

*Barbados Museum and Historical Society Act*

*An Act to incorporate the Barbados Museum and Historical Society.*

[31 May 1933.]

**Preamble.**

WHEREAS Margaret Kathleen Packer, M.B.E., Lawrence Timothy Yearwood, Mary Elizabeth Shilstone, and Eustace Maxwell Shilstone, persons interested in the collection, preservation and publishing of matter relating to the history and antiquities of this Island, and in gathering and preserving appropriate articles for a collection have by their humble petition to the Legislature, after stating that a Society had been formed under the name of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society, and setting forth the aims and objects of the Society, prayed that an Act may be passed incorporating the Society:

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition:

BE it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Island, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**Short title.**

1. This Act may be cited as the Barbados Museum and Historical Society Act, 1933.

**Incorporation of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society.**

2. The present and all future members of the Society shall be and they are hereby declared and adjudged to be one body politic and corporate by the name of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society, and by that name may have perpetual succession, and shall and may sue and be sued in all courts, and before all Magistrates, Justices and others in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, matters and causes whatsoever and shall and may have a common seal and may alter and vary the same at their pleasure and by the name aforesaid shall be in law and equity capable of holding all estate and property, real and personal, as may at any time be acquired by or come to the said Society in any manner whatsoever and of selling and disposing of the same from time to time for the benefit of the said Society: provided that such real and personal estate shall not exceed in value five thousand pounds.

**Property of the Society alone liable for its debts.**

3. The funds as well as the real estate and effects of the Society shall be alone subject and liable to any charge and demand against the Society, and no subscriber to the capital of the Society shall be liable for or charged with the payment of any debt or demand due from or by the Society beyond the extent of the abovesaid funds, property, and effects of the Society.

**Powers of the Society.**

4. The said Society shall have full power and authority to make, ordain, establish, and put into execution

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any bye-laws, ordinances, orders, rules, and regulations for and concerning the nomination, election, suspension, removal, and expulsion of members and officers, and the management, collection, and disposal of the funds, moneys, estates, belonging to the said Society and for conducting and regulating the business affairs and concerns of the said Society, and relative to any other matter or thing whatsoever which may in any wise concern the good government of the said Society, and the same from time to time to change, repeal, or vary, as may seem proper, provided always that no such bye-laws, ordinances, orders, rules, and regulations be in anywise repugnant or contrary to His Majesty's prerogative royal or to the laws of Great Britain or this Island; and the same shall not in any manner affect any other person or persons but those who are or may become members of the said Society. And it shall be lawful for the said Society to fix and appoint all or any reasonable and adequate fines, forfeitures, and penalties for the non-observance, non-performance, or breach thereof, and for enforcing the due observance thereof.

5. All fines, forfeitures, and penalties incurred by virtue of any bye-law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation made, ordained, and established as aforesaid, and all sums of money becoming due to the said Society from any of the members of the said Society shall be sued for and recovered in a summary way before any Police Magistrate on the complaint of the Secretary of the Society, and every Police Magistrate is hereby authorised and required to take cognizance thereof accordingly; and all fines, forfeitures, and penalties when received, or the overplus thereof after deducting necessary charges, shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said Society for the time being, for the use of the said Society.

6. Every dispute between any member or members of the Society or any person claiming through or under a member or under the rules of the Society, and any other member or members of the Society shall be decided in a manner directed by the rules of the Society and the decision so made shall be binding and conclusive on all the parties without appeal.

7. Nothing in this Act declared or expressed shall affect rights of His Majesty, his heirs and successors or any person except such as are mentioned in this Act, and those claiming by, from and under them.

Fines etc. to be recovered in a summary manner.

Disputes to be decided as directed by the rules.

Saving rights of Crown.