

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 12 —1903.

*7th December.*

AN ORDINANCE relating to Juries.

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ALFRED MOLONEY,

GOVERNOR.

*7th December, 1903.*

WHEREAS doubts have arisen with respect to the legality of the practice which has hitherto prevailed of dividing the panel of jurors returned by the Marshal into two panels for the purposes of the two Courts sitting for the trial of cases at the Criminal Sessions in Port-of-Spain, and it is expedient that such doubts be removed: 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 Jury (explanatory) Ordinance 1903. It shall be read as one with the Jury Ordinance 1884 and 1901. The Ordinances 1884 and 1901 and this Ordinance may be cited as the Jury Ordinances 1884-1903. Short title.  
(13-1884).  
(16-1901).

2. It is hereby declared that it has always been and it is lawful for the Registrar of the Supreme Court subject to the direction of the Chief Justice or of a Judge of the said

Court to divide the panel of jurors returned by the Marshal into so many panels as there may be Courts sitting for the trial of cases at the Criminal Sessions in Port-of-Spain. The panel returned by the Marshal and each such division of the panel formed by the said Registrar in manner aforesaid shall be deemed respectively a panel within the meaning and intent of Section 13 of the Jury Ordinance, 1884.

Provided that this Ordinance shall not be construed to deprive any party to a cause tried at any jury sessions of his right to have the jury for the trial of such cause selected from the entire panel returned by the Marshal in the manner provided in Section 13 of the Jury Ordinance 1884 or from the remaining number thereof omitting the names of such jurors as may actually be serving on jury or may have been discharged from attendance by order of a Judge.

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

C. J. ROOKS,  
*Clerk of the Council.*

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