

**Presbyterian Church Ordinance  
(CHAPTER 372)**

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An Ordinance to empower the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore to sell certain property, and for other purposes.

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Whereas by an indenture dated the third day of August, 1866, and made between the Reverend Arthur Tidman, of the London Mission House, Finsbury, London, Doctor of Divinity, the Foreign Secretary of the Missionary Society usually called the London Missionary Society, of the first part, and the Reverend William Jeffrey, Minister of the Presbyterian Congregation at Singapore, John James Greenshields, Matthew Little, Robert Jamie, John Anderson, Robert Little, M.D., and John Stowe Young, respectively of Singapore, inhabitants, of the second part, the said Arthur Tidman, as such Secretary, in pursuance of the resolution of the Board of Directors of the said Society, by which the affairs of the said Society are managed, did, in consideration therein mentioned, subject nevertheless to the trust and purposes contained in the said recited indenture, assign unto the said William Jeffrey, John James Greenshields, Matthew Little, Robert Jamie, John Anderson, Robert Little, M.D., and John Stowe Young, their executors and assigns, all that piece or parcel of land, hereditaments and premises, comprised in a certain indenture, No. 215, made or bearing to be made between the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, of the one part, and C. H. Thompson, of Singapore, in the East Indies, of the other part, dated the twenty-fifth day of January, 1827, whereby the said United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies did, for the consideration therein mentioned, demise and let to the said C. H. Thompson, his executors, administrators, representatives, and assigns, the said piece or parcel of land and hereditaments for the term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years from the day of the date thereof, which said piece or parcel of land and hereditaments were thereafter, on the thirtieth day of September, 1828, assigned by the said C. H. Thompson to the Treasurer and Secretary of the said Missionary Society, for and on behalf of the said Society:

And Whereas the edifice or chapel erected on the said last-mentioned piece or parcel of land, and which has hitherto been used as a place of Christian worship by the members and congregation of the Presbyterian Church, is in a dilapidated condition and unsafe to be used as a public place of worship, and in consequence of the great increase of traffic, factories, public-houses, and other noisome trades, the services of the church are frequently interrupted and disturbed; and it is desirable, therefore, that a more suitable place of worship should be erected in another more eligible locality:

And Whereas the Governor, acting for and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, upon the application of the members of the Deacons' Court of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore, has granted unto the Reverend William Dale, Minister of the Presbyterian Congregation at Singapore, Robert Little, M.D., John Hutchison Robertson, M.D., Samuel Dunlop, John Anderson, Robert Jamie, Alexander Maughan Martin, Thomas Cuthberton, James Parker Niven, William McKerrow, and William Alexander Pickering, their heirs and assigns, a piece or parcel of land situate in the town of Singapore, in trust, for the purpose of having a building or buildings erected thereon for religious worship