

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

*Arima house rate.*

No. 23.—1904.

*19th December.*

AN ORDINANCE to enable the Council of the Borough of Arima to increase the house rate within the said Borough.

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H. M. JACKSON,

GOVERNOR.

*23rd December, 1904.*

WHEREAS under and by virtue of the provisions of <sup>Preamble.</sup> the Ordinance No. 10 of 1853, being an Ordinance for the regulation of Municipal Corporations in the Island of Trinidad, the Governor of the said Island in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty the late Queen Victoria has granted a Charter of incorporation to the inhabitant householders of the town of Arima whereby they have been constituted a Borough within the meaning of the said Ordinance ;

And whereas it is enacted in the said Ordinance (Section 70) as follows :—

“ That the Council of every Borough shall have power to levy on all houses now erected or which may be hereafter erected within such Borough yearly and every year commencing on the First day of January in the year immediately succeeding the year when this Ordinance shall first come into operation, an annual rate or tax

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at and after the rate of five pounds in the hundred pounds and so in proportion for every sum greater or less than one hundred pounds of the annual rent or value of every such house. Provided always that no house belonging to Her Majesty the Queen, her heirs and successors or leased for the public service of the Colony, shall be liable to the payment of such rate, and provided also that it shall be lawful for the Council of the Borough of San Fernando if they shall see fit from time to time by bye-law to be made by them for the purpose to increase the rate on houses and lands within the Borough to such higher rate as they shall think fit."

And whereas the revenue of the said Borough of Arima notwithstanding that the said rate has been levied and paid is insufficient for the purpose of carrying out the urgent sanitary requirements of the said Borough.

And whereas it would conduce to the better government of the said Borough that the house rate to be levied and paid in the said Borough should be increased.

And whereas this cannot be effected without the authority of the Legislative Council.

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

Power to levy  
house rate.

1.—(1.) The Council of the Borough of Arima shall have power to levy and shall levy on all houses now erected or which may hereafter be erected within such Borough yearly and every year commencing on the First day of January in the year 1905 an annual rate or tax at and after a rate of not less than one shilling and not exceeding one shilling and sixpence in the pound of the annual rent or value of every such house instead of the aforesaid rate of five pounds in the hundred pounds. Provided that no house belonging to His Majesty the King his heirs and successors or leased for the public service of the Colony shall be liable to the payment of such rate.

(2.) The word "house" shall be construed to extend to any dwelling-house, warehouse, stable, counting house,

store, manufactory, shop, workshop, shed or other building used in carrying on any trade or business and any lands appurtenant to or occupied with the same and not rated separately.

2. Every parcel of land in the said Borough not appurtenant to or occupied with any house and not otherwise rateable under this Ordinance shall be rated to such rate at a rate of not less than one shilling and not exceeding one shilling and sixpence in the pound of the annual value of such parcel of land instead of at the rate of five pounds in the hundred pounds.

Rate on and not appurtenant to or occupied with house.

3. The rate to be levied under this Ordinance shall be levied ascertained and paid, and the payment thereof shall be enforceable, in the manner provided by the said Ordinance, No. 10 of 1853 as if the Council of a Borough had been empowered and directed in the said Ordinance to levy on all houses and lands within such Borough a rate at and after the rate authorized by this Ordinance.

Mode of levying, ascertaining, paying, and enforcing rate.

4. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Arima House Rate Ordinance, 1904."

Short title.

Passed in Council this 19th day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four.

C. J. ROOKS,

*Clerk of the Council.*