

**ORDER IN COUNCIL CONSTITUTING TOBAGO A WARD
OF THE COLONY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

made under section 1 of the Trinidad and Tobago Act 1887

Made 20th October 1898

Came into operation 1st January 1899

WHEREAS by an Order of Her Majesty in Council, bearing date the Seventeenth day of November 1888, (hereinafter called the principal Order), the Colony of Trinidad and its Dependencies and the Colony of Tobago, were, from and after the First day of January 1889 (in the said Order referred to as “the appointed day”), united into one Colony:

And whereas by Our Order in Our Privy Council, bearing date the 6th day of April 1889, We did amend the 13th Clause in the principal Order:

And whereas it is expedient to revoke the principal Order, except Clauses 1, 2, and 37 thereof, and to revoke the Order in Council of the Sixth day of April 1889:

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the powers in Us vested by the Trinidad and Tobago Act 1887, it is hereby ordered by Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, as follows:

1. The whole of the principal Order, except Clauses 1, 2, and 37, and the Order in Council of the Sixth day of April 1889, are hereby revoked, but such revocation shall not affect the validity, invalidity, or effect of anything done or suffered before the date of the coming into force of this Order.

2. On and after the date of the coming into force of this Order the Island of Tobago shall be a Ward of the Colony of Trinidad and Tobago; and the revenue, expenditure, and debt of Tobago shall be merged in and form part of the revenue, expenditure, and debt of the united Colony, and the debt due from Tobago to Trinidad shall be cancelled.

3. Save as in and by this Order expressly otherwise directed, the Laws of Trinidad in force on the date of the coming into force of this Order shall be in force in Tobago, and the Laws theretofore in force in Tobago, so far as they differ from the Law in force in Trinidad, shall thereupon cease to be in force. Provided that this clause shall not affect the validity, invalidity, or effect of anything done or suffered before the date of the coming into force of this Order, or any right, title, obligation, or liability acquired or incurred before that date.

4. All future Ordinances enacted by the Legislature of the Colony shall extend to Tobago. Provided that the Legislature of the Colony may at any time by Ordinance provide for the special regulation of all or any of the matters and things dealt with in the several Acts, Ordinances and Regulations of Tobago enumerated in the Schedule hereto, and of any other and further matters and things in respect of which it may be deemed necessary to enact special and local Ordinances or Regulations applicable to Tobago as distinguished from the rest of the Colony.

5. The Acts, Ordinances and Regulations of Tobago enumerated in the Schedule hereto shall, until repealed or amended by the Legislature of the Colony, continue locally in force in Tobago, but such Acts, Ordinances and Regulations shall in every case be construed as amended by and read together with this Order; and in particular wherever in such Acts, Ordinances, and Regulations any duty is imposed or power conferred upon any specified officer or person, such duty or power shall be performed or exercised by such person or persons as the Governor may from time to time by Proclamation appoint for the purpose.

6. Until the Legislature of the Colony shall otherwise provide, the following provisions shall take effect in Tobago, that is to say:

- (a) Any land tax payable in respect of lands in Tobago, shall be levied at such rate as to the Governor in Council shall seem fit,

notwithstanding that any similar tax is levied throughout the rest of the Colony at a higher rate. [Fixed at 9d. per acre for 1903—5.]

- (b) There shall not be charged upon produce which shall have been raised or manufactured in Tobago, and shall be shipped from Tobago for ports or places beyond the limits of the Colony, any taxes, rates, or charges for raising funds in aid of immigration.

7. Such of the powers and duties heretofore exercised and performed by the Commissioner of the Supreme Court in Tobago, and by the Deputy Marshal of Tobago, as it shall seem expedient to continue, shall be exercised and performed by such person or persons as by rules of the Supreme Court, to be framed under the Judicature Ordinance (No. 34) shall be prescribed and determined.

8. This Order shall come into force from and after a date to be proclaimed in Our Colony of Trinidad and Tobago by Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Our said Colony. [Came into force on 1st January 1899].

SCHEDULE

1. An Act relating to Lands in this Island commonly called the Three Chains, 28 Vict. cap. 1, as amended by regulation No. 5 of 1894.
 2. The Medical Aid Ordinance 1882, No. 6 of 1882, as amended by the District Medical Officers Amendment Regulation 1895, No. 8—1895.
 3. The Turtle Preservation Ordinance 1885, No. 2—1885.
 4. The Wild Birds Protection Ordinance 1885, No. 8—1885.
 5. The Anglican Church Incorporated Trustees Ordinance 1887, No. 7 of 1887.
 6. The Destitute Persons Relief Regulation 1893, No. 10 of 1893.
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