

## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 20.—1914.

*29th May.*

AN ORDINANCE to regulate the navigation of aircraft.

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GEORGE R. LE HUNTE,

GOVERNOR.

*12th June, 1914.*

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 Aerial Navigation Ordinance, 1914. Short Title.

2.—(1.) The Governor in Executive Council may—

Navigation  
of aircraft.

- (a.) For the purpose of protecting the public from danger ; or
- (b.) For purposes of the defence or safety of the Colony ;

from time to time by order prohibit the navigation of aircraft over such areas as may be prescribed in the order, and prescribe the areas within which aircraft coming from any place outside the Colony are to land and the other conditions to be complied with by such aircraft.

(2.) Any such order may apply generally to all aircraft or to aircraft of such classes and descriptions only as may be specified in the order, and may prohibit the navigation of aircraft over any such prescribed area either at all times or at such times or on such occasions only as may be specified in the order, and either absolutely or subject to such exceptions or conditions as may be so specified.

(3.) Where an order is made for the purposes mentioned in Sub-section (1) (b) of this section, the area prescribed may include the whole or any part of the coast line of the Colony and the territorial waters adjacent thereto.

(4.) Every such Order shall be published in the *Royal Gazette* and the production of a copy of the Gazette containing any such Order shall be *prima facie* evidence in all Courts and for all purposes whatever of the due making and tenor of such Order.

Penalties for offences.

3. Any person contravening the provisions of any such order as aforesaid is, unless he proves that he was compelled to do so by reason of stress of weather or other circumstances over which he had no control, liable on conviction on indictment or on summary conviction before a Magistrate to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding £200 or to both.

Power to compel compliance when aircraft disobeys signals.

4.—(1.) If an aircraft flies or attempts to fly over any area prescribed under this Ordinance for the purposes of the defence or safety of the Colony, or, in the case of an aircraft coming from any place outside the Colony, fails to comply with any of the conditions as to landing prescribed by an order under this Ordinance, it shall be lawful for any officer designated for the purpose by regulations made by the Governor in Executive Council to cause such signal as may be prescribed by those regulations to be given, and if after such signal has been given the aircraft fails to respond to the signal by complying with such regulations as may be made by the Governor in Executive Council prescribing the action to be taken on such a signal being given, it shall be lawful for the officer to fire at or into such aircraft and to use any and every other means

necessary to compel compliance, and every and any such officer and every other person acting in his aid and by his direction shall be and is hereby indemnified and discharged from any indictment, penalty, action, or other proceeding for so doing.

(2.) All such regulations shall be published in the *Royal Gazette*.

5. This Ordinance shall commence and come into operation on a day to be proclaimed by the Governor by proclamation in the *Royal Gazette*. Commence-  
ment.

Passed in Council this Twenty-ninth day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

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

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