

shall mean the person for the time being executing the functions of that officer, and words implying the singular number only shall extend to and include several persons, matters and things, as well as one person, matter or thing, unless the context shall otherwise signify.

Passed in Council this twenty-fifth day of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

R. LECHMERE GUPPY,
Clerk of Council.

No. 2.—1863.

2nd February.

AN ORDINANCE to establish Rules and Regulations for the Admission of Patients into the Colonial Hospital of San Fernando, and for the Government thereof.

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

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

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor to frame Rules and Regulations for the Admission of Patients into the Colonial Hospital of San Fernando, and for the Government thereof, and from time to time as he shall see fit to alter such Rules and Regulations, or to frame new Rules and Regulations, and a copy of the Rules and Regulations so framed or so altered, or of such new Rules and Regulations, shall from time to time be laid before the Legislative Council, and being approved by the Legislative Council shall come into force on such day as by the resolution approving the same shall be appointed in that behalf.

2. Copies of all such Rules and Regulations, signed by His Excellency the Governor and authenticated under

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.