

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 22.—1908.

30th March.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Commissioners of Affidavits.

[L.S.]

S. W. KNAGGS,

ACTING GOVERNOR.

4th April, 1908.

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

- Short title.      1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Commissioners of Affidavits Ordinance 1908.
- Ex officio* Com-      2. All Stipendiary Justices of the Peace, Clerks of the  
missioners.      Peace, Assistant Clerks of the Peace and Wardens shall, so long as they hold their respective offices and no longer, be *ex officio* Commissioners of Affidavits for the districts for which they are appointed.
- Power to      3. The Governor may from time to time appoint fit and  
appoint Com-      proper persons to be Commissioners of Affidavits, and assign  
missioners.      a district to each of such Commissioners. Every such appointment may at any time be revoked by the Governor.
- Affidavits in      4. Every affidavit sworn before any Commissioner in the  
action or suit.      course of any action suit or other proceeding pending in the Supreme Court shall be as effectual to all intents and purposes as if such affidavit had been sworn before one of the Judges of the said Court.

5. Any person who shall swear to any affidavit before any Commissioner of Affidavits, knowing such affidavit or any part of the same to be false, shall be deemed to have committed perjury by so swearing. Swearing to false affidavit.

6. Except in the case of affidavits attesting the execution of deeds, every Commissioner of Affidavits shall charge a fee of two shillings for every affidavit sworn before him; such fee, except where otherwise provided, to be paid by the affixing of stamps to the affidavit, and the said stamps shall be cancelled by such Commissioner. Fees.

Provided that it shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to authorize any Commissioner appointed under section 3 hereof to appropriate to his own use all fees for affidavits sworn before him, and in such case such fees shall not be payable by means of stamps.

7. All persons who, having been appointed Commissioners of Affidavits under Section 51 of Ordinance 4 of 1848, were Commissioners of Affidavits on the thirty-first day of May 1902, and have continued to be such under Section 6 of Ordinance No. 275 up to the date of the commencement of this Ordinance, shall remain in the enjoyment of such office and of the fee mentioned in Section 6 hereof to be collected as heretofore, unless and until they shall severally receive in lieu thereof such compensation as may be decided by the Governor. Commissioners appointed under Ordinance 4 of 1848.

Provided that any public officer who may be such a Commissioner as aforesaid shall cease to be such on his being promoted or removed to another office.

8. The Commissioners of Affidavits Ordinance, No. 275, is hereby repealed. Repeal.

Provided that this repeal shall not affect the validity or invalidity of anything done or suffered or any right accrued or liability incurred before or any proceeding pending or uncompleted at the commencement of this Ordinance.

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

ALFRED TAITT,  
*Acting Clerk of the Council.*