

## No. 14.—1867.

18th April.

AN ORDINANCE for Preventing the Drainage into the Streets of Port of Spain of Water holding soap in solution, and of other noxious or fetid matters.

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**W**HEREAS, notwithstanding the establishment within the town of Port of Spain of public wash-houses, sufficient for the uses of the inhabitants of the said town, the washing of clothes in private houses and yards within the said town is still practised: And whereas the drainage into the streets and gutters of the town of water holding soap in solution, and of other noxious or fetid matters, is injurious to the public health, and it is necessary to make provision for the prevention of such nuisances: Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, as follows:—

Persons casting or allowing or causing noxious matters to run into street to be liable to penalty.

1. Every person who shall cause, or suffer or permit, to run, flow or drain from or through any house or yard in the occupation of such person, and every person who shall cast or throw into any street or public place within the town of Port of Spain, or any gutter or side drain of any such street or public place, any water holding soap in solution, or any urine of man or beast, or any water impregnated with any such urine, or with the ordure or dung of man or beast, or any other fluid or semi-fluid, noxious or fetid matter of any description whatsoever, shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay for every such offence, and for every day on which such offence shall be committed, such sum not exceeding five pounds, nor less than five shillings, as to the convicting Justice shall seem fit.

Owners of property whence noxious matters escape to be

2. The owner of every house or yard from or through which any water holding soap in solution, or any urine of man or beast, or any water impregnated with any such urine, or with the ordure or dung of man or beast,

or any other fluid or semi-fluid, noxious or fetid matter of any description, shall flow, drain, or escape into any street or public place within the town of Port of Spain, or any gutter or drain thereof, shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance, and shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay for every day on which such offence shall have been committed such sum, not exceeding five pounds nor less than five shillings, as to the convicting Justice shall seem fit. liable to penalty.

3. Every penalty imposed by this Ordinance may be recovered before any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction within the town of Port of Spain, on the information of any person who shall prosecute for the same; And it shall be lawful for the convicting Justice, if he shall see fit, to award such part, not exceeding one moiety of any such penalty, to the person on whose information such penalty shall be recovered; and all penalties and shares of penalties not awarded to the informer shall be paid to the Local Board of Health of the borough of Port of Spain. Penalties. How to be recovered, and to whom to be awarded.

4. Within the meaning and for the purposes of this Ordinance, every person in the actual occupation of the whole or of any part of any house or yard shall be deemed to be the owner of such house or yard; and where any such house or yard shall not be occupied, the person who shall be rated in the House Rate Book of the borough of Port of Spain in respect of such house or yard shall be deemed to be the owner of such house or yard; and the word "yard" shall include any land, whether enclosed or not, and whether there shall be any dwelling-house or other building on the same or not. What shall be deemed ownership. Definition of "yard."

Passed in Council this eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

R. LECHMERE GUPPY,

*Clerk of the Council.*