

## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

*Commissioners of Affidavits.*

No. 13.—1902.

*26th May, 1902.*

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the appointment of  
Commissioners of Affidavits.

[L.S.]

ALFRED MOLONEY,

GOVERNOR.

*31st May, 1902.*

**B**E 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 Commissioners of Affidavits Ordinance, 1902.” Short Title.

2. All Stipendiary Justices of the Peace, Clerks of the Peace, Assistant Clerks of the Peace and Wardens shall be *ex officio* Commissioners of Affidavits for the districts in which they act or to which they are appointed. Ex officio Commissioners.

3. The Governor may from time to time appoint fit and proper persons to be Commissioners of Affidavits and assign to each of such Commissioners of Affidavits a district. Every such appointment may at any time be revoked by the Governor. Appointment.

4. Every affidavit sworn before any Commissioner in the course of any action, suit, or other proceeding pending in the Supreme Court shall be as effectual to all intents and pur- Effect of Affidavit.

poses as if such affidavit had been sworn before one of the Judges of the said Court : and any person who shall swear to any such affidavit before any such Commissioner, knowing such affidavit or any part of the same to be false, shall be deemed to have committed perjury by so swearing.

Fees.

5. Every Commissioner of Affidavits shall charge a fee of two shillings for every affidavit sworn before him relating to any action, suit, or other proceeding in the Supreme Court, such fee, except as mentioned in the next following Section, to be paid by the affixing of stamps to the affidavit and the said stamps shall be cancelled by such Commissioner.

Existing Commissioners.

6. All persons who may be Commissioners of Affidavits at the commencement of this Ordinance shall continue in the enjoyment of such office, and of the fee mentioned in the last preceding Section, to be collected as heretofore, unless and until they shall severally receive in lieu thereof such compensation as may be decided by the Governor.

Public Officers.

7. Any public officer who may be a Commissioner of Affidavits shall, except as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance, cease to be such Commissioner on his being promoted or removed to another office.

Repeal.

8. Section 51 of Ordinance No. 4 of 1848, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the better administration of justice in civil cases, and to extend and define the jurisdiction and powers of the Supreme Civil Court," and the Ordinance No. 45 of 1895 are hereby repealed.

Passed in Council this 26th day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

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