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Unto The Right Reverend Father in God Wade H. Stirling D.D. Bishop of the Falkland Islands

Whereas a Building has been erected by public subscription in Stanley for the purpose of the public Worship of Almighty God in harmony with the Doctrine and Discipline, the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England: And Whereas it is now desirable to Consecrate the said Building under the name of Christ-Church and to use it for the benefit of the Community in the performance of Divine Services, the Administration of the Holy Sacraments, the Celebration of Marriages and all other Rites and Offices set forth in the Book of Common Prayer now in use: And Whereas it has become expedient and necessary to frame a Constitution under which the said Church shall be used and maintained, and whereby the rights and privileges of Public Worship shall be guarded and upheld: We, therefore whose names are hereunto attached pray that the said Building and ground belonging to it may be consecrated and set apart for Christian use under the terms of the appended Constitution and that the Building may be opened for the Services of Religion with Cathedral and Parochial privileges under the name of Christ-Church.

Constitution

I The doctrine and form of Worship of the English Episcopal Church in these Islands shall be in conformity with the Articles and Formularies of the Church of England as set forth in the Book of Common prayer now in use.

II Until it become expedient and convenient to formulate special Canons for the enforcement of discipline, and the administration of the affairs of this branch of the English Church it shall abide as far as practicable by the law and usage of the Mother Church.

III In the event of there arising any serious difficulty, (such as does not admit of local solution) in the carrying out of the terms of this Constitution a humble appeal shall be made to His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury with Assessors chosen by himself to determine the matter, Should such appeal fail to determine the question at issue, no prejudice shall accrue to the parties concerned, in view of further action should it be deemed necessary.

IV Christ-Church shall be at once the Cathedral and a parish Church the rights of each being set forth in this Constitution.

V The Bishop of the Anglican Communion of whose Diocese and Sphere of Administration the Falkland Islands form part shall have unquestioned authority to visit said Church and to exercise in all respects the rights and functions belonging to his office as Visitor Bishop and Ordinary within the lines of this Constitution.

VI No Clergyman shall be appointed to the said Church without the formal Licence and authority of the Bishop who shall have power to confer the title of Dean upon the duly appointed Incumbent or to retain the title himself.

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VII The Colonial Chaplain for the time being shall if licensed thereto by the Bishop be considered the Incumbent of Christ Church. If at any future time it should be found expedient to appoint as such Incumbent a Clergyman other than the Colonial Chaplain such new appointment shall not take effect until a vacancy is caused in the Incumbency either by the resignation retirement or decease of the Colonial Chaplain for the time being.

VIII. Trustees who must be bona fide Members of the Anglican Church Communion shall be appointed in whom shall be vested the Church-building and all other properties which from time to time may be acquired for the use of the Church and the Ministries thereof.

IX The patronage of the Church shall belong to the Trustees who shall safeguard in every way the interests of the Church in seeing that the Deed of Trust is duly observed and by turning to good account the means and opportunities which may arise of forming an Endowment and of otherwise strengthening the position of the ~~position of~~ the Church for the benefit of the Colony.

X A Registered Vestry shall be formed composed of all persons of full age who in good faith accept and subscribe their names to this Constitution

XI. It shall be the duty of the Registered Vestry to choose annually out of their number six male persons - being Communicants - to act as a Select Vestry: of these six persons two shall be Churchwardens (one being selected by the Incumbent and the other by the Registered Vestry) two Sidesmen: one Honorary Secretary: and the other Honorary Treasurer.

XII The Incumbent shall be ex officio Chairman of the Select Vestry which body shall be responsible for all that affects the Order of the Church and the arrangements for Public Worship: for the provision and safe keeping of the Church Registers, Service books &c and for a suitable Table of Fees to be placed conspicuously in the Vestry; for the assignment of Seats in the Church; for the decent maintenance of the fabric of the Church, as well as for the drainage and good order of the ground connected with the same.

XIII Members of the Select Vestry shall be capable of re-election: an annual Meeting of the Registered Vestry for the choice by open voting of Members to serve on the Select Vestry being held at Easter. Duly certified proxy votes shall be allowed. In the absence of the ex officio Chairman the Select Vestry shall have power to elect one of their own number as acting Chairman. No Meeting of this Vestry shall take place without ample notice to all Members within reach and no resolution shall be binding except for temporary service which a minority of Members in Session may pass. Such resolution must at the first opportunity be submitted to the full Vestry.

XIV Offertories shall be handed over at once to the Honorary Treasurer to be used at the discretion of the Select Vestry to defray Church expenses, except when after due notice offertories for special purposes

purposes shall be sanctioned by that body.

XV No alteration of the fabric of the Church and no adornments shall be made without the sanction of the Bishop

XVI There shall be an Annual Audit and rendering of Accounts to the Registered Vestry who shall cause the same to be printed and published. The Registered Vestry have the right to meet and consider matters connected with the Church and to express their wishes to the Select Vestry should twelve Members agree upon the expediency of so doing. And further, any meeting of the kind must be public and must be summoned in the most public way and after ample notice of the subject to be submitted for consideration by such meeting. has been given. The Meeting shall elect its own Chairman

XVII No alteration or modification of the terms of this Constitution shall be allowed except upon the most careful and formal deliberation on the part of the Vestries and Bishop and the Trustees; and no alteration whatever shall be allowed which in any way invalidates the character of Christ-Church as a Cathedral and as a parish Church or which tends to interfere with the full communion and inter-communion of the English Episcopal Church in the Falkland Islands with the Mother Church of England and with the various branches of the Anglican Church Communion in inter communion with her throughout the World.

XVIII That the Trustees now to be appointed and under this Constitution now actually appointed shall be the Bishop and his successors in virtue of their office; the Reverend Lowther Edward Brandon Charles Montague Dean Esquire of Port Stephens, Falkland Islands. John Hall Dean Esquire of Pebble Island, Falkland Islands; Ernest Augustus Holmstead Esquire of Adelaide Station Falkland Islands and William Frederick Robinson Esquire of Number fifty three Baker Street. London.

XIX The Trustees appointed under this Constitution shall have power to add to their number and to fill up vacancies as they may occur either by the resignation or decease of any of their number, provided always that the Vestries through the Dean or Incumbent shall be duly informed of any alteration regarding the same and that the Vestries shall have a right of veto or otherwise regarding the nomination of any person chosen for the office of Trustee.

XX The Trustees appointed under this Constitution shall by subscribing

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a Minute of Acceptance (copy of which is appended hereto) acknowledge their acceptance of the office of Trustees of Christ Church, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Minute of Acceptance by Trustees

Whereas under the Constitution of the English Episcopal Church in the Falkland Islands provision has been made for the appointment of Trustees who shall hold in trust Christ Church, Stanley and all properties at any time acquired for that Church and the Ministries thereof in accordance with the purpose and terms of the said Constitution; And whereas we, whose names are hereunto subscribed, have been in due form named and chosen as Trustees under the said Constitution We therefore hereby signify our acceptance of such office and trust acknowledging ourselves severally and jointly responsible for the proper fulfilment of the duties thereof.

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J. Hamilton

W. A. Harding.

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Joseph Aldridge

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Frederic Dacre

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Thomas Mills

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Hans. Jn. Bechthorn

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Lucy Stewart

A. Cameron

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Josephine Brandon

E. Felton

Margaretta Jones

William Goodall

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Ada R. Felton

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G. Turner

P. Turner

Lucy M. Turner

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C. Gibbons

Mrs M. A. Pitt

Emily Hunt

Jane Stevens

Marcella Barry

E. F. Biggs

Lily Geraldine King

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Eliza Blazin.

Richard Ritchie

A. F. Wirther

R. E. Wenther.

L. L. Durose.

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James Lewis.

W. Harrison.

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