

reward; where man's best nature and intelligence can arise and assert their supremacy: the poor and the oppressed, whose unremitting toil, owing to their location and associations with which they are surrounded, has been insufficient to procure even the most common necessities of life, thereby dooming not only themselves, but their children in all future generations, to a precarious and bare subsistence, thereby binding the mind and the intelligence down to the unanswerable arguments of unrequited labor and want; therefore, to encourage and perpetuate this enterprise, We, the General Assembly of the State of Deseret, do ordain and establish the following Ordinance, to wit:

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AN ORDINANCE, *Incorporating the Perpetual Emigrating Company.*

*Sec. 1.* Be it ordained by the General Assembly of the State of Deseret, that the General, or a Special Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to be called at such time and place as the First Presidency of said Church shall appoint—is hereby authorized to elect, by a majority, a company of not less than *thirteen* men, one of whom shall be designated as their President, and the others, Assistants.

*Sec. 2.* This Company is hereby made and constituted a body corporate under the name and style of the Perpetual Emigrating Company; and shall have perpetual succession, and may have and use a common seal, which they may alter at pleasure.

*Sec. 3.* This Company, under the name and style aforesaid, shall have power to sue, and be sued, plead, and be impleaded, defend, and be defended, in all Courts of law or equity, and in all actions **whatsoever**; to purchase, receive, and hold property, real and personal; to receive, either by donation on deposit, or otherwise, money, gold dust, grain, horses, mules,

cows, oxen, sheep, young stock of all kinds, as well as any and every kind of valuables, or property, whatsoever; to emit bills of credit and exchange; to sell, lease, convey, or dispose of property, real and personal; and finally to do and perform any and all such acts as shall be necessary and proper for the interest, protection, convenience or benefit of said Company.

*Sec. 4.* A majority of said Company at Head Quarters shall form a quorum, to do business, and shall elect from their number a Secretary, Treasurer, and Recorder; and shall have power to select and appoint all other officers and agents necessary to transact the business of said Company.

*Sec. 5.* It shall be the duty of the President of the Company to superintend all the business of the Company: he shall also sign all certificates, bills, vouchers, as well as all other papers and documents pertaining to the general business of the Company, which shall be countersigned by the Secretary.

*Sec. 6.* It shall be the duty of the Recorder, to record in a fair and legible hand, all the general business transactions of the Company, in good and sufficient books suitable for the purpose, which he shall procure at the expense of the Company, and safely keep and preserve the same.

He shall also make a faithful and accurate record of all donations to the Fund, of the names of persons donating, the amount, kind of property, &c., in books separate and apart from any other entries, and safely keep and preserve all the books and papers of the Company; the said books being free to the inspection and examination of all persons interested.

*Sec. 7.* The President, and Assistants, shall individually give bond and security in a sum of not less than ten thousand dollars, to be approved by the First Presidency of said Church, and filed in

the General Church Recorder's office.

*Sec. 8.* The Secretary, Treasurer, and Recorder, and all other officers or agents appointed by the Company, shall give bond and security to be approved by the President of the Company, and filed in the Company Recorder's office; and all the Company shall be responsible for the acts of all officers and agents so appointed.

*Sec. 9.* There shall be a general settlement of all the business transactions of the Company, so far as returns are received from abroad, as often as once in each year; and it shall be the duty of all the officers and agents, to make out correct returns of all their transactions, and deliver or transmit the same to the Secretary of said company, on or before the first day of December in each year; and it shall be the duty of the President of the Company to produce or exhibit a manifest of the same, & file it in the Recorder's office; as also, a copy of the same in the General Church Recorder's office, as soon as practicable thereafter.

*Sec. 10.* It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an accurate account of all money or property received and disbursed by him, and make returns as herein before directed.

*Sec. 11.* The Company being collectively responsible for their own officers and agents, shall have the power of substituting others in their places, or dismissing them or any of them from office, and it shall be the duty of all persons so superceded or dismissed, to pay over and to pass into the hands of their respective successors, or the Company, all monies, property, books, papers, accounts of every name and nature belonging, or in any way pertaining to the business of said Company.

*Sec. 12.* It shall be the duty of the Company to appoint one or more of their number to travel on the business of the Company, to

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