

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

Criminal Offences Amendment.

No. 17.—1896.

3rd August.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Criminal Law in certain respects.

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F. NAPIER BROOME,

GOVERNOR.

19th August, 1896.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as “The Criminal Offences Amendment Ordinance, 1896.” Short title.

2. Where any person, being feloniously stricken, poisoned, or otherwise hurt upon the sea, or at any place out of this Colony, shall die of such stroke, poisoning, or hurt in this Colony, or, being feloniously stricken, poisoned or otherwise hurt in this Colony shall die of such stroke, poisoning, or hurt upon the sea, or at any place out of this Colony, every offence committed in respect of any such case, whether the same shall amount to the offence of murder or of man- Where person is stricken abroad and dies in colony, or stricken in colony and dies abroad.

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slaughter, or of being accessory to murder or manslaughter, may be dealt with, inquired of, tried, determined, and punished in the same manner in all respects as if such offence had been wholly committed in this Colony.

Procuring abortion.

Repeal.

3. Section 10 of Ordinance No. 10 of 1842 is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof shall be read the following:—

Administering drugs or using instruments to procure abortion.

Every woman being with child who, with intent to procure her own miscarriage, shall unlawfully administer to herself any poison or other noxious thing or shall unlawfully use any instrument or other means whatsoever with the like intent, and whosoever with intent to procure the miscarriage of any woman, whether she be or be not with child, shall unlawfully administer to her or cause to be taken by her any poison or other noxious thing, or shall unlawfully use any instrument or other means whatsoever with the like intent shall be guilty of felony, and on conviction thereof, shall be liable to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding four years.

Procuring drugs, &c., to cause abortion.

4. Whosoever shall unlawfully supply or procure any poison or other noxious thing, or any instrument or thing whatsoever knowing that the same is intended to be unlawfully used or employed with intent to procure the miscarriage of any woman, whether she be or be not with child, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and on conviction thereof shall be liable to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding two years.

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Concealment of Birth.

5. Section 11 of the Ordinance No. 10 of 1842 is ^{Repeal.} hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof shall be read the following :—

If any woman shall be delivered of a child every person who shall by any secret disposition of the dead body of the said child, whether such child died before, at, or after its birth, endeavour to conceal the birth thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and on conviction thereof shall be liable to be imprisoned with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding two years. ^{Concealment of birth.}

Provided that if any person tried for the murder of any child shall be acquitted thereof, it shall be lawful for the jury by whose verdict such person shall be acquitted to find, in case it shall so appear in evidence, that the child had recently been born, and that such person did by some secret disposition of the dead body of such child endeavour to conceal the birth thereof, and thereupon the Court may pass such sentence as if such person had been convicted upon an indictment for the concealment of the birth.

6. The Ordinance No. 19 of 1861 is hereby repealed.

7. The repeals by this Ordinance shall not affect the ^{Saving.} 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 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,
Actg. Clerk of the Council.