

and be impleaded, answer and be answered in all courts of law and equity and places whatsoever, in as large, ample, and beneficial a manner as any other body corporate, or as any other person may or can in law or equity sue or be sued, implead or be impleaded, answer or be answered unto, in any manner whatsoever; provided always, that the lands, tenements and premises so to be holden by the said corporation shall not at any time exceed the annual value of four hundred pounds, in any one parish of this Island; and further provided that the rents and profits arising from any such lands and premises, shall be applied for the uses and purposes of the church or churches within the parish where such lands are situate, and not elsewhere.

II. It shall be lawful for any person or persons within the said diocese of the said Roman Catholic Bishop, in whom or in whose name or names, any lands, tenements and hereditaments, situate, lying and being within the said Island, are now, or shall, or may be hereafter vested in trust or otherwise, for the benefit of the said Roman Catholic Church, in the said diocese, from time to time, to convey, assign, or transfer by deed under his hand and seal, or their hands and seals, in the usual legal way, all or any of the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments unto the Roman Catholic Bishop for the time being of the said diocese, by his corporate name aforesaid, to be holden by the said Bishop and his successor and successors, in his said corporate name aforesaid, for the purposes aforesaid, as provided by this Act.

Lands held in trust for Church how conveyed.

III. It shall not be lawful for the said Bishop, or his successor or successors, for the time being, to make or execute any indenture of lease as aforesaid, of the lands, tenements and hereditaments acquired or held, or to be hereafter acquired or held by him under and by virtue of this Act, without the consent in writing of his Vicar General; or in case the said Vicar General shall be incapacitated by sickness, infirmity, or any other cause, or shall happen to be necessarily absent at the time, then of two other clergymen to be selected or named by the Roman Catholic Bishop of the diocese; such selection or nomination, and such consent, to appear upon the face of the indenture or lease intended to be executed by the parties, and to be testified by the said Bishop and Vicar General, or two clergymen as aforesaid, being made parties to and signing and sealing the said indenture of lease in the presence of two credible witnesses, as consenting parties thereto, respectively.

Leases, what consent obtained for.

IV. Nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend, in any manner, to confer any spiritual or ecclesiastical rights whatsoever, upon the said Roman Ca-

Act not to confer spiritual jurisdiction.