

CHAPTER 436
SALVATION ARMY

Ordinance No. 11 of 1924. AN ORDINANCE TO VEST THE PROPERTY OF THE SALVATION ARMY IN THE GENERAL FOR THE TIME BEING OF THE SAID ARMY.

[27th June, 1924.]

Preamble.

Whereas by deed poll dated the 7th day of August, 1878, made by William Booth and duly recorded in the Chancery Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in England, it was declared that a society had been formed under the name of the Christian Mission for the purposes mentioned in the said deed :

And whereas by another deed poll dated the 24th day of June, 1880, made by the said William Booth and duly recorded as aforesaid, it was declared that the name of the said society had been changed to " The Salvation Army ":

And whereas by another deed poll dated the 26th day of July, 1904, made by the said William Booth and duly recorded as aforesaid, the purposes and objects of the Salvation Army were more fully set forth and declared:

And whereas in and by the said deed poll it was declared that the General of the Salvation Army should have power to acquire any real and personal estate which might in his judgment be required for the purposes of the Salvation Army, and the said William Booth was declared the first General of the Salvation Army and provision was made for the appointment of subsequent Generals of the Salvation Army:

And whereas in and by a certain further deed poll dated the 30th day of January, 1891, it was declared that all moneys and other property contributed, collected, or received for the purposes of a social scheme called the " Darkest England " Scheme therein referred to (and the administration whereof was vested in the General for the time being of the Salvation Army under the

title of " Director " of such scheme) should be kept distinct from the other property of the Salvation Army and that all money and other property collected as aforesaid and the land investments and property for the time being representing the same should be held and applied upon the trusts in the said deed poll contained:

And whereas it was by the said last-recited deed poll further provided that the General of the Salvation Army for the time being should be at liberty to extend the benefit of the said scheme or of any part thereof to countries (other than the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) from or for which contributions might be received due regard being had in the case of any such extension to the proportional amounts contributed from or for the different countries to which the said scheme was made to extend:

And whereas the said William Booth died on the 20th day of August, 1912, and William Bramwell Booth was duly appointed and still is the General of the Salvation Army in succession to the said William Booth:

And whereas the said William Booth acquired immovable property in this Island for the purposes of the Salvation Army, which immovable property was conveyed to and vested in the Salvation Army or in the said William Booth as General of the Salvation Army or in the General of the Salvation Army or his successors in office, and also acquired certain movable property:

And whereas the said immovable and movable property is now vested in William Bramwell Booth, successor to the said

William Booth as General of the Salvation Army, and it is now desirable to provide for the vesting of the said immovable and movable property in the General for the time being of the Salvation Army:

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

sell, mortgage, lease, exchange, partition, or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property (immovable as well as movable) which may for the time being be vested in or have been acquired by him under any of the provisions of this Ordinance.

6. No change of the person holding the office of General of the Salvation Army shall affect any immovable or movable property or any interest therein vested in "The General of the Salvation Army", but the same shall vest in the succeeding General of the Salvation Army in the same way and to the same extent as such property or interest vested in the former General of the Salvation Army.

Change of person holding office of General not to affect property and interest.

7. "The General of the Salvation Army" shall have power to appoint an attorney for such time and purposes and with such powers as may be stated in the power of attorney.

Power to appoint attorney.

8. Upon the lodging at the office of the Registrar-General of copies certified by the proper officer or sealed by the proper department of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in England of documents purporting to be the appointment of and acceptance of office by a General of the Salvation Army, the person named in such appointment and acceptance shall be deemed "The General of the Salvation Army", until the recording and lodging of similarly certified copies of a new appointment and acceptance.

Who to be deemed General of the Salvation Army.

9. Nothing in this Ordinance shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic, 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.

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Salvation Army Ordinance.

General of the Salvation Army to be deemed a corporation sole.

2. The General of the Salvation Army for the time being shall be deemed a corporation sole and shall be known and described as "The General of the Salvation Army" and by this name shall have perpetual succession.

Immovable and movable property vested in General of Salvation Army.

3. All immovable and movable property in Ceylon and all interest therein now vested in the said William Bramwell Booth are hereby vested in "The General of the Salvation Army" to the same extent to which they vested in the said William Bramwell Booth prior to the commencement of this Ordinance.

Power of General of Salvation Army to acquire immovable and movable property.

4. "The General of the Salvation Army" shall have full power to acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance, or otherwise any immovable or movable property in Sri Lanka or any estate or interest therein.

General entitled to sell, mortgage, Ac.

5. "The General of the Salvation Army" shall, subject to any restraint, reservation, or condition contained in the document under which he shall acquire title thereto, have full power and be entitled to