

No. 6.—1850.

9th April.

AN ORDINANCE to authorize the employment of Convicts at Hard Labor in places without the precincts of the Royal Gaol.

HARRIS.

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 His Excellency the Governor from time to time by Proclamation under his hand and seal to appoint such places as he may see fit without the precincts of the Royal Gaol as labor yards for the employment at hard labor of convicts.

Governor may appoint labor yards for the employment of convicts at hard labor.

2. And be it enacted, That any convict who at any time before the passing of this Ordinance may have been, or who at any time hereafter may be sentenced to imprisonment in the Royal Gaol with hard labor during the whole or any portion of such imprisonment, lawfully may during the whole or any part of the term of such imprisonment with hard labor, be kept and worked at hard labor within any such labor yard.

Convicts at hard labor may be worked in such labor yards.

3. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to make such rules and regulations as he shall see fit for the removal of such convicts to and from such labor yards, and the charge and custody of such convicts when going to or returning from and whilst employed at such labor yards, and a copy of such rules and regulations shall be laid before the Council of Government at their next meeting.

Governor to make rules.

Rules to be laid before Council.

4. And be it enacted, That a return shall be laid before the Council of Government on the first day of July and the first day of January in each year, specifying the number of convicts employed at any such labor yard during the next preceding six months, the number of days during which and the nature of the labor at which they shall have been so employed.

Return of labor to be laid before Council.

5. And be it enacted, That if any such convict shall in going to or returning from any such labor yard escape

Penalty for convicts escaping or

attempting so or endeavour to escape from the custody of any officer to do, and on having the charge and custody of such convict, or shall persons assist. escape or endeavour to escape from such labor yard, or ing them or if any person shall rescue or endeavour to rescue so attempting so to do. such convict when going to or returning from such labor yard from the custody of any officer having the charge and custody of any such convict, or shall aid or assist any such convict to escape from any such labor yard, every such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for the whole or any part of such term not exceeding two years as the Court may award.

Passed in Council this ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

GEORGE B. VAN BUREN,

Clerk of Council.

The foregoing Ordinance was duly proclaimed in Port of Spain this twenty-second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

A. CLOGSTOUN,

Marshal.

No. 23.—1850.

14th October.

AN ORDINANCE for assimilating the Law with regard to the distribution of intestate Estates to the Law of England.

HARRIS.

Interpretation
clause.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the law of this Colony with regard to the distribution of intestate estates