

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

*Criminal Procedure.*

No. 20.—1896.

*3rd August.*

AN ORDINANCE to amend “The Criminal Procedure Ordinance, 1884.”

[L.S.]

F. NAPIER BROOME,

GOVERNOR.

*19th August, 1896.*

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 Criminal Procedure Ordinance, 1896.” Short title and construction.

This Ordinance shall be read as one with “The Criminal Procedure Ordinance, 1884” (No. 12—1884) hereinafter called the Principal Ordinance.

The Principal Ordinance and this Ordinance may together be cited as “The Criminal Procedure Ordinances, 1884 and 1896.”

Preliminary  
examination.

2. Section 3 of the principal Ordinance, is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof shall be read the following:—

It shall be lawful for any Magistrate on receiving information of any offence committed in any part of the Colony, or on receiving information of any offence committed outside this Colony, whether within the Queen's dominions or not by any subject of Her Majesty over and in respect of which offence the Supreme Court may exercise jurisdiction by virtue of any Ordinance or law, or by virtue of the Common Law of England or of any act of Parliament for the time being in force, to commence forthwith a preliminary examination in the premises, and for that purpose to issue his warrant for the apprehension of any person who from information upon oath is reasonably suspected of having committed the said offence, and for the summoning of those persons whom it appears necessary to examine as witnesses, or in case it is not known or suspected by whom the offence was committed then in like manner to issue his warrant for summoning all such witnesses aforesaid.

The Warrant may be in the form given in the first Schedule to the Principal Ordinance, or in other similar form according to the circumstances of the case, and it shall be the duty of every constable to whom the same is delivered for execution to carry the same into effect as soon as possible, and on the apprehension of any person described in the warrant to take him in custody without unnecessary delay before some Stipendiary Justice of the Peace or other Magistrate.

3. The repeal by this Ordinance shall not affect the <sup>Saving.</sup> validity or invalidity of anything done or suffered, or any right accrued or liability incurred before the commencement of this Ordinance, or any proceeding pending or uncompleted at the commencement of this Ordinance.

Passed in Council this third day of August in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

HARRY L. KNAGGS,  
*Acting Clerk of the Council.*

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