# RULES

AND

# REGULATIONS

OF THE

# SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTION.



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1830.

At a public Meeting held on Wednesday, the 17th June, 1829, in the Public Library, Cape Town, of which A. OLIPHANT, Esq. His Majesty's Attorney General, was Chairman, it was resolved,—That an Institution be established for investigating the Geography, Natural History, and general Resources of South Africa.

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- 1. The Institution to be supported by contributions, subscriptions, and such other resources as may arise.
- 2. The Institution to comprise Ordinary Members, Privileged Members, Honorary Members, Corresponding Members, Resident and Non-Resident Annual Subscribers, unlimited in number.
- 3. Persons desirous of becoming Members, to be ballotted for. No person shall be eligible to be ballotted for either as an ordinary or corresponding Member, but upon the recommendation of two Members. The proposition for the admission of such ordinary or corresponding Member, to be read at the General Monthly Meeting immediately preceding that at which the ballot will take place, and to be placed in a conspicuous part of the Institution Rooms during the interim.
- 4. Ordinary Members to contribute not less than three Pounds Sterling, and an annual subscription of one Pound ten Shillings.
- 5. Ordinary Members, only, shall have the power to vote in all questions and matters relating to the property and management of the Institution.
- 6. Any person making a donation to the Institution of not less than ten Pounds Sterling, to become a privileged Member, and to have the power of introducing five Visitors to the Museums and Gardens.
- 7. Honorary Members to be persons eminent for scientific acquirements, resident abroad. To be elected at Annual General Meetings. To have the right of access to all Museums and Gardens, and other such Repositories of the Institution, and of attending all Monthly and Annual Meetings, when in the Colony.
- 8. Corresponding Members to be persons residing in the Colony or elsewhere, who are likely to promote the objects of the Institution, and to have the privileges of honorary Members.

- 9. An annual subscription of one Pound, ten Shillings, to entitle the Subscriber to a free entrance to all General Meetings of the Institution, and to the Museums or other Repositories belonging to it, and the privilege of introducing to the latter, his family resident in his house.
- 10. Any person having the right to attend General Meetings, may bring one Visitor with him; but the name of such Visitor, and of the Member introducing him, must be first communicated in writing to the Chairman, and read aloud by him.
- 11. Any person residing in the Colony beyond eight miles from Cape Town, who subscribes fifteen Shillings Sterling, or contributes articles to the Repositories of the Institution to that amount yearly, shall have, when in Cape Town, the privileges of resident Annual Subscribers.
- 12. The Institution to have Office-Bearers, to be elected from the Ordinary Members, viz:
  - A Patron.—To have the option of being Chairman at all Meetings when present, and all the privileges of a privileged Member.
  - A President.—Who shall, when present, be Chairman of all Meetings at which the Patron does not officiate.
  - Four Vice Presidents.—One of whom shall, by rotation, act as Chairman in the absence of the President.

A Treasurer.

Two Secretaries.—One to have the charge of the Minutes, and the other of the Correspondence.

Nine Members of Council.

- 13. All Office-Bearers, except the Patron, to be elected annually at a General Meeting of the Members. Two-thirds of the Members of Council to go out annually by seniority.
- 14. All Office-Bearers to be Members of Council, with the same rights as other Members; except that the Chairman officiating, only, shall have a casting vote.
- 15. Six Members of Council, including the Chairman, to be a quorum.
- 16. Committees of Council to consist of at least two Members, with power to associate with themselves, for particular purposes, any Member, or Annual Subscriber to the Institution, whom the Council may approve of.

- 17. Vacancies in the Council to be filled up by nomination of the existing Council.
- 18. Neither the President, nor Vice Presidents, shall hold the Office of Treasurer or Secretary.
- 19. The Council shall have the power to make By-Laws, to remain in force until the next General Meeting; and power to sell or exchange duplicates of the Articles in the Repositories of the Institution, and to purchase others; but all sales or purchases of other property belonging to, or for the Institution, must be sanctioned by a Meeting of ordinary Members. The Council to have the sole charge of the funds of the Institution, for the general purposes thereof, except in so far as they may be controlled by a vote of the Ordinary Members for any particular purpose.
- 20. General Monthly Meetings to be held for the purpose of hearing Essays and Communications, or Reports of the Committees, if directed by the Council; and for other business.
- 21. All Papers to be read at the General Monthly Meetings, shall be first examined and approved by the Council.
- 22. Persons desirous of making communications verbally, must give notice of the subject thereof to the Council: any person present may make observations thereon.
- 23. General Annual Meetings to be held on the first Monday in June of each year, at 12 o'clock, A. M and General Monthly Meetings on the last Wednesday of every month, at 8 o'clock, P. M.
- 24. The Secretaries to open the General Annual Meetings, by a Report of the Proceedings of the Institution during the past year. The other Officers to detail the state of their several Departments; and the President, or another Member deputed by him, shall close the Meeting by a Discourse on the progress of knowledge during the past year.
- 25 The Museum, Gardens, and other Repositories of the Institution, to be open to the public, under Regulations to be fixed by the Council for the time being.

#### LIST OF MEMBERS, &c.

### Privileged Members.

His Excellency the Hon. Sir G. L. Cole, G. C. E

### Ordinary Members.

Rev. Dr. Adamson,

Captain Bance, Mr. Beddy,

The Hon. Lieut.-Colonel Bell,

Mr. Biel,

Mr. P. G. Brink,

Mr. J. Brink,

Mr. Bowie,

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