

writing, and in the doctrines and tenets of the Christian religion, and in the duties required by the same. And the said A. B. agrees to serve the said G. H. diligently and faithfully, according to the aforesaid Ordinance, during all the said term, to obey all his just and lawful commands, and to be honest, sober and faithful in all things.

And the said C. M. hereby binds and obliges himself unto the said A. B. in the sum of five pounds sterling money, as surety for the due and faithful performance by the said G. H. of all things by him the said G. H. to be done and performed, according to the present contract, or by virtue of the provisions of the aforesaid Ordinance.

In witness whereof the said G. H. and C. M. have hereunto set their hands, and the said J. S. hath hereunto subscribed the name of the said A. B. for and on behalf of the said A. B.

Signed and delivered by the  
 within named G. H. and  
 C. M., and by the said J. S.  
 in the name and for and on  
 behalf of the said A. B., in  
 the presence of

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## No. 13—1857.

*1st December.*

AN ORDINANCE for the training of Juvenile Offenders to habits of Industry.

ROB. W. KEATE.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient that provision should be made for the training of Juvenile Offenders to habits of industry: Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government as follows:

1. Whenever after the passing of this Ordinance any person under the age of sixteen years shall be convicted of any offence punishable by law either upon an indictment or a summary conviction before a Stipendiary Justice of the Peace or before two or more Justices of the Peace, and shall be sentenced to imprisonment for more than fourteen days, it shall be lawful for the Governor if he shall see fit at any time during the continuance or on the expiration

Juvenile offenders may be assigned as servants in husbandry for any term not less than one or exceeding five years.

of the sentence of such offender to assign such offender as a servant in husbandry to such person and on such plantation and for such term, not less than one year and not exceeding five years, as to the Governor shall seem fit, and such offender shall be liable to serve as a servant in husbandry in such plantation for the term which may be so appointed: Provided always that no such assignment shall be made to extend beyond the time when such offenders shall attain the age of eighteen years: and provided also that no offender shall be directed to be so sent where the offence for which he shall be convicted shall be an offence against any Ordinance for regulating the relations between master and servant.

Form of assignment.

2. Every assignment of service shall be under the hand of the Colonial Secretary, and shall be according to the form in the Schedule to this Ordinance or to the like effect.

Assignment of services may be transferred.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor if the person to whom the services of any such Juvenile Offender shall be so assigned shall die, or shall cease to be the owner, or to have the possession of the plantation in respect of which such offender shall have been assigned, or for any other cause which to the Governor shall seem sufficient to order that the services of such offender be transferred to such other person and in respect of such other plantation as to the Governor shall seem fit for the residue of the original term of service of such offender.

Days and hours of service to be given by offenders.

4. Every offender whose services shall be so assigned shall be bound to work as a servant in husbandry upon the plantation to which he shall be so assigned for nine hours of every day, Sundays, Good Friday, Christmas Day and New Year's Day only excepted, during the term for which he shall be so assigned.

Offenders assigned not to leave Plantation without leave.

5. It shall not be lawful for any offender whose services shall be so assigned, to go beyond the limits of the plantation upon which he shall be bound to serve without a permission in writing signed by the person having the charge of such plantation; and it shall be the duty of any Constable to arrest without warrant any such offender whom he may find beyond the limits of

such plantation and to deliver him into the custody of the person having the charge of such plantation.

6. The owner or other person having the charge of the plantation upon which such offender shall be bound to serve, shall provide such offender with lodging and food and clothing, or a reasonable weekly allowance, to be fixed by the Governor in lieu of such food and clothing and with medical attendance and care when ill, and shall also allow money wages at such rate for every day during which such offender shall labour on such plantation as shall be allowed by the Governor.

Terms of assignment.

7. The money wages earned by any such offender shall be paid once in every three months to the Receiver General of the Colony by the owner or other person having the charge of the plantation upon which such offender shall be bound to serve and shall be entered by such Receiver General under the name of such offender in an account to be kept by such Receiver General to be entitled "Juvenile Offenders Apprentices."

Wages of offenders to be paid into the treasury quarterly.

8. Every person having the charge of any plantation upon which any such offender shall be bound to serve shall within one week after the thirty-first day of January, the thirty-first day of March, the thirtieth day of September and the thirty-first day of December make a return in writing to the Colonial Secretary, specifying the names of every such offender, the date of the assignment of his services, the number of days during which he shall have worked, and the particular days on which he shall have been absent from work during the term preceding such return, and the cause of every such absence, and shall also note in such return the general conduct of such offender during such term.

Returns to be made to Colonial Secretary, &c.

9. It shall be lawful for the Governor where he shall see reason to believe that the general conduct of any such offender has been sober, honest and industrious, and that such offender if released from compulsory service will maintain himself by honest industry by order in writing under his hand to determine the assignment of the services of such offender and thereupon such offender shall be discharged from further service under such assignment.

Governor may discharge offender from service under assignment.

How wages  
earned are to  
be disposed of.

10. On the expiration or other determination of the service of such offender he shall be entitled to receive of the money wages earned by him during his service the whole or such proportion thereof as the Governor with reference to the general conduct of such offender during the continuance of his service shall by his order in writing allow.

Wages not  
paid to  
offenders to go  
to general  
revenue.

11. Where any such offender shall die during such service, or the whole of such money wages shall not be paid over to such offender, the money wages standing to his credit or the residue thereof shall be appropriated in aid of the general revenue of the Colony.

Return to be  
laid before  
Council by  
Colonial  
Secretary  
annually.

12. The Colonial Secretary shall once in each year lay before the Council of Government a return of all offenders whose services shall have been assigned under this Ordinance showing the names of the persons to whom and the plantation on which such offenders shall have been assigned to serve, the days on which and the terms for which they shall have respectively been assigned, the days of the expiration or other determination of such service and the cause of such determination, the number of days during which such offenders shall have worked as servants in husbandry, the amount of money wages earned by them respectively, and the amount of wages paid to them on the expiration or other determination of such service, and also the average general conduct of such offenders during their respective services.

Offenders  
absconding,  
&c., how to be  
dealt with.

13. Where any such offender whose services shall be so assigned shall abscond from the plantation in respect of which his services shall be so assigned, or shall be found beyond the limits of the same, without a written permission in that behalf more than three times in the space of twenty-eight days, and shall be convicted thereof on the complaint of the person having the charge of the plantation upon which such offender shall be bound to serve before any Stipendiary Justice of the Peace, it shall be lawful for such Stipendiary Justice to order such offender to be privately whipped, and such whipping shall not exceed twenty-five lashes, and shall be inflicted in the presence of such Stipendiary Justice.

Passed in Council this first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

RICHARD D. CADIZ,  
*Clerk of Council.*

SCHEDULE.

To all to whom it shall concern, Governor of the Island of Trinidad sends greeting :

WHEREAS A. B., being under the age of sixteen years, was lately convicted before the Supreme Criminal Court of the said Island of Trinidad, of an offence punishable by law, and was therefore sentenced to imprisonment for the term of :  
Now, therefore, know ye that the said

as such Governor of the said Island and by virtue of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for the Training of Juvenile Offenders to habits of industry," doth by these presents assign the said as a servant in husbandry to of the Ward of in the said Island, Planter, to work on the Plantation called in the Ward of aforesaid, for the term of years.

Dated at Port Spain in the said Island, this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty

N.B.—The within named is to provide the said with the weekly sum of in lieu of food and clothes, and with medical care when ill, and is to allow him money wages at the rate of for every day during which the said shall labour on the said Plantation.

By command of His Excellency the Governor.

Col. Sec.

No. 3.—1858.

*22nd March.*

AN ORDINANCE to authorise the issue of Debentures for sums of one hundred pounds under an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for encouraging the formation of Tramroads."

ROB. W. KEATE.

WHEREAS an Ordinance was passed in Council on the twenty-second day of May in the year of our