CHAPTER 6*

ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES OR BENEFICES (APPOINTMENT BY FOREIGN POWER) ORDINANCE

To make provision relating to the appointment to ecclesiastical offices or benefices by a foreign Power.

13th January, 1838

ORDINANCE promulgated by PROCLAMATION No. I of 1838, as amended by Legal Notice 46 of 1965.

Title.

1. The title of this Ordinance is Ecclesiastical Offices or Benefices (Appointment by Foreign Power) Ordinance.

Validity of presentation, collation or appointment to an ecclesiastical office or benefice by foreign Power. *Amended by: L.N. 46 of 1965.*

2. If any person shall be presented, collated, or appointed, by any foreign Power, or by virtue of any instrument purporting to emanate from any foreign Power, to any ecclesiastical office or benefice in Malta, such presentation, collation, or appointment, shall not be valid until it is approved by the Prime Minister.

Appointment of administrator of vacant office or benefice by Archbishop of Malta, *Amended by: L.N. 46 of 1965.*

3. During the vacancy of any ecclesiastical office or benefice in Malta, to which it has been customary for any foreign Power to make the presentation, collation, or appointment, the nomination which in such cases it has been customary to make, of an administrator or administrators to collect and administer the fruits which would have been due to the incumbent of such office or benefice if the same had not been vacant, shall, with the consent and approbation of the Prime Minister, be made by the Archbishop of Malta, or the Vicar Capitular for the time being:

by Prime Minister *per lapsum temporis.*

Provided that where the said Archbishop, or Vicar Capitular of Malta fails, within the time of fifteen days after the vacancy has occurred, to propose to the Prime Minister a person or persons approved by the latter, then the appointment shall be made by the Prime Minister alone; and the administrator or administrators so appointed shall be responsible to the person or persons who shall thereafter be legally admitted under this Ordinance to such office or benefice, in the same manner as any administrator or administrators appointed by the said Archbishop, or Vicar Capitular of Malta during the vacancy of any office or benefice, now is or are by law responsible.

**See* the Bishop of Gozo (Extension of Privileges) Ordinance (Chapter 15).