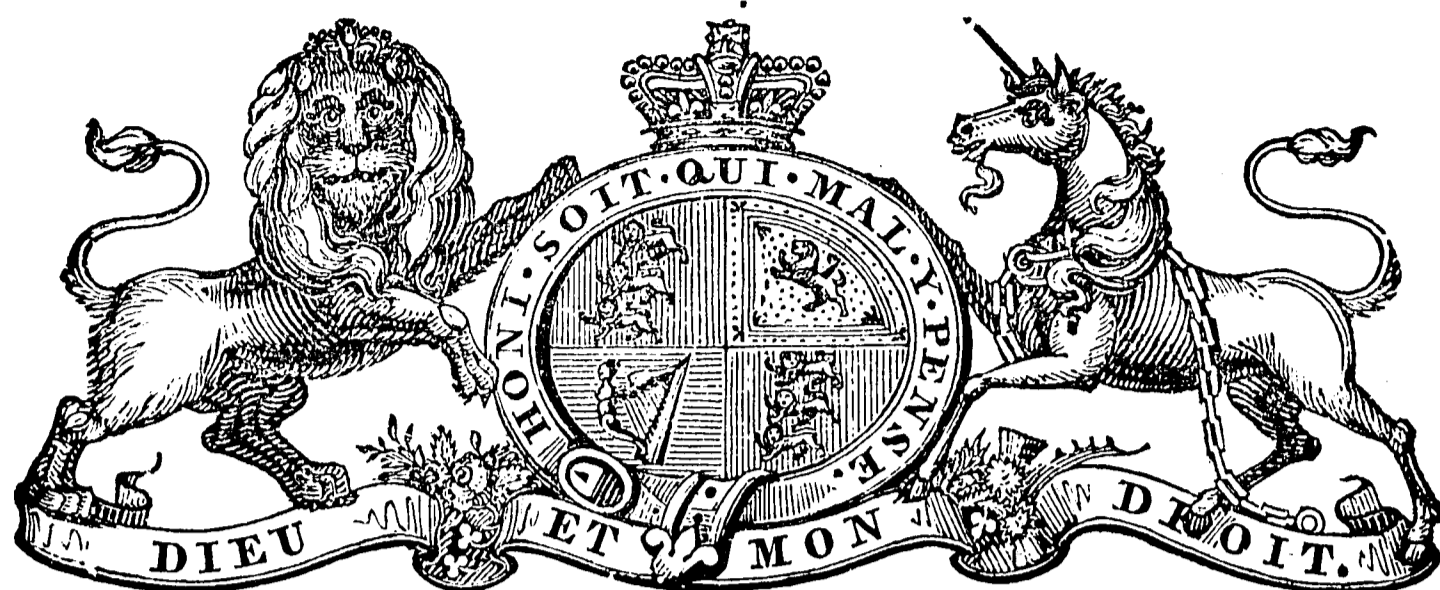


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No. CCCLVII.

An Act to provide for the incorporation and government of the Public Library Museums and National Gallery of Victoria.

[29th December 1869.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :—

1. This Act shall be called and may be cited as the "*Library Museums and National Gallery Act.*" Short title.

2. For the government of the Public Library Museums and National Gallery of Victoria there shall be not less than fifteen trustees, who shall from time to time be appointed and removed by the Governor in Council: Provided that the present trustees of the Melbourne Public Library shall be appointed under this Act. Trustees to be appointed by Governor in Council.

3. The trustees so appointed under the provisions and for the purposes of this Act shall be a body politic and corporate by the name of "The Trustees of the Public Library Museum and National Gallery of Victoria" and shall by that name have perpetual succession, and shall adopt and have a common seal, and shall by the same name sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all courts and places whatsoever and shall have power to compound or to prove in any competent court all debts due to them. Trustees a corporation.

4. From and after the passing of this Act all the parcels of land described in the schedule hereunto annexed, and now vested in the trustees of the Melbourne Public Library shall be vested in the trustees under Lands vested in corporation: Power to take, &c., sell &c., certain lands.

16 Vict. No. 36, s. 1.

Proviso.

Personal property
vested in the trustees.

Power to hold, purchase, &c., &c., personal property.

Power to make rules,
&c.Vide 16 Vict. No. 34,
s. 7.; 27 Vict., No.
228, s. 39, No. 176,
s. 171.

under this Act and such trustees shall have power and be capable in law to take purchase and hold lands tenements and hereditaments of all kinds whatsoever and wheresoever situate and as regards all such lands tenements and hereditaments not included in such schedule shall have power and be capable in law to sell exchange grant demise let or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof: Provided that it shall not be lawful for the trustees so to alienate or otherwise dispose of such lands tenements or hereditaments unless with the approval of the Governor in Council nor to demise or let any part thereof except by lease for any term not exceeding ten years from the time when such lease shall be executed, by which there shall be reserved during the term the highest rent which can be obtained for the same without fine.

5. From and after the passing of this Act all the books works of art goods chattels and effects now in the possession of the trustees of the Melbourne Public Library and the industrial collections now in the buildings known as the Exhibition buildings, and the books works of art collection of objects of natural history now in the building known as the National Museum and all the goods chattels and effects therein save and except any the property of the University of Melbourne and also any portion of such collection which may be in the buildings of the University shall be vested in the trustees under this Act but the said collection of objects of natural history and all the goods chattels and effects last mentioned shall not be removed from the National Museum without the consent of the Governor in Council; and the trustees shall have power and be capable in law to hold the same and to receive purchase and hold any other books works of art specimens goods chattels and effects and with the approval of the Governor in Council to sell exchange convert into money and deliver any part of the same and to make donations of any part thereof.

6. The majority of the trustees for the time being at any general meeting assembled shall have power from time to time to make repeal alter and re-enact such rules and regulations as they think fit for the purpose of providing for—

- (I.) The conduct of their own proceedings :
- (II.) The due management of the affairs of the corporation in its several departments :
- (III.) The admission or exclusion of the public or any individual to and from the library museum and national gallery or any part thereof :
- (IV.) The conditions subject to which the reading of books or manuscripts or making copies or extracts therefrom and the inspection of objects in the museum and taking copies thereof or instruction in the different schools of industry and art may be had and the amount of fees to be demanded for such instruction and the appropriation of such fees : and
- (V.) For the most effectual use of the books and exhibits for the purposes of public education and enjoyment.

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And all such rules and regulations shall be reduced to writing and the common seal of the corporation having been affixed thereto shall be submitted for the approval of the Governor in Council and if approved they shall be published in the *Government Gazette*.

7. The trustees shall on or before the thirty-first day of March in every year report the proceedings of the corporation during the previous year to the Chief Secretary and such report shall contain a full account of the income and expenditure of the corporation duly audited by the Commissioners of Audit and a copy of such report and of all the rules and regulations approved as aforesaid shall be laid in each year before Parliament. Annual report.
22 Vict. No. 86.

SCHEDULE.

All that piece of land in Victoria, containing two acres three roods and sixteen perches situated in the county of Bourke, parish of North Melbourne, city of Melbourne, being part of section twenty-seven, commencing at the point of intersection of the south-east side of La Trobe street with the south-west side of Russell street, bounded on the north-west by La Trobe street, bearing south sixty-two degrees west, six chains; on the south-west by the Public Library reserve, bearing south twenty-eight degrees east four chains seventy-five links; on the south east by Little Lonsdale street, bearing north sixty-two degrees east six chains; and on the north-east by Russell street, bearing north twenty-eight degrees west four chains seventy-five links to the point of commencement. Sec. 4.

All that piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Bourke Parish of North Melbourne, in Victoria, and containing by admeasurement One acre three roods and thirty-two perches, being part of section twenty-seven, commencing at the north-west corner of said section and bounded on the north by La Trobe street, bearing north sixty-two degrees east four chains; on the east by a line bearing south twenty-eight degrees east, four chains seventy-five links; on the south by Little Lonsdale street, bearing south sixty-two degrees west four chains; and on the west by Swanston street, bearing north twenty-eight degrees west four chains seventy-five links. Sec. 4.

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