

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 32.—1920.

I ASSENT,

[L.S.]

J. R. CHANCELLOR,

*Governor.*

1st November, 1920.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Agricultural Fires Ordinance, 1915.

[1st November, 1920.]

**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 Agricultural Fires Ordinance, 1920, and shall be construed as one with the Agricultural Fires Ordinance, 1915, in this Ordinance called the Principal Ordinance. Short title and construction. Ord. 40—1915.

2. A warden and a person authorized by the warden to grant licences to set fires may refuse to grant a licence to set a fire where, in the opinion of the warden or person authorized as aforesaid, the fire would, notwithstanding the provisions of the Principal Ordinance, cause Power to refuse licence to set fire.

Forgery of  
consents.

3. Any person who, with intent to obtain a licence to set fire to land, forges or alters, or, knowing it to be forged or altered, utters a consent to set fire to land required by section four sub-section (1) (c) of the Principal Ordinance shall on summary conviction before a magistrate be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Meaning of  
"adjoining"  
land.

4. For the purposes of section six of the Principal Ordinance (which requires notice of intention to set fire to land to be given to the Constabulary and to the occupiers of adjoining lands) land shall be deemed to be adjoining the land in respect of which a licence to set fire has been granted notwithstanding the interposition of a road, path, or trace, whether public or private, or a river or watercourse.

Amendment of  
s. 7 of  
Principal  
Ordinance.

5. In section seven of the Principal Ordinance (which relates to the service of notice of intention to set a fire) the word "occupier" shall be substituted for the word "owner."

Punishment  
for setting  
fire without a  
licence or  
giving notice.

6. Section nine of the Principal Ordinance, which reads as follows:—

"9. Every person who

"(a.) Sets fire to or procures, aids or abets  
"the setting fire to any land without  
"a licence under this Ordinance; or

"(b.) Acts in contravention of the pro-  
"visions of section 6 of this Ordinance;  
"is liable to a penalty not exceeding £50."

is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—

"9. Every person who

"(a.) Sets fire to or procures, aids or abets  
"the setting fire to, any land without a  
"licence under this Ordinance; or

"(b.) Acts in contravention of the provi-  
"sions of section six of this Ordinance,  
"shall on summary conviction before a magistrate  
"be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty pound  
"to imprisonment with or without hard la-  
"bour for any period not exceeding six months  
"or to both such fine and imprisonment."

7.—(1.) There shall be added to section seventeen of the Principal Ordinance (which relates to smoking or carrying a lighted torch on a plantation) the following additional sub-section, namely:—

Prosecutions  
for smoking

“(2.) A prosecution under this section may be  
“instituted only by a member of the Con-  
“stabulary Force.”

(2.) Sub-section (2) of section nineteen of the Principal Ordinance (which requires prosecutions for smoking or carrying a lighted torch on a plantation to be instituted by the occupier of the plantation) is hereby repealed.

8. In sub-section (1) of section nineteen of the Principal Ordinance the words “Summary Conviction Offences (Procedure) Ordinance, 1918, shall be substituted for the words “Summary Conviction Offences (Procedure) Ordinance, No. 1.”

Amendment  
of s. 19 of  
Principal Ord

Passed in Council this Fifteenth day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

E. F. AANENSEN,  
*Acting Clerk of the Council.*