

Ponce, Puerto Rico:

In the Name of GOD. Amen.

Whereas it hath been represented unto Us William Wabond by Divine Permission Bishop of Antigua, by a petition under the hands of Daniel Basanta, M^r. L^o. Lee, Thomas G. Salomons, James M. Cormick, James Gilbee, August Leon, on behalf of themselves and others, members of the Congregation of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Ponce, Puerto Rico, which Congregation hath already unanimously invited Us, as the nearest Anglican Bishop to assume and exercise the Episcopal care and oversight thereof.

That since the Proclamation of Religious Liberty by the Government of Spain, they have agreed together to build a Church in which they could unite in the solemn worship of God according to their consciences and the Ministration of the Holy Sacraments and other Ordinances of their Faith, and to place such Church under the Episcopal superintendence of the Bishop of Antigua as the Rector thereof: That a suitable and convenient spot of land hath been given by M^r.
~~Thechers~~ ~~Esteban~~ & C^o. as a site for such Church; That contributions have been collected, and a Church hath been built on the said land, which Church is now provided with fitting seats for worshippers and with all things necessary and appertaining to the due and solemn worship of God, and to the due celebration of the Holy Sacraments according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England; That the said Church was opened for Divine Service under Our License in August, 1813, at which time there was a debt still due upon it, That this debt hath been since then materially reduced, and ~~that there is no prospect of it being in~~
^{is now} ~~shalt~~ entirely extinguished;

And Whereas the said Petitioners have humbly brought Us by virtue of Our Authority ordinary and Episcopal to consecrate the said Building from all common and profane uses and to dedicate the same to the Service of God and the celebration of Divine Service and of the Holy Sacraments according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England.

Therefore We William Wabond by Divine Permission Bishop of Antigua, do by Our Authority ordinary and Episcopal, as far as in Us lies and by law We can, for Us and Our successors, separate the said Building from all common and profane uses, and dedicate the same to the Worship of Almighty God; And We do openly and publicly declare pronounce and decree that the said Building shall be called The Church of the Holy and Ever-Blessed Trinity, and that it ought to be deemed and taken to be The Church of the Protestant Congregation in Ponce for ever, by this Our definitive sentence or final decree, which We do give and promulge by these presents.

W. W. Antigua
Ponce Puerto Rico
July 23. 1874

No 21

Filed in the Diocesan
Registry of Antigua.
in Aug. 1874. W. J. Read,
Registrar.

Sentence of Consecration
of the Church of the Holy
Ever Blessed Trinity, Ponce
Puerto Rico
28 July, 1874.

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Porto Rico

W. J. Read
Registrar

Ponce, Puerto Rico

In the Name of GOD, Amen

Whereas it hath been represented unto Us William Wabron by Divine Permission Bishop of Antigua, by a petition under the hands of Daniel Basanta, William Edwd. Lee, Thomas G. Salomons, James Mc Cormick, James Gilbee, August Leon, on behalf of themselves and others, members of the Congregation of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Ponce, Puerto Rico, which Congregation hath already unanimously invited Us, as the nearest Anglican Bishop to assume and exercise the Episcopal care and oversights thereof.

That since the Proclamation of Religions Liberty by the Government of Spain, they have agreed together to build a Church in which they could unite in the solemn worship of GOD according to their consciences, and the Ministrations of the Holy Sacraments and other Ordinances of their Faith, and to place such Church under the Episcopal superintendence of the Bishop of Antigua and his successors, and to provide for the maintenance of a Minister of the Church of England as the Rector thereof; **That** a suitable and convenient spot of land hath been given by Messrs. Wiechers & Co. as a site for such Church; **That** contributions have been collected, and a Church hath been build on the said land, which Church is now provided with fitting seats for worshippers and with all things necessary and appertaining to the due and solemn worship of GOD, and to the due celebration of the Holy Sacraments according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the church of England; **That** the said Church was opened for Divine Service under Our License in August, 1873, at which time there was a debt still due upon it; **That** this debt hath been since then materially reduced, and is now entirely extinguished;

And Whereas the said Petitioners humbly besougs US by virtue of Our Authority ordinary and Episcopal to consecrate the said Building from all common and profane uses and to dedicate the same to the Service of GOD and the celebration of Divine Service and of the Holy Sacraments according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England:

THEREFORE WE William Wabron by Divine Permission Bishop of Antigua, do by Our Authority ordinary and Episcopal, as far as in Us lies and by law We can, for Us and Our successors, separate the said Building from all common and profane uses, and dedicate the same to the Worship of Almighty God; And We do openly and publicly declare pronounce and decree that said Building shall be called, **The Church of The Holy and Saver-Blessed Trinity**, and that is ought to be deemed and taken to be The Church of the Protestant Congregation in Ponce for ever, by this Our definitive sentence or final decree, which We do give and promulge by this presents.

W.W. Antigua
Ponce, Puerto Rico
July 23, 1874

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Registry of Antigua
4 Aug, 1874

W.L. Read
Registrar

Sentence of Consecration
Of the Church of the Holy
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Puerto Rico
23 July, 1874

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Registrar
July 23, 1874