

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

Importation of Animals.

No. 3.—1903.

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AN ORDINANCE relating to the importation of Animals.

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ALFRED MOLONEY,

GOVERNOR.

19th February, 1903.

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 Animals Short title. Importation Ordinance, 1902.”

2. The Ordinance No. 19—1872, entitled “An Ordinance Repeal. for the prevention of Glanders” is hereby repealed.

3. In this Ordinance the term—

Interpretation.

“Animal” includes bulls, cows, oxen, steers, heifers, calves, horses, mules, asses, sheep, swine, goats, dogs, and any other animal to which this Ordinance shall be made to apply by order of the Governor in Executive Council.

“Master” means any person having for the time being the command or charge of any vessel

“Consignee” extends to and includes the owner as well as any person in charge of an animal,

“Disease” includes cattle plague or rinderpest, contagious pleuro-pneumonia, anthrax, glanders, splenic fever, foot and mouth disease, sheep-pox, sheep scab, foot-rot, rabies, tuberculosis, swine fever, cow-pox, surra and any other disease to which this Ordinance shall be made to apply by order of the Governor in Council.

“Examiner” means any Examiner of Animals appointed under Section 4 hereof.

Appointment
of Examiners.

4. It shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to appoint some competent person, being a Veterinary Surgeon, to be the Examiner of Animals imported into this Colony, and such person from time to time to remove, as the Governor shall see fit. To such Examiner there shall be allowed and paid such salary as the Governor with the consent of the Legislative Council may allow.

The Governor may also from time to time appoint and remove any other person or persons, with or without the qualification of Veterinary Surgeon, to be Examiner or Examiners for any particular port or place in the Colony. Such Examiner or Examiners shall be paid by fees or otherwise as the Governor may allow.

Animals to be
inspected
before being
landed.

5. No animal imported into this Colony shall be landed or water-borne for the purpose of being landed, until such animal shall have been inspected by the Examiner; and any person who shall land or be otherwise concerned in the landing of any animal before such inspection shall have been made, or contrary to the order of the Examiner, shall be guilty of an offence, and on conviction thereof shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding fifty pounds.

Return by
master of
vessel.

6. The master of every vessel in which any animal shall be imported into this Colony shall deliver to the Examiner a return, according to the form A in the schedule to this Ordinance, to be signed by such master, stating the name of the vessel and her owner, the port of shipment, the number and description of animals shipped on board of such vessel at such port, the consignee or importer of such animals, the day of the departure of such vessel from the port of shipment, the port or ports, if any, at which such vessel may have entered or called during her voyage, the

number and description of animals, if any, landed at every such port, the number of animals which may have died or been destroyed during the voyage, the day of the same being so lost or destroyed, and the cause of such loss or destruction of every such animal; and the Examiner shall keep all such returns; and if any such return shall be false in any particular, the master shall be guilty of an offence, and on conviction thereof shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding fifty pounds.

7. If the Examiner shall on such inspection be satisfied that all the animals on board of such vessel are not infected with or labouring under disease, he shall grant to the master a certificate to that effect according to the form B in the schedule to this Ordinance, and thereupon it shall be lawful to land the animals mentioned in such certificate. Certificate of non-infection.

8. If the Examiner shall be of opinion that any animal is labouring under or infected by disease, he shall if he shall see fit make an order according to the form C in the schedule to this Ordinance, to be delivered to the master, that such animal shall be destroyed; and if such animal be not forthwith destroyed, the master shall be guilty of an offence, and on conviction thereof shall forfeit and pay for every such animal any sum not exceeding fifty pounds. Infected animals to be destroyed.

9. It shall be lawful for the Examiner in any case, if he shall see fit, to make an order according to the form D in the schedule to this Ordinance, to be delivered to the master, that all animals on board of such vessel, except such as the Examiner may have ordered or may order to be destroyed, shall be detained until the Examiner shall make order for their discharge; and such animals shall be detained on board of such vessel, or may at the option of the master be landed at such wharf or quay and detained at such place as shall be allowed by such Examiner, to be named in such order; provided always that no animal the landing whereof may be so allowed shall be landed except between the hours of one and six in the morning. Order or detention of animals.

10. All animals so ordered to be detained shall, during the time of their detention, be subject to the inspection of the Examiner, and the Examiner may from time to time Animals to be inspected during detention.

make order in writing according to the form C in the schedule to this Ordinance, to be delivered to the consignee, that any animal so detained be destroyed; and if such animal shall not be forthwith destroyed, the consignee shall be guilty of an offence, and on conviction thereof shall forfeit and pay for every such animal any sum not less than twenty pounds and not exceeding fifty pounds.

Manner of
destruction.

11. Every animal for the destruction whereof any order may be made under this Ordinance, shall be destroyed in such manner as the Examiner shall direct, and the body of every animal so destroyed shall be sunk in the sea, at a distance of not less than five miles from the nearest part of the shore of the Colony; and if any such animal so destroyed shall not be sunk in the sea, or shall be thrown into the sea at any distance less than five miles from the nearest part of the shore of the Colony, the master of the vessel or the consignee shall be guilty of an offence, and on conviction thereof shall forfeit and pay for every such offence a sum not exceeding twenty pounds.

Certificate
of freedom
from disease.

12. When the Examiner shall be satisfied that no animal so detained has shown symptoms of disease for the space of ten days, and in the case of rabies for the space of sixty days, he shall, on the request of the consignee of such animals, grant to such consignee a certificate to that effect, hereinafter called a Certificate of Freedom from disease, according to the form E in the schedule to this Ordinance, and thereupon such animals may be disposed of in such manner as the consignee shall see fit.

Allowing
escape
of animals
ordered to be
detained.

13. If any animal for the detention whereof an order shall have been made under this Ordinance shall be landed at any other place except the place allowed for that purpose by the Examiner, or except between the hours of one and six o'clock of the morning, or when so landed shall be driven or taken, or shall escape and be found in or upon any street or place not being in the direct road from the place of landing to the place mentioned in such order as the place of detention, or shall at any time be allowed to go beyond or escape from such place of detention before the Examiner

shall have granted a Certificate of Freedom from disease in respect of the animals mentioned in such order, the consignee shall be guilty of an offence, and on conviction thereof shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding twenty pounds.

14. There shall be paid to the Collector of Customs or to such other officer as the Governor may from time to time direct, by the master or consignee (as the case may be) such fees as may be prescribed by the Governor in Executive Council, and all such fees shall be paid at such time and in such manner as the Governor may direct and shall be paid over by the Collector or such other officer as the case may be to the Receiver-General for the use of the Colony.

15. In case any person shall wilfully obstruct or impede any person acting under the authority of this Ordinance, every person so offending and all others aiding and abetting and assisting, shall and may be seized and detained by such person so acting under the authority of this Ordinance, or any person or persons whom he may call to his assistance, until such offender or offenders can be conveniently taken before some Stipendiary Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction in the place wherein such offence shall be committed, and when convicted before such Justice as aforesaid shall forfeit such sum not exceeding five pounds as to such convicting Justice shall seem fit, and in default of payment thereof may be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two months, unless the amount of the penalty shall be sooner paid.

16. All penalties imposed under this Ordinance may be recovered summarily before any Stipendiary Justice of the Peace on the information of any person; and the procedure in any such case shall be in accordance with the Summary Conviction Offences (Procedure) Ordinance, 1895.

Passed in Council this Second day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three.

C. J. ROOKS,
Clerk of the Council.

SCHEDULE.

FORM A.

Return to be made by master of every vessel in which any animal is imported.

| Name of Vessel. | Name of Owner. | Name of Master. | Name of Consignee or Importer of Animals. | Port of Shipment. | Day of departure of vessel from Port of Shipment. | Number and description of animals shipped at Port of shipment. | Name of Port or Ports touched at during voyage. | Number and description of animals landed at any Port so touched at. | Number of animals lost or destroyed during the voyage, and cause and time of loss or destruction. |
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FORM B.

Certificate of non-Infection, allowing Animals to be landed.

I, A.B., Examiner of Animals, do hereby certify that I have on the day of _____ inspected the animals on board of the vessel called _____ whereof _____ is master, imported from _____ viz: _____ and that the same are not infected with or labouring under disease, and I permit the same to be landed.

Given under my hand this _____

FORM C.

I, A.B., Examiner of Animals, do hereby make order that the animals hereafter mentioned, that is to say, (*state number and description*) being certain of the animals imported in the _____ whereof _____ is master, be forthwith destroyed by (*state mode of destruction*)

Given under my hand this _____

FORM D.

I, A.B., Examiner of Animals, do hereby make order that the animals hereinafter described, imported in the _____ whereof _____ is master (with the exception of _____ viz : _____ which I have ordered, or hereby order, to be destroyed) be detained until I make order for their discharge (*and if the master shall elect to land the animals,— proceed as follows*): and at the request of the said master, I do hereby allow the said animals to be landed at (*state wharf, quay or other place*) and detained at (*describe the place where they are to be detained*).

FORM E.

Certificate of Freedom from disease.

I, A.B., Examiner of Animals, do hereby certify that the following animals imported in the _____ whereof _____ is master, and which by my order of the _____ day of _____ were ordered to be detained and have been detained in (*describe the place of detention*) allotted by me as a place of detention, are not infected by disease, and that there is no longer any fear of infection from the same.

Given under my hand this