

1. The moneys to be raised under the said Ordinance of the twenty-second day of August, may be applied to the paying of the expenses of establishing a system of underground sewerage, within the Town of Port of Spain, under the authority of the said Ordinance of the first day of October.

2. So much of the said Ordinance of the twenty-second day of August, as directs that the Debentures to be issued under the said Ordinance, shall be redeemable on the expiration of twenty years from the day of granting the same, and that for the gradual redemption of the same there shall be established a sinking fund, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

3. Of the Debentures to be issued under the authority of the said Ordinance of the twenty-second day of August, Debentures to the amount of one thousand five hundred pounds sterling shall be redeemed on the fifteenth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and on the same day in each year thereafter ensuing, until all such Debentures shall have been redeemed, and the particular Debentures redeemable in each year, shall be determined by lot, in such manner as the Governor may from time to time direct; and notice of the distinguishing numbers of the Debentures so redeemable, shall be given in the *Royal Gazette*, on or before the fifteenth day of March, of the year in which the same shall be redeemable, and the interest on every such Debenture shall cease from the day on which the same shall be so redeemable.

Passed in Council this second day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

RICHARD D. CADIZ,

*Clerk of Council.*

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## No. 18.—1859.

*1st June.*

AN ORDINANCE with regard to the Post Office.

ROB. W. KEATE,

**W**HEREAS an Ordinance was passed in Council on the sixth day of April one thousand eight hundred

and fifty-one, entitled "An Ordinance for establishing an Inland Post and Rates of Postage within the Colony" And whereas instructions have been given by the Postmaster General that the postage on all letters transmitted to and from this Colony from and to the United Kingdom shall be prepaid, and it is expedient that the officer having the chief charge of the Post Office in this Colony shall be charged with the collecting and accounting for the Imperial Postage on all letters transmitted to and from this Colony: Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government as follows:

1. The officer having the chief charge of the Post Office in Port of Spain shall henceforth bear the style and title of Postmaster General of the Island of Trinidad.
2. All letters posted at any Post Office within this Colony for transmission to any place out of this Colony, and in respect whereof the pre-payment of postage now is or may hereafter be required by any order of Her Majesty's Postmaster General, shall when posted have thereon or affixed thereto a stamp or stamps to the amount of the rates of postage payable on the same, and in all cases in which any such letter shall be posted at any Post Office within this Colony without having thereon or affixed thereto such stamp or stamps, or having thereon or affixed thereto any stamp or stamps the value or amount of which shall be less than the rate of postage to which such letter is liable, such letter shall not in any case be forwarded by the post, but shall, if posted at any other office than the General Post Office in Port of Spain be transmitted to such General Post Office, and shall, so far as may be practicable, be returned to the writer thereof.
3. Provided always that notwithstanding anything in this Ordinance contained where by virtue of any treaty between the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and any Foreign State the pre-payment of postage is not required on letters transmitted to such Foreign State, the Postmaster General of this Colony shall transmit any letter directed to any place within such Foreign State on the pre-

payment by stamp of the colonial rate of one penny for every such letter and without the pre-payment of the Imperial postage thereon.

4. Provided also that pre-payment of postage shall not be required in respect of any official letter transmitted to any public functionary or department in London which may have a postage account with Her Majesty's Postmaster General in London.

5. A notice of all letters which shall be posted without payment of the rates of postage payable in respect of the same, specifying the addresses of such letters, shall be published from time to time in the *Royal Gazette*, and if the rates of postage payable on the same shall not be paid within one calendar month after the first publication of such notice, it shall be lawful for the Postmaster General to open any letter which may be posted at any Post Office in this Colony on which the rates of postage payable in respect of the same shall not have been prepaid, and it shall be the duty of such Postmaster to return such letter to the writer thereof whenever it shall be practicable.

6. It shall be lawful for the Postmaster General of the Island, with the sanction of the Governor, to make regulations with regard to the registration of letters to be sent to any place out of this Colony which the sender thereof shall be desirous to enregister, and the Postmaster General of the Island may charge for any letter so registered on the same being registered, such fee in addition to the rate or rates payable in respect of such letter as the Governor may from time to time direct, but such registration shall not render the Postmaster General of the Island or the Colonial revenue in any manner liable for the loss of any such letter or the contents thereof.

7. The Postmaster General of the Colony shall keep an account of all letters transmitted to or from this Colony through the Imperial Post Office, and shall submit such account once in every month to the Auditor of Public Accounts for the Colony, and the balance, which on such account shall be due to the Imperial Post Office, shall be paid by the Receiver

General and transmitted to the Imperial Post Office in such manner as the Governor may from time to time direct.

Passed in Council this first day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

RICHARD D. CADIZ,

*Clerk of Council.*

## No. 19.—1859.

*1st July.*

AN ORDINANCE for excepting from Duties of Customs certain goods used in the formation of Tramroads.

ROB. W. KEATE.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient that the several goods mentioned in the Schedule to this Ordinance already imported or which may hereafter be imported into this Colony for the formation of any public Tramroad should be exempted from all duties of Customs: Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor on its being made to appear to him to his satisfaction that any goods or articles enumerated in the Schedule to this Ordinance which may have already been or may hereafter be imported into this Colony, have been imported for the formation of any Tramroad, or as part of the rolling stock of any Tramroad, to make order in writing that such goods shall be exempted from all duties of Customs, and thereupon the several goods mentioned in any such order shall be exempted accordingly.

2. That a statement of the several goods and the qualities and declared values of the same which shall be so exempted shall be laid before the Council of Government at the first meeting of Council in each year.