

by notice to be published in the *Royal Gazette*, and also by affixing a copy of the same at some conspicuous place within such ward appoint for that purpose.

2. And be it enacted, That in every year after the present year the election of Auditors for each ward shall be held on such day in the month of September, and at such place within the ward as the Warden of the Ward Union in which such ward shall be included shall by notice in the *Royal Gazette*, and also by affixing a copy of the same at some conspicuous place within such ward appoint for that purpose.

3. And be it enacted, That every election of Auditors shall in all respects not otherwise provided for by this Ordinance be held in the same manner as directed by the said Ordinance of the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

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

RICHARD D. CADIZ,

Clerk of Council.

The foregoing Ordinance was duly proclaimed in Port of Spain, by me, this sixth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

EDWARD MURRAY,

Marshal.

No. 4.—1855.

1st March.

AN ORDINANCE to abolish the office of Surveyor-General of the Colony and for the appointment of an officer to be called the Keeper of Maps and Surveys.

CHARLES ELLIOT.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the office of Surveyor Preamble.
General of the Colony should be abolished and that provision should be made for the performance of

Keeper of
Maps and
Surveys to be
appointed.

certain of the duties hitherto performed by that officer :
Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, by and
with the advice and consent of the Council of Govern-
ment, that it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint
an officer to be called "The Keeper of Maps and Sur-
veys," and from time to time on the death, retirement,
or removal of any such officer to appoint some other fit
and proper person in his stead.

Salary.

2. And be it enacted, That to every such Keeper of
Maps and Surveys there shall be paid from the Colonial
Treasury a salary at the rate of two hundred and fifty
pounds sterling per annum.

Oath of Office.

3. And be it enacted, That every person appointed
Keeper of Maps and Surveys shall hold his office during
pleasure, and before entering on office shall take an oath
before the Governor to the effect following :—

"I do hereby swear that I will faith-
fully perform the duties of the office of Keeper of Maps
and Surveys to the best of my ability."

Keeper of
Maps and
Surveys to
have charge
and custody of
all maps, &c.,
now in office
of Surveyor
General.

4. And be it enacted, That immediately on the first
appointment under this Ordinance of a Keeper of Maps
and Surveys the office of Surveyor-General of the Colony
shall cease, and thereupon the Keeper of Maps and
Surveys shall take and have the charge and custody of
all maps and surveys, books, documents, and papers what-
soever now in the office of the Surveyor-General.

In all cases
where by any
Ordinance it
is required
that a memor-
andum of any
deed is to be
left with the
Surveyor
General, and
a certificate to
be granted by
him, such
duty to be
performed by
the Keeper of
Maps and
Surveys.

5. And be it enacted, That in all cases where by any
Ordinance it is required that a memorandum of the date
of any deed and the names of the parties thereto, and of
the purport and effect thereof shall be left at the office
of the Surveyor-General, such memorandum shall be
left at the office of the Keeper of Maps and Surveys, and
a certificate under the hand of such keeper to the effect
that such memorandum has been left at his office shall
have the same effect as a certificate under the hand of
the Surveyor General would have had if this Ordinance
had not been passed.

In cases
where writs
have been
issued to
Surveyor
General, &c.,
duty to be

6. And whereas by an Ordinance passed in Council on
the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred
and fifty-two, entitled "An Ordinance for amending
and consolidating the Law with regard to the appoint-
ment of Wardens, and the powers and duties of such

Wardens," it is amongst other things provided that where any house, mine, quarry, or lands shall become forfeited to and vested in Her Majesty the Queen, her heirs and successors, a writ shall issue to the Surveyor-General of the Colony and such Surveyor-General, by himself, or some person authorised by him by writing under his hand to be endorsed on such writ shall enter upon and take possession of such house, mine, quarry, or lands on behalf of Her Majesty: Be it enacted that in all such cases a writ according to the form annexed to this Ordinance shall issue to the Warden of the ward in which such lands shall be situated, and such Warden shall thereupon enter upon and take possession of such house, mine, quarry, or lands on behalf of Her Majesty, and in all cases where any such writ shall have already issued but shall remain unexecuted at the time of the passing of this Ordinance, such writ shall be executed by the Warden of the ward in which such lands shall be situate, who shall have such and the same powers in respect of such writ as if the same had originally issued and been directed to such Warden.

7. And be it enacted, That the Keeper of Maps and Surveys shall attend at his office for the transaction of public business from the hour of ten in the morning to the hour of four in the afternoon every day in the year, except only Sundays, New Year's Day, Christmas Day and Good Friday.

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

RICHARD D. CADIZ,

Clerk of Council.

The foregoing Ordinance was duly proclaimed in Port of Spain, by me, this third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

EDWARD MURRAY,

Marshal.

TRINIDAD.

VICTORIA by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.
To Warden of the Ward Union
in the Island of Trinidad.

performed by
Wardens.

Hours of
attendance,
&c.

THESE are to command you, that you do by yourself, or some person to be authorised by you, enter upon and take possession, on our behalf of a certain situate in the
ward of containing by estimation
which has become forfeited to and vested in us; and hereof fail not as you shall answer to the contrary.

Witness our trusty and well-beloved CHARLES ELLIOT, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Trinidad and its dependencies, intendant of the Royal Treasury of the said Island, &c., &c., &c.

Signature of Escribano of the }
Court of Intendant. }

No. 12.—1855.

1st June.

AN ORDINANCE for further amending the Law of Evidence.

CHARLES ELLIOT.

WHEREAS by a certain Ordinance passed in Council on the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and entitled, "An Ordinance to provide for the better administration of Justice in Civil Cases, and to extend and define the jurisdiction and powers of the Supreme Civil Court," it is amongst other things enacted, That where in any action or other proceeding, on the plea side of the said Court, any question shall arise touching the admissibility of any evidence, or touching the competency or obligation to give evidence of any witness, or the admissibility of any question put to any witness, or of any document, paper, matter, or thing tendered in evidence, such question should be decided according to the Law of England in the like case: And whereas since the passing of the said recited Ordinance, many and important alterations and amendments have been made in the Law of England touching the several matters aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient that the advantages of such alterations and amendments should be extended to this Colony, and that the Law of this Colony, touching the matters afore-