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**BARON BLISS ACT
CHAPTER 306**

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[13th March, 1926]

WHEREAS Baron Henry Edward Ernest Victor Bliss by his Will dated 17th February 1926, appointed the Executors and Trustees of his said Will to be also Trustees of the residue of his Estate, which after payment of the legacies and annuities contained in the said Will shall be known as the Baron Bliss Trust and directed the said Trustees to apply the income of the Baron Bliss Trust principally for such purposes as his Trustees consider to be for the benefit or development of the colony of Belize and further the said Baron Henry Edward Ernest Victor Bliss in his said Will expressed the desire that his body should be buried on a point of land at Fort George overlooking the harbour of Belize City and the hope that in view of the gift to the colony the Government of Belize would remit any death or succession duties thereon and taxation on the income thereof:

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS the said Baron Henry Edward Ernest Victor Bliss died at Belize on 9th March 1926:

AND WHEREAS the said Will of the late Baron Henry Edward Ernest Victor Bliss was duly proved in the Supreme Court of Belize by the executors therein named on 15 March, 1926:

AND WHEREAS it is desired to give effect to certain of the directions and wishes contained in the said Will:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Baron Bliss Act.

Authority to bury at Fort George.

2.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Public Health Act, Cap. 40, it shall be lawful to bury the body of the late Baron Henry Edward Ernest Victor Bliss within the area at Fort George in Belize City delineated

on a plan made by Arthur Wolffsohn, Government Surveyor, dated 15th March, 1926, and recorded at the General Registry in Surveyors' Plans Book number four at folio sixty-seven.

(2) Such burial in the first place shall be in a vault of concrete to be so constructed that the body shall rest not less than six feet above high water mark.

(3) It shall be lawful when desired to remove the said body under supervision of the Director of Health Services from such concrete vault aforesaid and re-bury it in a granite tomb to be erected within the said area at Fort George.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the National Lands Act, Cap. 191, the Minister is hereby empowered immediately to make a free grant of the area described in section 2 of this Act, to the trustees of the Baron Bliss Trust created by the will of the late Baron Henry Edward Ernest Victor Bliss: the said grant to be subject to the conditions that the body of the late Baron Henry Edward Ernest Victor Bliss remains buried in the said area and that the said area be maintained by the said trustees as a garden to which the public shall be allowed access.

Free grant of land.

4. Notwithstanding any Act or law in force or hereafter to be enacted, the said area referred to in section 2 of this Act and any buildings hereafter to be erected thereon shall be exempt from all municipal rates and taxes.

Exemption from municipal rates and taxes.

5. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Income and Business Tax Act, Cap. 55 or any Act hereafter enacted amending or replacing it, no income tax shall be payable on any income already received or which may be received in Belize for the estate of the late Baron Henry Edward Ernest Victor Bliss.

Income Tax.

6. Any probate or court fees or probate duty payable or paid under any rules of the Supreme Court past, present or future in obtaining probate of the will of the late Baron Henry Edward Ernest Victor Bliss and in the administration of his estate may be repaid by the Financial Secretary to the executors and trustees of the said estate.

Remission of probate fees paid.