

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 40.—1916.

I ASSENT,

[L.S.]

J. R. CHANCELLOR,
Governor.

11th December, 1916.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Commissioners of Affidavits Ordinance, 1908 (No. 22).

[11th December, 1916.]

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 Commissioners of Affidavits (Amendment) Ordinance, 1916.

Powers as to oaths and notarial acts abroad.

2.—(1.) Every British ambassador, envoy, minister, chargé d'affaires, and secretary of embassy or legation exercising his functions in any foreign country, and every British consul-general, consul, vice-consul, pro-consul, and consular agent exercising his functions in any foreign place, may, in that country or place, administer any oath and take any affidavit, and also do any notarial act which any notary public can do within the Colony; and every oath, affidavit and notarial act administered, sworn or done

by or before any such person shall be as effectual as if duly administered, sworn or done by or before any lawful authority in any part of the Colony.

(2.) Any document purporting to have affixed, impressed or subscribed thereon or thereto the seal and signature of any person authorised by this section to administer an oath in testimony of any oath, affidavit, or act being administered, taken or done by or before him, shall be admitted in evidence without proof of the seal or signature being the seal or signature of that person, or of the official character of that person.

3. Whoever forges, counterfeits or fraudulently alters the seal or signature of any person authorised by or under this Ordinance to administer an oath, or tenders in evidence, or otherwise uses, any affidavit having any seal or signature so forged or counterfeited or fraudulently altered, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeited, or fraudulently altered, is guilty of felony, and is liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding seven years. ^{Forgery.}

4. Where any offence under this Ordinance is alleged to have been committed with respect to any affidavit, a Judge of any Court before whom the affidavit is produced may order the affidavit to be impounded and kept in such custody and for such time and on such conditions as he thinks fit. ^{Impounding of documents.}

Passed in Council this Twenty-fourth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

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