

the Seal of the Colony, shall from time to time be transmitted to the Registrar of the Supreme Civil Court.

3. Copies of all such Rules and Regulations printed by the Government printer shall be received in evidence.

Passed in Council this second day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

R. LECHMERE GUPPY,
Clerk of Council.

No. 4.—1863.

2nd March.

AN ORDINANCE for the Protection of the Earnings and Property of Married Women deserted by their Husbands.

(L. S.) ROB. W. KEATE.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the protection of the earnings and property of married women deserted by their husbands: Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, as follows:—

1. A wife deserted by her husband may at any time after such desertion apply by petition to the Supreme Civil Court in Equity for an order to protect any money acquired by her own lawful industry and property which she may become possessed of after such desertion against her husband or his creditors, or any person claiming under him; and the said Court, if satisfied of the fact of such desertion, and that the same was without reasonable cause, and that the wife is maintaining herself by her own industry or property, may make and give to the wife an order protecting her earnings and property acquired since the commencement of such desertion from her husband, and all creditors and persons claiming under him, and such earnings and property shall belong to the wife as if she were a *feme sole*: (Provided always that every such order shall, within ten days after the

The Supreme Civil Court may on application by petition, grant order for the protection of the property of a wife deserted by her husband.

Such order to be registered. making thereof, be entered with the Registrar General of the Island; and that it shall be lawful for the husband and any creditor or other person claiming under him to apply to the Court for the discharge thereof.

If husband, &c., seize property of the wife, he shall be liable to restore such property and double its value. 2. If the husband, or any creditor of or person claiming under the husband, shall seize or continue to hold any property of the wife after notice of any such order, he shall be liable at the suit of the wife (which she is hereby empowered to bring) to restore the specific property, and also for a sum equal to double the value of the property so seized or held after such notice as aforesaid.

During continuance of order of protection wife to be as a *feme sole*. 3. If any such order of protection be made the wife shall, during the continuance thereof, be and be deemed to have been during such desertion of her husband in the like position in all respects with regard to property and contracts, and suing and being sued as if she were a *feme sole*.

Passed in Council this second day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

R. LECHMERE GUPPY,
Clerk of Council.

No. 5.—1863.

1st April.

AN ORDINANCE for the Protection of the Estates of Deceased persons.

(L. S.) ROB. W. KEATE.

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

Administra-
tor-General to
be appointed.

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty to appoint such person as he may see fit to be Administrator General of the