

THE ART UNIONS LEGALIZATION ACT

Cap. 23.

[12th May, 1890.]

Whereas it is expedient to legalize the formation in this Preamble.
Island of the voluntary associations known as Art Unions, for the purchase of statuary, paintings, drawings or other works of art, to be allotted or distributed by chance or otherwise among the several members, subscribers or contributors forming part of such associations, or for raising sums of money by subscriptions or contributions to be allotted or distributed by chance or otherwise as prizes among the members, subscribers, or contributors, forming part of such associations, on the condition, nevertheless, that such sums of money so allotted and distributed be expended solely and entirely in the purchase of statuary, paintings, drawings or other works of art :

1. This Act may be cited as the Art Unions Short title.
Legalization Act.

2. All voluntary associations as aforesaid which may be constituted according to the provisions hereinafter contained shall be deemed to be lawful associations; and the members of and subscribers and contributors to all such lawful associations, and all persons acting under their authority or on their behalf for the purposes aforesaid, shall be freed and discharged from all pains and penalties, suits, prosecutions and liabilities, to which by any enactment now or hereafter to be in force they would be liable, but for the passing of this Act, as being concerned in illegal lotteries or other unlawful games, by reason of anything done or which may be done by them or any of them in furtherance of the allotment or distribution, by scheme or

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otherwise, of statuary, paintings, drawings or other works of art, or of the allotment or distribution of sums of money as prizes to be expended for their purchase :

Provided always that a licence shall have been first obtained for the incorporation of any such association from the Minister, or provided that the deed of partnership or other instrument or instruments constituting such association, and the rules and regulations relating to the proceedings of such association for such purposes as aforesaid, shall have been submitted to the consideration of and be approved by the Minister, and a copy of such licence, deed or instrument, shall be recorded at length in the Record Office of this Island, and that it shall be expressed in such licence, deed or instrument that a Commission may at any time, and from time to time be appointed under the provisions of the Commissions of Enquiry Act, for the consideration of the conduct and proceedings of any such association, with power, when it shall appear to such Commission that any such association is perverted from the purposes of this Act, to certify the fact to the Minister and thereupon it shall be lawful for the Minister to revoke or annul the licence, deed or instrument, under which the association so offending is constituted; and nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to apply to any association whose licence, deed or other instrument, shall have been so revoked or annulled.

Certificate
of record of
licence or
deed.

3. Upon the recording of the licence, deed or instrument, or instruments, constituting any such association as aforesaid, the Deputy Keeper of the Records shall give to the Secretary of the association a certificate that the same has been so recorded, and shall cause a copy thereof to be inserted in the *Gazette*, and such certificate, or a copy of

the *Gazette* containing the publication thereof, shall be received by all courts in this Island, without proof of the signature, as evidence of the association having been duly constituted under this Act.

Publication thereof. Evidence thereof.

4. Every licence granted by the Minister, or deed of partnership, or other instrument or instruments constituting an association under this Act, and every certificate to be given by the Deputy Keeper of the Records as aforesaid, shall be exempt from stamp duty.

Freedom of licence, etc., from stamp duty.