

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 46.—1914.

11th December.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Solicitors Ordinance,
1912.

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GEORGE R. LE HUNTE,

GOVERNOR.

17th December, 1914.

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, 1914.

Short Title
and Interpre-
tation.

(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 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."

Repeal and re-enactment of Section 3 (1) of Principal Ordinance.

3. Sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof shall be read the following:—

Qualification for admission.

(1.) Subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, no person shall be entitled to be admitted and enrolled as a solicitor who has not passed the preliminary examination or the qualifying examination and the intermediate and final examinations, and has not served as an articled clerk for five years; provided always that in the case of a clerk whether articled before or after the commencement of this Ordinance, who has taken one of the degrees mentioned in Sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 8, the period of service shall be three years, and in the case of a clerk whether articled before or after the commencement of this Ordinance, who has passed Responsions Examination at the University of Oxford, or the Previous Examination of the University of Cambridge or the Matriculation Examination of the University of London having been placed in the first division thereof, or the Oxford or Cambridge Senior Local Examination, having, in either case, been placed in the first class in honours, or having received a certificate from the local Secretary of the Oxford or the Cambridge Local Examinations, that he has obtained marks which but for his age would have entitled him to be placed in the first class in honours, the period of service shall be four years.

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 practice 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 practice in the several Courts of this Colony as fully as any solicitor admitted to practice in this Colony.

Provided that nothing in this section contained shall be construed to compel the Court to admit any such person to practice 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 practice 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 practice 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 hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof shall be read the following :—

Repeal and
re-enactment
of Section 8
of Principal
Ordinance.
Qualifying
examination.

8. The following persons shall be deemed to have passed the qualifying examination, that is to say, persons :—

(1.) Who have taken the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Laws in any of the Universities of England, Wales or Ireland, or the degree of Master of Arts, Bachelor of Laws or Doctor of Laws in any of the Universities of Scotland; or

(2.) Who have been called to the Bar in England or Ireland, or been admitted as Advocates in Scotland; or

(3.) Who have passed the Responsions Examination at Oxford or the Previous Examination at Cambridge; or

(4.) Who have passed one of the local examinations for Seniors established by the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge, satisfying the Examiners in English Language and Literature, History, Geography, and one other language besides English, or the examination for higher certificates of the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board; or

(5.) Who have passed the examination for the first class certificate of the College of Preceptors Incorporated by Royal Charter in the year 1849; or

(6.) Who have passed the Matriculation Examination of any of the Universities of London, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Birmingham, Bristol or Wales; or of the University of Dublin, National University of Ireland, Queen's College, Belfast or Queen's University, Belfast or of any University in Scotland or who have obtained the Leaving certificate of the Scotch Education Department; or

(7.) Who have passed an examination which entitles them to enter the Home Civil Service in the United Kingdom, or the Indian Civil Service, or the Consular Service, or the Service of the Crown in the East as Cadets; or

(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 Princi-
pal 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.

Repeal.

8. The Ordinances Nos. 27 of 1913 and 10--1914 are hereby repealed.

Passed in Council this Eleventh day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

HARRY L. KNAGGS,

Clerk of the Council.