

- (iv.) The duties and conduct of all officers and servants of the Commission in relation to such cemeteries :
- (v.) The entry of records in all registers kept at such cemeteries, the inspection thereof by the public, and the safe custody of such registers :
- (vi.) Generally, all such matters as appertain to the work of the Commission in connection with the maintenance and upkeep of all cemeteries held for the purposes of the Commission.

4. In the construction of this part of our charter the word "cemetery" may or shall include a Hindu or other non-Christian cremation-ground, and any action which may be taken in regard to a cemetery under the provisions of this our charter may be taken in regard to such a cremation-ground in so far as may be consistent with Hindu or such other religious customs as may be applicable in the case of any such cremation-ground.

VI. FINANCIAL.

1. The Commission is hereby authorized and empowered—

- (i.) To receive all funds which may be granted annually or otherwise by the Legislature of any part of our Dominions or any of our Protectorates in furtherance of the purposes of this our charter :
- (ii.) To administer all funds which may be granted as aforesaid, and to receive and administer all other funds which may be given or bequeathed in furtherance of the said purposes or derived from any other source not hereinbefore mentioned, with power, subject to any such conditions as may be attached to any such grant, gift, or bequest, as aforesaid, to treat all such funds either as capital or income at its discretion :
- (iii.) To establish an Endowment Fund, consisting of such part of its funds as shall from time to time be treated as capital :
- (iv.) To receive the income for the time being produced by the Endowment Fund, and to apply such income and all other the income of the Commission in carrying into effect the purposes of this our charter.

2. (i.) The Endowment Fund established as aforesaid shall be vested in three trustees, who shall be appointed, with the approval of the President, by the Commission under their common seal, and any vacancy in their number occasioned by death, resignation, or incapacity shall be filled in the like manner.

(ii.) The trustees may invest, and change the investments of, any moneys for the time being constituting the capital of the Endowment Fund, in such manner and in and for such securities of such a description as the trustees think expedient.

VII. GENERAL.

1. The Commission may at any time, and from time to time, with the concurrence of the President, apply for and accept a supplemental charter, or an Act of Parliament, if it appears to it that such supplemental charter or Act of Parliament is required for carrying into effect any of the purposes or powers of this our charter.

2. No act or proceeding of the Commission, or of a committee established by the Commission, shall be questioned on account of any vacancy or vacancies in the Commission or any such committee.

3. No defect in the qualification or appointment of any person acting as a member of the Commission or of a committee established by the Commission shall be deemed to vitiate any proceedings of the Commission or of such committee in which he has taken part, in cases where the majority of members parties to such proceedings are duly entitled to act.

4. (i.) Any instrument which if made by a private person would be required to be under seal shall be under the seal of the Commission, and signed by the proper officer of the Commission. Any notice issued by or on behalf of the Commission shall be deemed to be duly executed if signed by the proper officer; but, subject as aforesaid, any appointment made by the Commission, and any contract, order, or other document made by or proceeding from the Commission, shall be deemed to be duly executed either if sealed with the seal of the Commission and signed by the proper officer, or if signed by two or more members of the Commission authorized to sign them by a resolution of the Commission and countersigned by the proper officer.

(ii.) The proper officer of the Commission shall be any officer authorized by the Commission to sign such notices and documents as he is required to sign as aforesaid.

VIII. ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

1. The accounts of the Commission shall be audited annually by an auditor or auditors, who shall be chartered accountants, and who shall be named by the Governor of the Bank of England for the time being.

2. The Commission shall, once in every year at least, prepare a general report of their proceedings for the year preceding, and attach thereto a duly certified statement of accounts and of the finances of the Commission.

3. The President shall, on the completion of every such annual general report and statement of accounts, forthwith submit the same to Us, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to transmit copies thereof for the information of the Governments of such parts of our Dominions as are represented on the Commission or have made grants as aforesaid in furtherance of the purposes of this our charter.

In witness whereof We have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness Ourselves at Westminster, the day of , in the year of our Lord 1917, and in the eighth year of our reign.

By Warrant under the King's Sign-manual.