

No. 13.—1847.

AN ORDINANCE for registering Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

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WHEREAS on the seventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, a certain Order in Council was made by Her Majesty the Queen for regulating the celebration of marriages and the registration thereof within the Colonies of British Guiana, Trinidad, St. Lucia, the Cape of Good Hope, and Mauritius; and whereas on the twenty-fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven a certain other Order in Council was made by Her Majesty the Queen, whereby it is among other things ordered that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of the said Island of Trinidad, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, by any Ordinance or Ordinances to be by them from time to time made and enacted, to make such provision as to them shall seem meet for the registration of such marriages, and for regulating the fees, salaries and emoluments to be received by the officers charged with the duty of such registration, anything in the said recited Order in Council notwithstanding: Provided always, that every such Ordinance shall be so made and enacted, that the same shall take effect in the said Island, and shall be transmitted for Her Majesty's confirmation or disallowance in such and the same manner, and under and subject to all such and the same rules and regulations as in the case of any other Ordinance or Ordinances made and enacted by the said Governor and Legislative Council. And whereas it is expedient to provide the means for a complete registry of the births, deaths, and marriages in Trinidad, Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government, That the Registrar-General of the Colony shall keep at his office, in the town of Port of Spain, a general register of births, deaths, and marriages in this Colony.

Registrar-General to keep a registry of births, deaths and marriages.

2. And be it enacted, That the Registrar-General shall send once in every year to the Governor a general

Annual abstract of registers to be

laid before
the Council.

abstract of the numbers of births, deaths, and marriages registered during the twelve months ending on the last day of December then immediately preceding, in such form as the Governor from time to time shall require; and every such annual general abstract shall be laid before the Council of Government at its next meeting after the receipt thereof.

Governor to
appoint
Superinten-
dent Regis-
trars for Port
of Spain and
San Fernando.

3. And be it enacted, That the Governor shall and may appoint such person as he shall see fit as Superintendent Registrar of births and deaths within the town of Port of Spain, and such other person as he shall see fit as Superintendents Registrar of births and deaths within the town of San Fernando.

Wardens to
be Superin-
tendent Regis-
trars in their
respective
wards.

4. And be it enacted, That each warden of any ward within the Colony shall be the Superintendent Registrar of births and deaths within such ward.

Districts to
be formed by
Superinten-
dent Regis-
trars and
Wardens.

5. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for each such Superintendent Registrar and Warden, with the approval of the Registrar-General, to divide the town or ward, of or for which he shall be superintendent, into such and so many districts as he shall think fit; and the number of such districts from time to time, with such approval as aforesaid, to alter and vary; and every such district shall be called by a distinct name, and shall be a registrar's district, and the Superintendent Registrar shall appoint a person with such qualifications as the Registrar-General may by any general rule declare to be necessary to be Registrar of births and deaths within each district; and in every case of vacancy in the office of Registrar shall forthwith fill up the vacancy, and every such Registrar shall hold his office during the pleasure of the Registrar-General.

Registrar-
General to
form all parts
of the Colony,
not included
in the town
of Port of
Spain or San-
Fernando, or
in any ward
into tempo-
rary districts.

6. And be it enacted, That the Registrar-General, as soon as may be after the commencement of this Ordinance, shall form all parts of the Island, not included in the town of Port of Spain or the town of San Fernando, and not comprised in any such ward, or for which no warden shall be appointed, into such and so many temporary districts as he shall see fit, and shall appoint a Registrar to each of such temporary districts, subject to being displaced as hereinafter provided.

On appoint-
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den to any

7. And be it enacted, That when and so soon as a warden shall be appointed for any ward, in which any

quarter or place forming part of any such temporary district shall be comprised, and such warden as Superintendent Registrar shall have appointed a Registrar for such quarter or place, every such quarter or place shall cease to be part of the temporary district to which it was so annexed; and every Registrar and Deputy Registrar appointed before the appointment of such warden shall cease to hold office so far as relates to such quarter or place unless re-appointed.

place comprised in a temporary district and appointment by warden of a superintendent, power of temporary registrar to cease.

8. And be it enacted, That for every district for which a Registrar of births and deaths shall be appointed as aforesaid, the Registrar shall have power, subject to the approval of the Superintendent Registrar, or if such Registrar shall be the Registrar of a temporary district subject to the approval of the Registrar-General, to appoint by writing under his hand a fit person to act as his deputy in case of the illness or unavoidable absence of such Registrar; and every such Deputy Registrar, whilst so acting, shall have all the powers and duties, and be subject to all the provisions and penalties herein declared concerning Registrars, and in case of the death of the Registrar shall act as Registrar until another Registrar is appointed, and every Registrar shall be civilly responsible for the acts or omissions of his deputy.

Deputy Registrars to be appointed.

9. And be it enacted, That the Registrar-General shall furnish to every Superintendent Registrar, for the use of the Registrars under his superintendence, and to every Registrar of a temporary district, a sufficient number of strong iron boxes to hold the register books to be kept by such Registrars; and every such box shall be furnished with a lock and two keys and no more, and one of such keys shall be kept by the Registrar, and the other key shall be kept by the Superintendent Registrar, or if such district shall be a temporary district then by the Registrar-General, and the register books of each district, while in the custody of the Registrar and not in use, shall be always kept in the register box, and the register box shall always be left locked.

Register boxes to be provided.

10. And be it enacted, That in every case in which any Registrar or Superintendent Registrar shall be removed from or cease to hold office, all register boxes, keys, books, documents and papers in his possession, as such

All books, &c., to be transferred on removal of Registrar.

Registrar or Superintendent Registrar, shall be given up as soon as conveniently may be to his successor in office; and if any person shall refuse to give up any such box, key, books, documents or papers in such case as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the county or district where such person shall be or reside, upon application for that purpose, to issue a warrant under his hand for bringing such person before any two Justices of the Peace for the said county or district; and upon such person appearing or not being found, it shall be lawful for such Justices to hear and determine the matter in a summary way; and if it shall appear to the Justices that any such box, key, books, documents or papers are in the custody or power of any such person, and that he has refused or wilfully neglected to deliver the same, the said Justices are hereby required to commit such offender to the common gaol for the said county or district, there to remain without bail until he shall have delivered up the same, or until satisfaction shall have been given in respect thereof to the person in whose custody the same ought to be; and the said Justices may grant a warrant to search for such box, key, books, documents or papers, as in the case of stolen goods, in any dwelling house or other premises in which any credible witness shall prove upon oath that there is reasonable cause to suspect the same to be, and the same when found shall be delivered to the person in whose custody they ought to be.

Registrar and Deputy to reside within the district.

11. And be it enacted, That every Registrar and Deputy Registrar shall dwell within the district of which he is Registrar or Deputy Registrar, and shall cause his name, with the addition of Registrar or Deputy Registrar (as the case may be) for the district for which he shall be so appointed, to be placed in some conspicuous place on or near the outer door of his own dwelling house, and the Superintendent Registrar shall cause to be printed and published in the town or ward which he shall superintend, a list of the names and places of abode of every Registrar and Deputy Registrar under his superintendence.

Register books to be provided.

12. And be it enacted, That the Registrar-General shall cause to be printed, a sufficient number of register books for making entries of all births, deaths, and

marriages in this Colony, according to the forms of Schedules A, B, and C, to this Ordinance annexed; and the said register books shall be of durable materials, and in them shall be printed upon each side of every leaf the heads of information, herein required to be known and registered, of births, deaths, and marriages respectively: and every page of each of such books shall be numbered progressively from the beginning to the end, beginning with number one, and every place of entry shall be also numbered progressively from the beginning to the end of the book, beginning with number one; and every entry shall be divided from the following entry by a printed line.

13. And be it enacted, That the Registrar-General shall furnish to every Superintendent Registrar for the use of the Registrars under his superintendence, and also to every Registrar of any temporary district a sufficient number of register books of births, and of register books of deaths, and of forms for certified copies thereof as hereinafter provided, at a reasonable price to be fixed from time to time by the Governor, and the cost of such books and forms furnished to every such Superintendent Registrar, shall be borne by the town or ward in or for which such Superintendent Registrar shall be appointed or shall act, and shall be paid by the Clerk of the Town Council or the Warden, as the case may be, out of the monies coming into his hands or control, as such Town Clerk or Warden, to the Registrar-General.

Registrar-General to furnish books to Superintendents and temporary Registrars.

14. And be it enacted, That every Registrar shall be authorized, and is hereby required to inform himself carefully of every birth and every death which shall happen in his district after the commencement of this Ordinance, and to learn and register as soon after the event as conveniently may be done, in one of the said books, the particulars required to be registered according to the forms in the said Schedules A and B respectively, touching every such birth or every such death, as the case may be, which shall not have been already registered, every such entry being made in order from the beginning to the end of the book.

Registrars to inform themselves of all births and deaths.

repealed 15. ~~And be it enacted, That the mother and the father, or reputed father of any child born, and the occupier of~~

Parents or occupiers of

houses, and managers of estates, on which birth or deaths happen, and wardens and coroners in cases of foundlings, or exposed dead bodies, to give notice to the Registrar.

every house or tenement, and the owner and the manager of every estate and plantation in this Colony, in or upon which any birth or death shall happen after the commencement of this Ordinance, shall within twenty-one days next after the day of such birth, or within five days next after the day of such death, respectively give notice of such birth or death to the Registrar of the district in which such birth or death shall happen; and in case any new born child or any dead body shall be found exposed, the Warden in the case of the new born child, and the Coroner in the case of the dead body, shall forthwith give notice and information thereof, and of the place where such child or dead body was found to the Registrar; and for the purposes of this Ordinance the master, or keeper, or person in charge of every gaol, prison, or house of correction, lock up house, police station, or workhouse, hospital, or lunatic asylum, or public or charitable institution shall be deemed the occupier thereof.

Parent or occupier of house, or person in charge of estate, to give particulars of birth so far as known.

16. And be it enacted, That the father or mother of every child born *in this Colony*, after the commencement of this Ordinance, or in case of the death, illness, absence, or inability of the father and mother, the occupier of the house or tenement in which, or the person in charge of the plantation or estate on which such child shall have been born, shall, within twenty-one days next after the day of every such birth, give information, upon being requested so to do, to the said Registrar according to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, of the several particulars hereby required to be known and registered touching the birth of such child.

As to registering after the expiration of twenty-one days from the birth of the child.

17. And be it enacted, That after the expiration of twenty-one days following the day of the birth of any child it shall not be lawful for any Registrar to register such birth, save as hereinafter is next mentioned: Provided, that in case the birth of any child shall not have been registered according to the provisions hereinbefore contained, it shall be lawful for any person present at the birth of such child, or for the father or mother or guardian thereof at any time within six calendar months next after the birth, to make a solemn declaration of the particulars required to be known touching the birth of such child, according to the best of his or her knowledge

and belief, and it shall thereupon be lawful for the said Registrar then and there, in the presence of the Superintendent Registrar, or if the same shall be a temporary district then in the presence of the Stipendiary Justice of the Peace, to register the birth of the said child according to the information of the person making the said declaration, and in every such case the Superintendent Registrar or the Stipendiary Justice, as the case may be, before whom the said declaration is made, as well as the Registrar, shall sign the entry of the birth, and for every such registry as last aforesaid the Superintendent Registrar shall be entitled to have a fee of five shillings from the person requiring the same to be registered, and the Registrar, over and above the fee hereinafter enacted in respect of every birth registered by him, shall be entitled, unless the delay shall have been occasioned by his default, to have a fee of five shillings from the person requiring the same to be registered; and no register of births shall be given in evidence to prove the birth of any child born in this Colony wherein it shall appear that twenty-one days have intervened between the day of the birth and the day of the registration of the birth of such child, unless the entry shall be signed by the Superintendent Registrar or the Stipendiary Justice of the Peace, and every person who shall knowingly register or cause to be registered the birth of any child born in this Colony, otherwise than hereinbefore is last mentioned after the expiration of twenty-one days following the day of the birth of such child, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence a sum not exceeding fifty pounds.

18. And be it enacted, That after the expiration of six calendar months following the birth of any child it shall not be lawful for any Registrar to register the birth of such child, and no register of births shall be given in evidence to prove the birth of any child born in this Colony wherein it shall appear that six calendar months have intervened between the day of the birth and the day of the registration of the birth of such child; and every person who shall knowingly register or cause to be registered the birth of any child born in this Colony after the expiration of six calendar months following the day of the birth of such child, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence a sum not exceeding fifty pounds.

Births not to
be registered
after six
months.

Name given
in baptism
may be regis-
tered within
six months
after registra-
tion of birth.

19. And be it enacted, That if any child born *in this Colony*, whose birth shall have been registered as afore-
said, shall within six calendar months next after it shall
have been so registered have any name given to it in
baptism, the parent or guardian of such child, or other
person procuring such name to be given, shall, within
seven days next after such baptism, procure and deliver
to the Registrar or Superintendent Registrar, in whose
custody the register of the birth of the child may then
happen to be, a certificate according to the form of
Schedule G to this Ordinance annexed, signed by the
minister who shall have performed the rite of baptism,
which certificate such minister is hereby required to
deliver immediately after the baptism whenever the
same shall be then demanded on payment of the fee of
one shilling, which he shall be therefore entitled to
receive, and the said Registrar or Superintendent Regis-
trar, upon receipt of such certificate, and on the pay-
ment of the fee of one shilling which he shall be there-
fore entitled to receive, shall without any erasure of the
original entry forthwith register therein that the child
was baptized by such name, and the Registrar shall
thereupon certify upon the said certificate the additional
entry so made, and shall forthwith send the said cer-
tificate to the Registrar General.

Some person
present at
death, or
occupier of
house, or per-
son in charge
of estate, to
give particu-
lars of death
so far as
known.

20. And be it enacted, That some person present at
the death or in attendance during the last illness of every
person dying *in this Colony* after the commencement of
this Ordinance, or in case of the death, illness, inability,
or default of all such persons, the occupier of the house
or tenement, or if the occupier be the person who shall
have died, some inmate of the house or tenement in
which, or the person having the charge of the estate or
plantation on which such death shall have happened,
shall, within eight days next after the day of such death,
give information upon being requested so to do to the
Registrar to the best of his or her knowledge and belief
of the several particulars hereby required to be known
and registered, touching the death of such person:
Provided always, that in every case in which an inquest
shall be held on any dead body the Coroner shall inquire
of the particulars herein required to be registered con-
cerning the death, and shall inform the Registrar of the

Registrar to
enter finding
of Coroner.

same and of his finding, and the Registrar shall make the entry accordingly.

21. And be it enacted, That every Registrar immediately upon registering any death, or as soon thereafter as he shall be required so to do, shall, without fee or reward, deliver to the undertaker or person having charge of the funeral a certificate under his hand according to the form of Schedule E. to this Ordinance annexed, that such death has been duly registered, and such certificate shall be delivered by such undertaker or other person to the minister or officiating person who shall be required to bury or to perform any religious service for the burial of the dead body, and if any dead body shall be buried for which no such certificate shall have been so delivered the person who shall bury or perform any funeral or any religious service for the burial shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Registrar: Provided always, that the Coroner upon holding any inquest may order the body to be buried if he shall think fit before registry of the death, and shall in such case give a certificate of his order in writing under his hand according to the form of Schedule F. to this Ordinance annexed to such undertaker or other person having charge of the funeral, which shall be delivered as aforesaid; and every person who shall bury or perform any funeral or any religious service for the burial of any dead body for which no certificate shall have been duly made and delivered as aforesaid, either by the Registrar or Coroner, and who shall not within seven days give notice thereof to the Registrar, shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding ten pounds for every such offence.

22. And be it enacted, That every person by whom the information contained in any register of birth or death under this Ordinance shall have been given, shall sign his name, description, and place of abode in the register, and no register of birth or death according to this Ordinance shall be given in evidence which shall not be signed by some person professing to be the informant, and to be such party as is herein required to give such information to the Registrar, and in case such informant shall be unable to write, then he shall affix his mark to the statement of his name, description, and place of abode in the register, after the same shall have been read over

Registrar to give certificate of registry of death to undertaker, who shall deliver the same to minister or officiating person.

Coroner may order body to be buried and give certificate thereof.

Register to be signed by informant.

Provision if informant shall be unable to write.

~~and explained to him by the Registrar in the presence of some credible witness, who shall subscribe his name thereto in testimony thereof.~~

Registrars to
make out
accounts
quarterly.

23. And be it enacted, That every Registrar shall make out an account four times in every year of the number of births and deaths which he shall have registered since the last quarterly account, and the Superintendent Registrar shall verify and sign the same, and the clerk and treasurer of the council of the town or borough in or for which or any part of which he shall be Registrar, or the warden of the ward where such ward shall not be comprised in and form part of a borough, shall on production of the said account so verified and signed pay to the said Registrar, out of the monies in his hands or power as such clerk and treasurer or warden, such sums as he shall be entitled to receive on the said account, according to the following scale, that is to say, for the first ten entries of births and deaths in every year which he shall have registered, whether the same be of births or deaths indiscriminately, two shillings and sixpence each, and one shilling for every subsequent entry of births or deaths in each year, and the said several sums shall be charged to the account of the borough or ward in which such births or deaths respectively shall have occurred: Provided always, that where such Registrar shall be Registrar of a temporary district, the account of such Registrar shall be verified by him on oath before any Justice of the Peace, and the allowance hereinbefore directed to be made shall be paid to such Registrar on the certificate of the Registrar-General from and out of the Colonial Treasury.

Marriage
register books
to be provided.

24. And be it enacted, That the Registrar-General shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the rector, or curate, or officiating minister of every church, and chapel, or other place of religious worship in this Colony, wherein marriages may lawfully be solemnized, and also to every person whom the Recording Clerk of the Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, at their central office in London shall from time to time certify in writing under his hand to the Registrar-General to be a registering officer in this Colony of the said society, and also to every person whom the president for the time being of the London Committee of Deputies of the

British Jews, shall from time to time certify in writing under his hand to the Registrar-General to be the Secretary of a Synagogue in this Colony of persons professing the Jewish religion, a sufficient number in duplicate of marriage register books, and forms for certified copies thereof as hereinafter provided, and the cost of all such books and forms shall be paid by the churchwardens of the parish or chapelry out of the monies in their hands as such churchwardens, or by the officiating minister, or the registering officer or secretary respectively, to whom the same shall be furnished.

25. And be it enacted, That every minister of the Christian religion ordained or otherwise set apart to the ministry of the Christian religion, according to the usage of the persuasion to which he may belong, immediately after every marriage solemnized by him shall register in duplicate in two of the marriage register books the several particulars relating to that marriage, according to the form of the said Schedule (C); and every such registering officer of the Quakers as soon as conveniently may be after the solemnization of any marriage between two Quakers in the district for which he is registering officer; and every such secretary of a synagogue immediately after every marriage solemnized between any two persons professing the Jewish religion, of whom the husband shall belong to the synagogue whereof he is secretary, shall register or cause to be registered in duplicate in two of the said marriage register books the several particulars relating to that marriage according to the form of the said Schedule (C); and every such registering officer or secretary, whether he shall or shall not be present at such marriage, shall satisfy himself that the proceedings in relation thereto have been conformable to the usages of the said society, or of the persons professing the Jewish religion, as the case may be; and every such entry as hereinbefore is mentioned, whether made by such minister or by such registering officer or secretary respectively as aforesaid, shall be signed by the minister or by the said registering officer or secretary as the case may be, and by the parties married and by two witnesses, and shall be made in order from the beginning to the end of each book, and the number of the place of entry in each duplicate marriage register book shall be the same.

Marriage registers to be kept in duplicate.

Ministers, &c.,
may ask
parties named
the particu-
lars required.

26. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for every such minister, and for every registering officer of the Quakers, and every secretary of a synagogue, to ask of the parties married the several particulars herein required to be registered touching such marriage.

Certified
copies of
registers of
births and
deaths to be
sent quarter-
ly, and the
register books
when filled to
the Superin-
tendent
Registrar.

27. And be it enacted, That in the months of April, July, October, and January, on such days as shall from time to time be appointed by the Registrar-General, the Registrar of each district shall make and deliver to the Superintendent Registrar of the town or ward in which his district shall be, a true copy, on durable materials, certified by him under his hand according to the form of Schedule D. to this Ordinance annexed, of all the entries of births and deaths in the register book kept by him since the last certificate, the first of such certificates to be given in the month of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to contain all the entries made up to that time; and the Superintendent Registrar shall verify the same, and if found to be correct, shall certify the same under his hand to be a true copy, and if there shall have been no birth or death registered since the delivery of the last certificate the Registrar shall certify the fact, and such certificate shall be delivered to the Superintendent Registrar as aforesaid, and countersigned by him; and the Registrar shall keep safely each of the said register books until it shall be filled, and shall then deliver it to the Superintendent Registrar to be kept by him with the records of his office: Provided always, that where such Registrar shall be the Registrar of a temporary district he shall make such copies and certificates as the case may be in manner aforesaid, and shall deliver them to the Registrar-General at the time hereinbefore mentioned.

Duplicates
and certified
copies of
registers of
marriages to
be sent to
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trar.

28. And be it enacted, That every such minister of any church, chapel, or other place of religious worship, and every such registering officer and secretary, shall, in the months of April, July, October, and January, respectively, make and deliver to the Superintendent Registrar of the town or ward in which such church, chapel, or other place of religious worship may be situated, or which may be assigned by the Registrar-General to such registering officer or secretary, a true copy, on durable materials, certified by him under his hand, of all the

entries of marriages in the register book kept by him since the last certificate; the first of such certificates to be given in the month of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to contain all the entries made up to that time, and if there shall have been no marriage entered therein since the last certificate, shall certify the fact under his hand, and shall keep the said marriage register books safely until the same shall be filled, and one copy of every such register book when filled shall be delivered to the Superintendent Registrar of the town or ward in which such church, chapel, or place of religious worship may be situated, or which shall have been assigned as aforesaid to such registering officer or secretary, and the other copy of every such register book kept by any such minister shall remain in the keeping of such minister, and the other copy of every such register book of marriages among the people called Quakers, and among persons professing the Jewish religion, respectively, shall remain under the care of the said people or persons, respectively, to be kept with their other registers and records, and shall for the purposes of this Ordinance be still deemed to be in the keeping of the registering officer or secretary for the time being, respectively.

29. And be it enacted, That every Superintendent Registrar shall, four times in every year, on such days as shall be therefore named by the Registrar-General, send to the Registrar-General all the certified copies of the registers of births, deaths and marriages which he shall have so received during the three calendar months next preceding such quarterly days of transmission respectively, and if it shall appear by the interruption of the regular progression of numbers, or otherwise that the copy of any part of any book has not been duly delivered to him he shall procure as far as possible consistently with the provisions of this Ordinance, that the same may be remedied and supplied, and every such Superintendent Registrar shall be entitled to receive the sum of two pence for every entry in such certified copies, and every Superintendent Registrar shall make out an account four times in every year of the number of entries in the certified copies sent to him during the last quarter, and the certified copies so sent to the general registry

Superintendent Registrars to send certified copies of registers to the Registrar-General.

office shall be thereafter kept in the said office in such order and manner as the Registrar-General, under the direction of the Governor, shall think fit so that the same may be most readily seen and examined.

Searches may be made and certificates given by the persons keeping the registers.

30. And be it enacted, That every such minister, and every Registrar, Registering Officer, and Secretary who shall have the keeping for the time being of any register book of births, deaths, or marriages shall at all reasonable times allow searches to be made of any register book in his keeping, and shall give a copy certified under his hand of any entry or entries in the same, on payment of the fee hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, the sum of one shilling for every search extending over a period not more than one year, and sixpence additional, for every additional year, and the sum of two shillings and sixpence for every single certificate.

Indexes to be made at the Superintendent Registrar's office, and searches allowed.

31. And be it enacted, That every Superintendent Registrar shall cause indexes of the register books in his office to be made and kept with the other records of his office, and that every person shall be entitled at all reasonable hours to search the said indexes, and to have a certified copy of any entry or entries in the said register books under the hand of the Superintendent Registrar on payment of the fees hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, for every general search the sum of five shillings, and for every particular search the sum of one shilling, and for every such certified copy the sum of two shillings and sixpence.

Indexes to be kept at the Registrar-General's office, and searches allowed, and certified copies to be given.

32. And be it enacted, That the Registrar-General shall cause indexes of all the said certified copies of the registers to be made and kept in the general register office, and that every person shall be entitled on payment of the fees hereinafter mentioned to search the said indexes between the hours of ten in the morning and four in the afternoon of every day, except Sundays, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Good Friday, and to have a certified copy of any entry in the said certified copies of the registers, and for every general search of the said indexes shall be paid the sum of twenty shillings, and for every particular search the sum of one shilling, and for every such certified copy the sum of two shillings and sixpence and no more shall be paid to the Registrar-

General or such other officer as shall be appointed for that purpose on his account.

33. And be it enacted, That the Registrar-General shall cause to be made a seal of the said register office, and the Registrar-General shall cause to be sealed or stamped therewith all certified copies of entries given in the said office, and all certified copies of entries purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the said register office, shall be received as evidence of the birth, death, or marriage to which the same relates without any further or other proof of such entry, and no certified copy purporting to be given in the said office shall be of any force or effect which is not sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

Seal to be provided for office of Registrar-General:

Certified copies sealed by Registrar-General, to be evidence.

34. And be it enacted, That the Registrar-General shall be and he is hereby authorised to demand and receive the several fees in the Schedule H to this Ordinance annexed, which fees shall be in lieu of all other fees for the same services given by any other Ordinance or law now in force.

Fees.

35. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to cause to be paid from the Colonial Treasury such monies as may be required for the purpose of carrying this Ordinance into effect, and every sum received under the provisions of this Ordinance by or on account of the Registrar-General, shall be accounted for and paid by the Registrar-General on the expiration of each month into the Colonial Treasury for the uses of the Colony.

Governor may order payment of public monies, for the purposes of this Ordinance.

36. And be it enacted, That if any person hereby required or directed to give notice to any Registrar of any birth or of any death or to give any information when required so to do of any of the particulars hereby required to be known and registered touching any child born or any person dead, shall omit or refuse so to do within the time hereby limited in that behalf, every person so offending shall forfeit and pay such sum of money not exceeding five pounds sterling, as to the convicting Justice or Justices shall seem fit; and one moiety of such penalty shall be paid to the informer, and the other moiety shall be paid to the Colonial Treasurer for the use of the Colony.

Penalty for neglecting to give notice or information.

Penalty for wilfully giving false information.

37. And be it enacted, That every person who shall wilfully make or cause to be made for the purpose of being inserted in any register of births, deaths, or marriages, any false statement touching any of the particulars hereby required to be known and registered, shall be subject to the same pains and penalties as if he were guilty of perjury.

Penalty for not duly registering births, deaths, and marriages, or for losing or injuring registers, &c.

38. And be it enacted, That every person who shall refuse or without reasonable cause omit to register any marriage solemnized by him or which he ought to register, and every Registrar who shall refuse or without reasonable cause omit to register any birth or death of which he shall have had due notice as aforesaid, and every person having the custody of any register book or certified copy thereof, or of any part thereof, who shall carelessly lose or injure the same, or carelessly allow the same to be injured whilst in his keeping, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty pounds for every such offence.

Penalty for destroying or falsifying register books.

39. And be it enacted, That every person who shall wilfully destroy or injure, or cause to be destroyed or injured any such registry book, or any part or certified copy of any part thereof, or shall falsely make or counterfeit or cause to be falsely made or counterfeited any part of any such register book or certified copy thereof, or shall wilfully insert or cause to be inserted in any register book or certified copy thereof, any false entry of any birth, death, or marriage, or shall wilfully give any false certificate, or shall certify any writing to be a copy or extract of any register book, knowing the same to be false in any part thereof, or shall forge or counterfeit the seal of the register office, shall be guilty of felony.

Accidental errors may be corrected.

40. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no person charged with the duty of registering any birth, death, or marriage, who shall discover any error to have been committed in the form or substance of any such entry, shall be therefore liable to any of the penalties aforesaid, if within one calendar month next after the discovery of such error in the presence of the parents of the child whose birth may have been so registered, or of the parties married, or of two persons attending upon any person in his or her last illness, whose death may have been so

registered, or in case of the death or absence of the respective parties aforesaid, then in the presence of the Superintendent Registrar and of two credible witnesses, who shall respectively attest the same, he shall correct the erroneous entry according to the truth of the case, by entry in the margin, without any alteration of the original entry, and shall sign the marginal entry, and add thereunto the day of the month and year when such correction shall be made: Provided also, that in the case of a marriage register, he shall make the like marginal entry, attested in like manner in the duplicate marriage register book, to be made by him as aforesaid, and in every case shall make the alteration in the certified copy of the register book to be made by him as aforesaid, or in case such certified copy shall have been already made, provided he shall make and deliver in like manner a separate and certified copy of the original erroneous entry, and of the marginal correction therein made.

41. And be it enacted, That so much of the said recited Order in Council, of the seventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, as directs that the duplicate original register of every marriage, shall within one calendar month from the date thereof, be transmitted to the Colonial Secretary of the Colony, and that all such duplicates shall be filed and safely preserved by him in his office, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Provision of
Order in
Council of
1st September,
1838, repealed.

42. And be it enacted, That this Ordinance shall commence and take effect upon and from and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

Commence-
ment of Ordi-
nance.

Passed in Council this second day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

THOMAS F. JOHNSTON,
Clerk of Council.

SCHEDULE A.

1848 *Births in the Ward of*

No.	When born.	Name if any.	Sex.	Name and surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, description and residence of informant.	When registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Baptismal name, if added after registration of Birth.
1.	7 Jan.	James.	Boy.	William Green.	Rebecca Green, formerly Jennings.	Carpenter.	William Green, father, carpenter, Corynthe Estate.	9th Jan.	John Cox, Registrar.	

SCHEDULE B.

1848 *Deaths in the Ward of*

No.	When died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, description and residence of informant.	When registered.	Signature of Registrar.

SCHEDULE C.

Marriages solemnized at the in

No.	When married.	Names and Surnames.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of marriage.	After Banns or License.	Consent by whom given, or by Judge's order.

SCHEDULE D.

I, _____ Registrar of Births and Deaths in the
subdivision _____ in the ward of _____ do hereby
certify that this is a true copy of the Registrar's book of births
(or deaths) within the said District from the entry of the birth
(or death) of _____ No. 1— to the entry of the
birth (or death) of _____ No. 34
Witness my hand this _____ day of _____ 184

Registrar.

SCHEDULE E.

I Registrar of Births and Deaths in the
 subdivision in the ward do hereby
 certify that the death of was duly registered
 by me on the day of 184 Witness
 my hand this day of 184
Registrar.

SCHEDULE F.

I Coroner for the do
 hereby order the burial of the Body now shown to me as the body
 of
 Witness my hand this day of 184
Coroner.

SCHEDULE G.

~~I Rector of do hereby certify
 that I have this day baptized by the names of
 a male child produced to me by as the son
 of and and declared by the
 said to have been born at on
 the day of
 Witness my hand this day of 184
 A. B., Rector.~~

SCHEDULE H.

Schedule of Fees.

	£	s.	d.
For every general search not directed to any particular entry	0	4	2
For every search for a particular entry	0	2	1
For every search for two or more particular entries and not exceeding four entries each	0	1	0½
For every search for any number of particular entries exceeding four	0	4	2
For every certified copy of any entry	0	2	1

The foregoing Ordinance was duly proclaimed in Port of Spain, this tenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

A. CLOGSTOUN,

Marshal.