

CHAPTER 390

THE ST. JOHN'S CHURCHYARD ACT

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCHYARD

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Whereas the ancient churchyard surrounding the Cathedral of St. John's is no longer used as a burial ground and whereas it is expedient that the public should have free access to the same and that the churchyard and the walls surrounding it should be kept in good order and repair and whereas the Church Commissioners have consented to surrender the churchyard to the public on the condition that the churchyard and the walls surrounding the same should be put in good order and repair and so maintained at the public expense.

Preamble.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the St. John's Churchyard Act.

Powers to Church Commissioners to surrender.

2. It shall be lawful for the Church Commissioners to surrender, and the churchyard of St. John's Cathedral is hereby surrendered by the Church Commissioners to the Governor-General for the use of the public of Antigua and Barbuda and all property and possession therein is hereby reverted to the Crown to and for the use of the public of Antigua and Barbuda.

Walls of churchyard to be restored and kept in good repair at public expense.

3. The walls surrounding the churchyard shall be forthwith restored and put into a state of repair at the public expense and the churchyard and its walls shall hereafter be maintained in good order and repair at the public expense.

To be subject to by-laws made by Governor-General.

4. The churchyard shall be appropriated to the public, and shall, subject to such by-laws as may be made by the Governor-General, always be open for the use of the public as an open space.

Access by the public to the Cathedral.

5. The paths which now lead to the Cathedral through the churchyard from the various streets of the city shall, subject to any such by-laws as aforesaid, be always kept open for the free access of the public to the Cathedral during the performance of divine service.

Power to the Governor-General to make by-laws for regulation and maintenance of the churchyard.

6. The Governor-General may make by-laws for the regulation and maintenance of the churchyard and may by such by-laws provide for the removal from the churchyard of any person infringing any such by-law by any constable or person appointed for that purpose.

Desecration, alteration or disinterment not authorized.

7. Nothing in this Act shall be taken to authorize a desecration or alteration of the character of the churchyard or a disinterment of any bodies or remains.