

No. 18.—1877.

20th December.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Ordinance No. 28 of 1868.

(L.S.) G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

31st December, 1877.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, as follows:—

Construction. 1. This Ordinance shall be construed as one with the Ordinance No. 28 of 1868, intituled “An Ordinance for regulating the laying out of new streets and the construction of buildings in the town of Port of Spain,” in this Ordinance referred to as the principal Ordinance.

Short titles. 2. The principal Ordinance may be cited as “The Port of Spain Building Ordinance, 1868.” This Ordinance may be cited as “The Port of Spain Building Ordinance, 1877.” The principal Ordinance and this Ordinance together may be cited as “The Port of Spain Building Ordinances, 1868 and 1877.”

Commencement. 3. This Ordinance shall not come into operation until a day to be appointed by the Governor by proclamation.*

Interpretation. 4. In this Ordinance.

The term “building” includes any kitchen, and any stable or other out-house.

New Buildings.

Rules as to new buildings. 5. In the case of all buildings, whereof the external walls were not carried higher than the footings before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and in the case of the rebuilding of any old building taken down since the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, to the extent specified in the ninth section of the principal Ordinance, the rules and regulations contained in sections ten, eleven, fifteen, sixteen

* Came into operation on 1st March, 1878. See Proclamation No. 3 of 1878.

and nineteen of the principal Ordinance are hereby repealed, and in the case of all such buildings the following rules and regulations shall be added to the rules and regulations required by the principal Ordinance to be observed with regard to new buildings, and be applicable to every part of all such buildings, including the old portion of any old building rebuilt (that is to say) :

- (a.) The external or party walls shall be constructed of brick, brick-nogging, stone, concrete, concrete nogging, or such other material as the Director of Public Works, in his discretion, may approve, and the roof or flat shall be covered with slates, tiles or metal. Every gutter, dormer and other work or construction in connection with any building, except doors, door-frames, windows and window-frames of such dormers or other works or constructions, shall be framed of or covered with incombustible material to be approved by the Director of Public Works: Provided that the walls of any stable or other out-house not being a kitchen may be of wood unless such stable or other out-house abuts upon or is within fifteen feet of an adjoining lot not belonging to the same owner.
- (b.) Every balcony, verandah, balustrade, or other projection shall be constructed of unflammable materials to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works, but the flooring may be of wood, and the pillars or other supports may be of hard wood.

6. Where it appears to the Supreme Civil Court that any building is dangerous on account of its liability to take fire, and that the same ought, for the protection of the inhabitants of Port of Spain, to be wholly or partly removed or altered, such Court may, on the application of the Director of Public Works, authorise such Director of Public Works to remove such building either wholly or partly, or to alter the same in any manner which to the Court seems proper, and may authorise the Director of Public Works to do such acts as aforesaid either

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immediately or in default of the same being done and completed within a limited time by the owner.

An application under this section may be made by motion in a summary way.

Upon any such motion the Court may require notice to be given to any person or may make a peremptory or a conditional order, and may at any time discharge, suspend or vary such order upon such terms, if any, as the Court deems proper, and may make such order as to costs as it deems just.

Costs ordered to be paid under this section may be recovered in the same manner as costs ordered to be paid upon any proceeding in Equity.

For the purposes of this section any Judge or Judges of the Supreme Civil Court, at any time and place, shall be sufficient to constitute the Court, but a single Judge shall not, except where he is satisfied that the case is one of urgency, make a final order under this section.

Any expenses incurred by the Director of Public Works in executing any work authorised under this section shall be recoverable in the same manner as expenses which, by the forty-seventh section of the principal Ordinance are ordered to be borne and paid by the owner, are recoverable.

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

A. C. ROSS,
Clerk of the Council.

No. 22.—1877.

31st December.

AN ORDINANCE to impose a Duty on Licenses to use Guns.

(L. S.) HENRY T. IRVING.
28th February 1878.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, as follows :—