st day of March, A. D. 1853.)

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Be it enacted by the governor, council, and assembly, as follows :

1. The trustees of the several congregations above named, and their successors in office, may, from time to time, with the consent of the minister for the time being, increase their number by the addition of such other suitable persons as may be deemed necessary for the due management of their respective trusts and obligations; and if, at any time, the congregation or congregations, neglect to appoint trustees, or in case the trustees themselves neglect to add to their number when necessary, the presbytery of the bounds, with the consent of the minister, unless there be a vacancy, shall appoint such persons as they may deem fit for the office; and in all cases, each person so appointed and his successors in office, shall have co-ordinate rights, powers, and obligations, with the other trustees.

2. All pew rents, subscriptions for the sustentation of the ministry, or for building places of worship, or other monies whatsoever, now or hereafter to be due, owing, coming, or in arrear, to or for the benefit of such churches or congregations, or for the purposes of the trust, shall be payable to the trustees, respectively; and shall be secured, sued for, and recovered by them or by their convener or secretary, for the purposes contemplated, in the same manner, and by the same means as debts of the like amount may or can be sued for and recovered.

3. The trustees of each congregation are hereby empowered to finish their respective places of worship, and if the amount originally subscribed by parties be insufficient for that purpose, they are hereby authorised to effect a loan, which, in no case shall exceed sixty pounds, currency, on the security of such churches, respectively.

4. Two general meetings, at least, shall be held by the trustees, in each year, namely: in March and in September, at which each trustee shall submit a return of all sums paid, and all arrears due at each term, by each subscriber within the district entrusted

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