

No. 9.—1854.

5th May.

AN ORDINANCE to authorise the erection of Public Washing Houses within the town of Port of Spain.

CHARLES ELLIOT.

Public washing houses to be erected.

WHEREAS it would tend greatly to the public health if public washing houses were erected within the limits of the town of Port of Spain, and the washing of clothes in the river of St. Ann's were prohibited: Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government, that it shall be lawful for the Governor to erect on the lands known as the "Orange Grove lands" or such other lands within the limits of the town of Port of Spain as the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council of Government may select for that purpose, public washing houses and buildings for the washing, drying and keeping of clothes, and to cause the same to be supplied with water from the Port of Spain water works, and for that purpose to lay down such conduits, pipes and works for the supplying of such washing houses and buildings with water, and for carrying off such water when used as to the Governor may seem fit; and for the purposes aforesaid to issue and pay from the Colonial Treasury such sum not exceeding the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

Penalty on washing, &c., in River of St. Ann's between certain points.

2. And be it enacted, That when and so soon as such washing houses and buildings shall have been completed and supplied with water it shall be lawful for the Governor to cause notice of the same to be given by proclamation under his hand and seal; and from and after such proclamation every person who shall bathe or who shall wash any animal or any clothes in the River St. Ann's or on the banks thereof, or who shall wash, cast or put any animal alive or dead, or any animal substance, or any noxious or offensive matter or thing into the said river at any part thereof between the digue or dam in the ward of St. Ann's and the sea, shall on conviction of such offence before any Stipen-

diary or other Justice of the Peace forfeit and pay such sum not exceeding twenty pounds as to the convicting Justice shall seem fit.

3. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time, with the consent of the Council of Government, to fix the amount of payments to be made by persons for the permission to make use of such washing houses, and such amounts from time to time to alter and vary as the Governor with the consent of the Council of Government shall see fit; and the amounts of such payments shall from time to time be made known by notice in the *Royal Gazette*, and all such payments shall from time to time be paid over to the Colonial Treasurer.

Rates of payments for use of washing houses to be made.

4. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to make rules and regulations for the government of such washing houses and buildings, and the hours of opening and closing such houses and buildings, and the approaches thereto, and for the admission of persons to such houses and buildings, and the payment of the moneys payable on such admission, and for the removal or immediate apprehension of any person who shall be guilty of any offence against such rules and regulations, and a copy of such rules and regulations shall be laid before the Council of Government at its next day of meeting or as soon thereafter as conveniently may be.

Rules and regulations to be made for washing houses.

5. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any police constable, acting with such aid as shall be necessary and without any warrant or other authority, to detain any person guilty of any offence against this Ordinance or against any rules or regulations to be made by the Governor under this Ordinance and forthwith to convey him before any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction within the town of Port of Spain, and such Justice is hereby required to proceed forthwith with respect to such offender according to the provisions of this Ordinance.

How offences against this Ordinance are punishable.

6. And be it enacted, That all moneys expended under this Ordinance and all money received as payments under or by virtue of this Ordinance shall be carried by the Colonial Treasurer to a separate account to be called

Account of moneys.

“The Port of Spain Washing Establishment,” and a copy of such account made up to the thirty-first day of December in each year shall be laid before the Council of Government on the first day of February in each year.

Passed in Council this fifth day of May, 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 twenty-sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

EDWARD MURRAY,

Marshal.

No. 10.—1854.

5th May.

AN ORDINANCE for facilitating the granting of Letters of Administration.

CHARLES ELLIOT.

WHEREAS it is expedient that facilities should be given for the granting of Letters of Administration to persons resident within the Colony without citation to other persons having a prior right to such Letters of Administration, but not resident within the Colony: Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government, that it shall be lawful for the Supreme Civil Court to grant Letters of Administration of the estate and effects within this Colony of any person already dead, or who may hereafter depart this life, to any person resident within the Colony who would otherwise be entitled to the same without any previous citation to or the consent of any other party having a prior right to administration, but not resident or actually living within the limits of the Colony: Provided always that