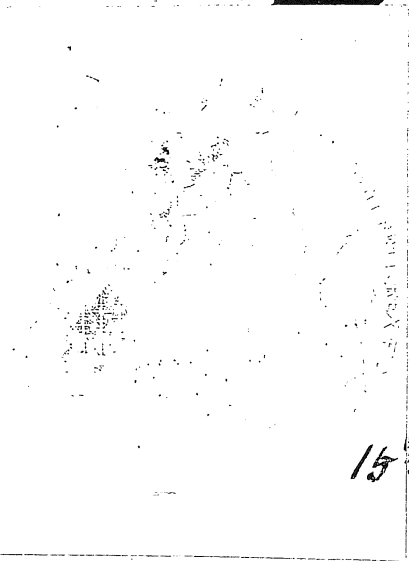


No. 19. — 1921.



I ASSENT,

J. R. Chancellor
Governor.

15th April, 1921.

AN ORDINANCE to make provision for the preparation and publication of a revised edition of the Laws of this Colony.

[15th April, 1921.]

BE it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Statute Law Short title. Revision Ordinance, 1921.

2. In this Ordinance the expression "revised edition" Interpre- means the edition of the laws of the Colony to be prepared tation. under the authority of this Ordinance.

3.—(1.) The Governor shall by writing under his hand Appointment appoint a Commissioner for the purpose of preparing a of Commis- sioner.

[Price 3d.]

new and revised edition of the statute laws of this Colony, and making arrangements for the printing and publication thereof.

(2.) If the Commissioner appointed under this Ordinance shall die, resign, or be otherwise unable to act, some fit and proper person may be appointed by the Governor in his stead.

Powers of
revision
vested in the
Commissioner.

4. In the preparation of the revised edition, the Commissioner shall have the following powers, that is to say,—

(1.) To omit—

- (a.) All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which have been repealed expressly or specifically or by necessary implication, or which have expired, or have become spent, or have had their effect;
- (b.) All repealing enactments contained in Ordinances, and also all tables or lists of repealed enactments, whether contained in schedules or otherwise;
- (c.) All preambles to Ordinances, where such omission can, in the opinion of the Commissioner, be conveniently made;
- (d.) All introductory words of enactment in any section of an Ordinance where such Ordinance consists of more sections than one;
- (e.) All enactments prescribing the date when an Ordinance or part of an Ordinance is to come into force, where such omission can, in the opinion of the Commissioner, be conveniently made; and
- (f.) All amending Ordinances or parts of Ordinances where the amendments effected by such Ordinances or parts of Ordinances have been embodied by the Commissioner in the Ordinances to which they relate;

Provided that the provisions of section 20 of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1912, shall apply to such omissions in the same way as if the Ordinance or enactments omitted had been repealed.

- (2.) To consolidate into one Ordinance any two or more Ordinances *in pari materia*, making the alterations thereby rendered necessary in the consolidated Ordinance, and affixing such date thereto as may seem most convenient;
- (3.) To alter the order of sections in any Ordinance; and, in all cases where it is necessary to do so, to re-number the sections of any Ordinance;
- (4.) To alter the form or arrangement of any section of an Ordinance, either by combining it in whole or in part with another section or other sections or by dividing it into two or more sub-sections;
- (5.) To divide any Ordinance, whether consolidated or not, into parts or other divisions;
- (6.) To add a short title to any Ordinance which may require it, and, if necessary, to alter the short title of any Ordinance;
- (7.) To shorten and simplify the phraseology of any enactment;
- (8.) To correct grammatical and typographical mistakes in the existing copies of Ordinances, and for that purpose to make verbal additions omissions or alterations not affecting the meaning of any enactments; and
- (9.) To do all other things relating to form and method which may be necessary for the perfecting of the revised edition.

5. There shall be attached to each Ordinance contained in the revised edition a number showing its place among the Ordinances of the year to which it belongs. Numbering of Ordinances.

6.—(1.) The power conferred upon the Commissioner in section 4 shall not be taken to imply any power in him to make any alteration or amendment in the matter or substance of any Ordinance or part of an Ordinance. Mode of dealing with alterations or substance.

(2.) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (4) of this section, in every case where any such alteration or amendment is, in the opinion of the Commissioner, desirable, the Commissioner shall draft a Bill setting forth such alterations and amendments, and authorizing them to be made in the revised edition, and every such Bill shall, subject to the sanction of the Governor, be submitted to the Legislative Council and be dealt with in the ordinary way.

(3.) Any such Bill may have reference to more Ordinances than one, although such Ordinances may not be *in pari materia*.

(4.) In any case where an Ordinance, whether consolidated or not, requires such considerable alterations and amendments as to involve its entire recasting, the Commissioner shall draft a Bill accordingly, and such Bill shall be submitted to the Legislative Council and be dealt with in the ordinary way.

Chronological
table and
index to
revised
edition.

7. The Commissioner shall prepare and cause to be printed together in a separate volume a chronological table of all the Statute Laws of the Colony and a full and complete index to the Ordinances contained in the revised edition.

Printing, etc.,
of revised
edition.

8.—(1.) The Commissioner shall, with the approval of the Governor, make such arrangements as he may think expedient for the printing and binding of the revised edition.

(2.) The Governor shall give such directions as he may think fit with respect to the number of copies to be printed and the manner in which they shall be bound.

Bringing into
force and
validity of
revised
edition.

9. The Commissioner shall, as soon as the revised edition is completed, transmit a copy thereof to the Governor, who shall lay the same before the Legislative Council for approval, and the same may be approved by resolution of such Council any time after the expiration of three months, and such copy shall thereupon be stamped with the public seal of the Colony, and thereafter the revised edition shall be in all Courts of Justice and for all purposes whatsoever the sole and only proper Statute Book of the Colony with regard to the Ordinances inserted therein.

10. The repeal or omission from the revised edition of any enactment repealed or omitted during and for the purpose of the preparation of such revised edition shall not affect the validity of any existing Resolutions of the Legislative Council, or any Proclamations, Rules, Regulations or Bye-Laws, made under any enactment so repealed or omitted, but such Resolutions, Proclamations, Rules, Regulations, or Bye-laws so far as they are not inconsistent with any Statute Law of this Colony for the time being in force, shall continue in force until otherwise provided.

Effect of repealed or omitted Ordinances.

11. Where, in any enactment or in any document of whatever kind, reference is made to any enactment repealed or otherwise affected by or under the operation of this Ordinance, such reference shall, where necessary and practicable, be deemed to extend and apply to the corresponding enactment in the revised edition.

Construction of reference to repealed, etc., enactment.

12. The expenses of carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance shall be paid from such moneys as may be provided by the Legislative Council for that purpose.

Payment of expenses.

Passed in Council this first day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.



Clerk of the Council.