

sociation have expended in this Province, a very large sum, being upwards of Three Hundred Thousand Pounds, Sterling, and have consequently obtained and acquired extensive property both Real and Personal, now held by the Agents or Trustees, or by some person or persons in trust, or to the use of and for the said Association; and from the extent and amount of their business, and the great number of Proprietors, all or most of them resident in England; and to facilitate the operations of the said Association; and for the benefit of all and every person or persons who may have dealings and transactions with the said Association; and to enable such person or persons more easily to enforce any right of Action against the said Association, it is expedient to declare such Association to be a Body Politic and Corporate.

I. *Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That Edward Blount, Felix Calvert Ladbroke, John Gawler Bridge, Jose de Silva, Ambrose Humphreys, Thomas Vigne, Alfred Charles Bridge, George Wane, Thomas Fane, John Easthope, Samuel Cunard, and all and every other person or persons whosoever, who now are, or hereafter may be, or shall be, or become, a Proprietor or Proprietors, of and in any Share or Shares of the Joint Stock, Capital, or Funds, of the General Mining Association, or the Corporation hereby established, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, one Body Politic and Corporate, in deed and in name, by the name of the "General Mining Association;" and by that name shall and may sue and be sued, defend and be defended, answer and be answered unto, implead and be impleaded, in any Court of Law or Equity, or other place whatsoever; and by that name shall and may prefer, present and prosecute, any Indictment, Information, or other Criminal Proceeding, for or in respect of any Larceny, Felony, Misdemeanor, or other offence, done or committed against the said Corporation, its Goods, Chattels, or Property whatsoever; and by that name shall have succession and a Common Seal, with liberty the same to change, alter, break, and make anew, as to them shall seem fit; and by that name to have, hold, take, receive, occupy, open, work, possess and enjoy, any Property whatsoever, either in fee simple, or for term of years, or otherwise howsoever, and to grant, sell, let, demise, mortgage, convey and dispose of the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, and at all times, as to the said Corporation shall seem meet and most beneficial and advantageous to their interests.

II. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Proprietors and Shareholders of and in the said General Mining Association, hereby incorporated, as aforesaid, at any General Meeting of such Proprietors, called and convened in conformity with the provisions of the said Deed of Settlement, hereinbefore referred to, or any future meeting of such Proprietors, to be held and convened agreeably to such Deed of Settlement, or any Bye Laws, Ordinances, Rules or Regulations, hereinafter mentioned, to make, constitute, pass, ordain, declare and establish, such Bye-laws, Rules, Ordinances and Regulations, for the management of the affairs and business of the said Corporation, the appointment of its Officers, the sale or transfer of shares, the manner of calling, holding and voting at any Meeting of the Proprietors of the said Corporation, or of its Directors; or for or touching any other matter or thing requisite or necessary for the good order and management of the said Corporation, as by the said Proprietors, or the majority of them, present at such Meeting, may be judged necessary and proper; and such Bye-laws, Rules, Ordinances or Regulations, or any and every of them, from time to time, in the same manner, to change, alter, revoke, revive, abrogate and amend, as may or shall be deemed proper and requisite: *Provided always,* that no Rule, Bye-law, Ordinance or Regulation, at any time to be made by the said Corporation, shall be contrary or repugnant to any of the Laws or Statutes of this Province, or those in force within the same.

III. *And be it enacted,* That, until such Bye-law, Rules, Ordinances and Regulations, shall be made and established as aforesaid, the several Provisions, Rules and Regulations, mentioned, expressed, declared, established, or contained in and by the said Deed of Settlement, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be, so far as the same or any part or parts thereof can or may be in anywise applicable, or apply to a Body Politic and Corporate, the Rules, Ordinances, Bye-laws and Regulations of the said Corporation hereby established, and to be of the same force and effect, to all intents and purposes, as if the same were made and established under and by virtue of this Act; and the said Corporation, its affairs and business, shall, in all respects, until the contrary shall be declared and established,

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