

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 14.—1919.

I ASSENT,

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W. M. GORDON,  
*Acting Governor.*

6th June, 1919.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Burial Grounds.

[6th June, 1919.]

**B**E 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 Burial Grounds Ordinance, 1919.

Burying in  
unlicensed  
ground.

2. It shall not be lawful to bury the dead in any place not being a licensed burial ground. Any person who shall bury any body, or in anywise act or assist in the burial of any body in any place not being a licensed burial ground, shall, for every such offence, be liable to a penalty not exceeding £20.

Governor may  
license burial  
grounds.

3.—(1.) It shall be lawful for the Governor in Executive Council to set apart and license as a public burial ground any parcel of Crown land, or any private property which may be acquired for the purpose.

(2.) It shall be lawful for the Governor in Executive Council to license as a private burial ground any parcel of land which any person may desire to set apart for use as a private burial ground.

4.—(1.) It shall be lawful for the Governor to make Regulations, Regulations for the general government of burial grounds, whether public or private, which are not under the charge and control of the Port-of-Spain City Council or of the Mayor and Burgesses of any Borough.

(2.) It shall be lawful for the Mayor and Burgesses of any Borough to make Regulations for the general government of burial grounds which are under their charge and control.

(3.) All such Regulations shall be published in the *Royal Gazette*.

5. All public burial grounds licensed by the Governor, other than those under the charge and control of the Port-of-Spain City Council or of the Mayor and Burgesses of any Borough, shall be under the charge and control of the Warden of the County in which they may be respectively situated. Burial grounds to be under charge of Wardens.

6. Notice of the licensing of any place as a burial ground shall in all cases be forthwith published in the *Royal Gazette*. Notice of license.

7. In case it shall appear to the Governor that for the protection of the public health, burials in any burial ground should be discontinued, it shall be lawful for the Governor to order that, after a time mentioned in the order, burials in such burial grounds shall be discontinued: provided that notice of the time mentioned in the said order for the discontinuance of burials in such burial ground shall be published in the *Royal Gazette* one month at least before such order takes effect, and after the expiration of the period mentioned in such order, such burial ground shall cease to be a licensed burial ground. Governor may order discontinuance of burials.

Procedure.       8. All offences and penalties under this Ordinance and under any Regulations made hereunder shall be prosecuted and recovered under the provisions of the Summary Conviction Offences (Procedure) Ordinance, 1918.

Repeal.           9. The Burial Grounds Ordinance, No. 138, is hereby repealed.

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

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

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## TABLE SHOWING SOURCES OF THE BILL.

SECTION OF BILL.	EXISTING LAW.
1 ...	Section 1 of Ordinance 8.
2 ...	Section 2 of Ordinance 8. "Constable" substituted for "Police Officer." The definition of "unnatural death" is new and is taken from the British Guiana Coroners Ordinance, No. 6 of 1887.
3 ...	Section 3 of Ordinance 8, with the addition of so much of Section 61 of Ordinance 181 as gives a Harbour Master the powers of a Coroner. Provision is also made with regard to the Port Health Officer, who takes the place of the District Medical Officer as regards harbours. Section 4 of Ordinance 8 omitted as unnecessary. It is also in conflict with Section 24 of Ordinance 13 of 1907 and Section 6 (3) and (4) of Ordinance 13 of 1915.
4 ...	Section 5 of Ordinance 8 as amended by Section 2 of Ordinance 11 of 1907. The Section has been divided into 4 Sub-sections and the wording altered to accord with the new definition of "unnatural death."
5 ...	Section 6 of Ordinance 8.
6 ...	Section 2 of Ordinance 17 of 1912. Laventille Depot has been added.
7 ...	Section 7 of Ordinance 8.
8 ...	Section 8 of Ordinance 8.
9 ...	Section 9 of Ordinance 8.
10 ...	Section 10 of Ordinance 8.
11 ...	Section 11 of Ordinance 8.
12 ...	Section 12 of Ordinance 8.
13 ...	Section 13 of Ordinance 8. The last 5 lines of the latter section have been omitted. This matter is dealt with by a rule under Ordinance No. 56.
14 ...	Section 14 of Ordinance 8.
15 ...	Section 15 of Ordinance 8.
16 ...	Section 16 of Ordinance 8. Provision is made for publication of regulations in the <i>Royal Gazette</i> .
17 ...	Section 17 of Ordinance 8, amended. The word "property" is used instead of enumerating different kinds of buildings, etc. The holding of an inquest in fire cases is to be in the discretion of the Coroner; but the Attorney-General may direct an inquest to be held.

TABLE SHOWING SOURCES OF THE BILL.—*Continued.*

SECTION OF BILL.	EXISTING LAW.
18 ...	Section 18 of Ordinance 8.
19 ...	Section 19 of Ordinance 8. The portion referring to witnesses has been omitted. See note to Section 20 of Bill.
20 ...	Takes the place of Sections 20, 21 and 22 of Ordinance 8.
21 ...	Section 23 of Ordinance 8.
22 ...	New. A similar provision with regard to criminal cases is made by Section 20 (1) of Ordinance 12 of 1917.
23 ...	Section 24 of Ordinance 8.
24 ...	Section 25 of Ordinance 8.
25 ...	Section 26 of Ordinance 8.
26 ...	Section 27 of Ordinance 8.
27 ...	Section 28 of Ordinance 8.
28 ...	Section 29 of Ordinance 8.
29 ...	Section 30 of Ordinance 8.
30 ...	Section 31 of Ordinance 8.
31 ...	New. This provision is in force as regards criminal cases. See Section 37 of Ordinance 12 of 1917.
32 ...	Section 32 of Ordinance 8.
33 ...	New.
34 ...	Repeal Clause.