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I ASSENT,

J. R. CHANCELLOR,
Governor.

23rd May, 1917.

AN ORDINANCE to regulate and control religious and educational work in the Colony undertaken by persons of foreign nationality.

[23rd May, 1917.]

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

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the Alien Missionaries and Teachers Ordinance, 1917.

Short Title
and interpre-
tation.

(2.) “Naturalized British subject” means any person who becomes a British subject under any statute of the Imperial Parliament providing for the naturalization of aliens.



No alien to
engage in
religious or
educational
work without
permission of
Governor.

2.—(1.) (a.) No person other than a natural born British subject or a naturalized British subject shall engage, or land in the Colony for the purpose of engaging, in religious or educational work in the Colony without the permission in writing of the Governor first had and obtained.

(b.) The grant of any such permission shall be in the absolute discretion of the Governor.

(c.) The Governor may, in his absolute discretion, attach to the grant of such permission any conditions that he may think fit.

(d.) The Governor may, in his absolute discretion, at any time cancel any such permission, and no Court of law shall have any jurisdiction to question the exercise of any such discretion on any grounds whatsoever.

Penalties.

(2.) Any person, not being a natural born British subject or a naturalized British subject, who:—

(a.) engages or attempts to engage in any religious or educational work without the permission in writing of the Governor first had and obtained; or

(b.) commits or attempts to commit any breach of any condition imposed by the Governor on the grant of any such permission; or

(c.) engages or attempts to engage in any religious or educational work after the cancellation of such permission;

is liable, on summary conviction before a Magistrate, to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding six months or to a penalty not exceeding £100 or to both.

Persons
landing in
contravention
of Ordinance.

3. Any person who lands or attempts to land in the Colony in contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance may be ordered by the Governor to quit the Colony, and if such person refuses to obey such order the Governor may cause him to be arrested and removed from the Colony, and for that purpose to be kept or placed on board any ship or boat.

4. The onus of proving that he is a natural born British ^{onus.} subject or that he is a naturalized British subject or that he has obtained the permission in writing of the Governor to engage in religious or educational work shall be on the person alleging the same.

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

J. M. FARFAN,
Acting Clerk of the Council.
