

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

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I ASSENT,

[L.S.]

A. C. HOLLIS,  
*Governor.*

14th November, 1933.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Constabulary Ordinance,  
Cap. 88.

**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 Constabulary <sup>Short title.</sup> (Amendment) Ordinance, 1933, shall be construed as one <sup>Construction.</sup> with the Constabulary Ordinance, Cap. 88, hereinafter called the Principal Ordinance, and shall come into <sup>Commence-</sup> operation on the date of publication in the *Royal Gazette*. <sup>ment.</sup>

2. Paragraph (3) of section 21 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended as follows :—

- (a) in the first line thereof, by deletion of the word "loose"; and
- (b) in the third line thereof by substitution of the words "and all persons" for the word "or".

[*Price 2d.*]

Unclaimed  
articles.

3. Section 67 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof shall be inserted the following :—

67.—(1) Where any property has come into the possession of the Force in connection with any criminal charge or under section 29 of the Pawnbrokers Ordinance, Cap. 268, a court of summary jurisdiction may, on application either by a member of the Force or by a claimant of the property, make an order for the delivery of the property to the person appearing to the Magistrate or Court to be the owner thereof or, if the owner cannot be ascertained, make such order with respect to the property as to the Magistrate or Court may seem meet.

(2) An order under this section shall not affect the right of any person to take within six months from the date of the order legal proceedings against any person in possession of property delivered by virtue of the order for the recovery of the property, but on the expiration of those six months the right shall cease.

(3) All property which has come into the possession of the Force under the circumstances mentioned in sub-section (1) of this section and all property which has otherwise come into the possession of the Force in respect of which the owner has not been ascertained and no order of a competent court has been made with respect thereto shall be dealt with as follows :—

(a) When such property is a perishable article, or its custody involves unreasonable expense or inconvenience, the same may be sold as soon as convenient after it has come into the possession of the Force.

(b) When such property consists of money, the same shall be dealt with in all respects as is hereinafter provided with regard to the proceeds of sales hereby authorised after it has remained in the possession of the Force for three months.

(c) In the case of any other property, the same may be publicly sold at auction as soon as may be after it has remained in the possession of the Force for three months and has been advertised for fourteen days.

(4) The proceeds of all sales hereby authorised shall, after deducting expenses, forthwith be paid to the Treasurer and deposited to the credit of the Constabulary Reward Fund:

Provided that property found by any person not being a member of the Force and not being otherwise provided for by any law and which has not been claimed by the real owner may be delivered to the finder on his claiming the same, but such delivery to the finder shall not be made until the property has remained in the possession of the Force for a period of three months.

In the event of such property being of a nature which necessitates an immediate sale, the proceeds of the sale shall be deposited with the Treasurer and credited to the Constabulary Reward Fund. On the expiration of three months such proceeds, after deducting expenses of sale, may be delivered to the finder on his claiming the same, provided that the proceeds have not been claimed by the real owner.

Provided further that in all cases in which property deposited with the Force, or the proceeds thereof, is delivered to the finder, such finder may be required to execute a form of indemnity to the Force in respect of such delivery.

4. Section 71 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting the following after paragraph (5):—

Amendment  
of s. 71 of  
Cap 88.

(6) Such sums as may from time to time become payable to finders of property sold under section 67 of this Ordinance.

Passed in Council on the fourth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three.

J. O'CONNOR,  
*Clerk of the Council.*