

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

Slaughter-houses.

No. 13.—1900.

30th April.

AN ORDINANCE to enable the Port-of-Spain Town Commissioners to provide a public slaughter-house in the town of Port-of-Spain, and to make Bye-laws and regulations for the licensing, registering and inspection of all other slaughter-houses in the said town.

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HUBERT E. H. JERNINGHAM,

GOVERNOR.

23rd May, 1900.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as “The Port-of-Spain Slaughter-houses Ordinance, 1900.”

2. In the construction of this Ordinance the following terms and expressions shall respectively have the meanings assigned to them by this section, unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith.

Interpretation.

“*The Commissioners*,” means the Port-of-Spain town commissioners.

"*The town*," means the town of Port-of-Spain as defined in the Port-of-Spain Ordinance, 1898.

"*Slaughter-house*" includes the buildings and places commonly called slaughter-houses and knacker's yards, and any building or place used for slaughtering cattle or animals of any description for sale.

Power of Commissioners to regulate Slaughter-houses.

3. The Commissioners, if they think fit, may provide slaughter-houses in the town, and may acquire under the provisions of the Land Acquisition Ordinance any lands and buildings required for this purpose; and they shall make Bye-laws with respect to the management and charges for the use of any slaughter-houses so provided.

Licensing of Slaughter-houses.

4. The Commissioners may license such slaughter-houses and knacker's yards as they may from time to time think proper for slaughtering cattle or other animals in the town or within two miles from the limits thereof.

Penalty for using unlicensed Slaughter-house.

5. No place shall be used or occupied as a slaughter-house or knacker's yard within the town or within the said limits, unless and until a license for the use and occupation thereof as a slaughter-house or knacker's yard shall have been obtained from the Commissioners.

Every person who, without having first obtained such license as aforesaid, uses as a slaughter-house or knacker's yard any place within the town or within the said limits, shall for such offence be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds, and to a like penalty for every day after the conviction for such offence upon which the said offence is continued.

Registration of existing Slaughter-houses.

6. Every place within the town which at the time of the passing of this Ordinance is being used as a slaughter-house or knacker's yard shall within three months after the passing of this Ordinance, be registered by the owner or occupier thereof at the office of the Commissioners, and on application to the Commissioners

for that purpose the Commissioners, provided the owner or occupier of such slaughter-house or knacker's yard shall have complied with the requirements of any regulations made under this Ordinance, shall cause every such slaughter-house or knacker's yard to be registered in a book to be kept by them for that purpose.

Every person who, after the expiration of the said three months, and after one week's notice of this provision from the Commissioners, uses or suffers to be used any such place as a slaughter-house or knacker's yard without its being so registered, shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds for such offence, and a penalty not exceeding Ten Shillings for every day after the first day during which such place shall be used as a slaughter-house or knacker's yard without having been so registered.

7. The Commissioners shall from time to time make Bye-laws and regulations for the licensing, registering and inspection of slaughter-houses and knacker's yards and preventing cruelty therein and for keeping the same in a cleanly and proper state, and for removing filth at least once in every twenty-four hours, and requiring them to be provided with a sufficient supply of water, and for preventing the sale in the town of any meat other than from cattle or other animals slaughtered in the public slaughter-house or in some duly licensed slaughter-house, and they may by such Bye-laws impose penalties on persons breaking such Bye-laws or regulations.

Power of
Commissioners
to make Bye-

The Commissioners shall have power in addition to the fine imposed by any Bye-laws made by them by virtue of this Ordinance, to cancel, revoke or suspend any license granted by them under this Ordinance for any breach of any of the provisions of this Ordinance or of any Bye-laws or regulations made thereunder.

8. All Bye-laws and regulations made under the authority of this Ordinance shall be laid on the table of the Legislative Council for approval at least one month

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before they are approved, and if so approved by the Governor and Legislative Council, they shall be published in the *Royal Gazette*, and when so published shall thenceforth have the same effect and operation as if the same were enacted by and formed part of the Ordinance.

Production of a copy of the *Royal Gazette* containing any Bye-laws and regulations purporting to have been made under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be received as evidence of such Bye-laws and regulations.

9. All penalties imposed under the provisions of this Ordinance or of any Bye-laws or regulations made in pursuance thereof shall be recoverable on summary conviction and be payable to the Port-of-Spain Town Commissioners for the use of the town, and the form of procedure in all such cases shall be that prescribed by "The Summary Conviction Offences (Procedure) Ordinance, 1895," or any Ordinance amending the same.

Passed in Council this Thirtieth day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

HARRY L. KNAGGS,

Actg. Clerk of the Council.
