

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

Solicitors.

No. 27.—1913.

5th November.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Solicitors Ordinance, 1912.

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GEORGE R. LE HUNTE,

GOVERNOR.

20th November, 1913.

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

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the Solicitors Ordinance, 1913.

Short
Title and
Interpretation.

(2.) In this Ordinance the phrase “Principal Ordinance” means the Solicitors Ordinance, 1912.

2. Section 2 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by striking out :—

Amendment of
Section 2 of
the Principal
Ordinance.

(a.) The definition of “Incorporated Law Society” and substituting therefor the following definition :

"The Law Society" means the Society of Attorneys, Solicitors, Proctors and others not being barristers practising in the Courts of law and equity of the United Kingdom, incorporated by the Royal Charter dated the twenty-sixth of February in the eighth year of the reign of Her Late Majesty Queen Victoria;

(b.) The word "incorporated" where it occurs in the definitions of "Intermediate Examination" and "Final Examination."

Amendment of
Section 3 of
the Principal
Ordinance.

3. Section 3 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting:—

(a.) The words "preliminary examination or the" before the word "qualifying" in line 3 thereof; and

(b.) The words "examination and the" before the word "intermediate" in line 3 thereof.

Amendment of
Section 6 of
the Principal
Ordinance.

4. Section 6 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following shall be inserted in the Principal Ordinance in lieu thereof—

Solicitors in
the United
Kingdom—
Admission of.

(6.) Every person duly admitted in the United Kingdom and for the time being entitled to practise there as a solicitor or as a law agent enrolled pursuant to the provisions of the Law Agents (Scotland) Act, 1873, and the Acts amending the same shall, subject, to the provisions of this Ordinance but without complying with such provisions as relate to service under articles and examinations, be entitled on the direction of the Court to have his name inscribed on the Solicitors' Roll together with the date of his admission in this Colony, and thereafter such person shall be entitled to practise in the several Courts of this Colony as fully as any solicitor admitted to practise in this Colony.

Provided that nothing in this section contained shall be construed to compel the Court to admit any such person to practise as a solicitor where any allegation is made to the

Court by the Registrar or any person whomsoever touching the honesty and integrity of the person claiming admission or that his previous conduct as a solicitor or law agent has been improper.

If upon enquiry made into the truth thereof the Court is satisfied that such allegations are true, it may refuse to admit any such person to practise as a solicitor in the Colony or may make such order in the matter as it may deem fit.

The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to apply to persons admitted to practise in England under the Colonial Solicitors Act, 1900 (63 and 64 Vic. cap. 14) or any of the enactments repealed by it.

5. Section 8 of the Principal Ordinance is amended:—

Amendment of
Section 8 of the
Principal
Ordinance.

- (a.) By striking out the words "First Public" and "before Moderators" in sub-section 3 and by inserting the word "Responsions" before the word "Examination" in the first line thereof;
- (b.) By striking out the words "Royal University of" in line 4 of sub-section 6 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "University of Dublin, ~~the~~ National University of";
- (c.) By inserting the word "or" at the end of sub-section 7; and
- (d.) By inserting the following as sub-sections (8) and (9), that is to say:—

(8.) Who have passed the preliminary examination of persons becoming bound under articles of clerkship to Solicitors held by the Law Society under the provisions of the Solicitors Act, 1877; or

(9.) Who have passed one of the examinations from time to time prescribed under the last-mentioned Act or any Act amending the same as an examination exempting from the preliminary examination last aforesaid.

Amendment of
Section 16 of
the Principal
Ordinance.

6. Section 16 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by striking out:—

(a.) The words "a certificate" in line 1 thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the word "certificates"; and

(b.) The word "Incorporated" in line 2 thereof.

Amendment of
Sections 31
and 36 of the
Principal
Ordinance.

7. Sections 31 and 36 of the Principal Ordinance are amended by striking out the word "Incorporated" where it appears in such sections.

Passed in Council this Fifth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

ALFRED TAITT,
Acting Clerk of the Council.
