

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 16.—1920.

I ASSENT,

[L.S.]

J. R. CHANCELLOR,

Governor.

26th May, 1920.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Public Health Ordinance,
1915.

[26th May, 1920.]

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

- Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Public Health Ordinance, 1920.
- Interpre- 2. In this Ordinance the expression "principal Ordinance" tation. means the Public Health Ordinance, 1915.
- "Local Authority" includes "Port Sanitary Authority." 3. In section three of the principal Ordinance, the definition of the term "Local authority" is hereby amended by inserting the words "Port sanitary authority" after the words "Urban Sanitary Authority."

4. From and after the commencement of this Ordinance, the Surgeon-General of the Colony appointed under the Medical Service Ordinance shall be the chairman of the Central Board of Health constituted by the principal Ordinance, and, accordingly, the words "of the Governor as Chairman and" inserted in section six of that Ordinance by the Public Health (Amendment) Ordinance, 1916, are hereby repealed.

Chairman of
Central Board
of Health.

Ord. 191.

Ord. 15-1915.

Ord. 25-1916.

5. Section thirteen of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:—

Port Sanitary
districts.

(1.) In sub-section (1) the words "Port Sanitary" shall be inserted after the words "Urban Sanitary."

(2.) The following sub-section shall be inserted between sub-sections (2) and (3), viz.:—

(2a.) Port Sanitary districts shall be such areas as may from time to time be fixed and defined by the Board by resolution to be approved by the Governor in Executive Council and published in the *Royal Gazette*.

(3.) The following sub-section shall be inserted between sub-sections (4) and (5), viz.:—

(4a.) Port Sanitary districts shall be subject to the jurisdiction of local authorities invested with such of the powers in this Ordinance mentioned as the Governor in Executive Council shall by proclamation from time to time declare.

6. Section fourteen of the principal Ordinance is amended by inserting the following after the paragraph marked (b), viz.:—

Local
Authority for
Port Sanitary
district.

(b1.) In a port sanitary district, such person or body as may from time to time be appointed by the Governor.

Officers of
Port Sanitary
Authorities.
Ord. 17—1919

7. Section fifteen of the principal Ordinance as amended by section ten (a) of the Public Health (Amendment) Ordinance, 1919 is hereby amended by inserting the following between the first and second paragraphs:—

In Port Sanitary districts the local authority may and shall if so required by the Board appoint a medical officer of health and other officers as may from time to time be necessary.

Depositing
excreta or
defecating
except in
privy.

8. The following section shall be inserted after section sixty of the principal Ordinance, that is to say:—

60a. Any person who within a quarter of a mile of any occupied building in any district deposits human excreta or defecates anywhere except in a properly constructed privy shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

Repeal of s. 109
of Ord. 16—
1915 and (k)
of s. 10 of Ord.
17—1919.

9. Section one hundred and nine of the principal Ordinance, and paragraph (k) of section ten of the Public Health (Amendment) Ordinance, 1919 are hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof shall be read the following:—

Removal to
isolation
hospital.

109.—(1.) Where any suitable hospital or place for the reception of the sick established and maintained from public funds, is provided within the district of a local authority, or within a convenient distance of such district, any person who is suffering or is suspected to be suffering from any infectious disease, and is without proper lodging or accommodation, or is so lodged that proper precautions cannot be taken for preventing the spread of the disease, or is lodged in any common lodging house or is on board a ship or vessel, may on a certificate signed by the Medical Officer of Health or by any Medical Practitioner authorized by the local authority and with the consent of the persons in the next sub-section mentioned, be removed, by order of any Justice, to such hospital or place at the cost of the local authority; and such person may be detained in such hospital or place so long as he continues in an infected condition.

An order under this section may be addressed to any member of the Constabulary Force or officer of a local authority; and any person who wilfully disobeys or obstructs the execution of such order shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

(2.) In the case of the Colonial Hospitals in Port-of-Spain and San Fernando the consent in the preceding subsection mentioned shall be that of the respective Resident Surgeons thereof, and in the case of any hospital or place for the reception of the sick established and maintained from public funds, that of the Medical Officer or Medical Practitioner in immediate charge thereof.

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

T. B. JACKSON,
Acting Clerk of the Council.
