

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

Immigration Fund.

No. 15.—1903.

31st December.

AN ORDINANCE for raising Funds in aid of Immigration
for the year 1904.

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ALFRED MOLONEY,

GOVERNOR.

31st December, 1903.

WHEREAS it is expedient that provision should be made for raising Funds in aid of Immigration for the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four: Be it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. In this Ordinance the word “shipper” includes in the case of a steam vessel the agent of the owner of such vessel.

Interpretation.

2. There shall be raised, levied, collected and paid for the use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors in aid of Immigration upon the several kinds of produce hereinafter mentioned which shall have been raised or manufactured in the Island of Trinidad and which shall be shipped for Parts or Places beyond the limits of the Colony on any day between the 1st day of January and the 31st day of December, 1904, both inclusive, the several Taxes, Rates and Charges hereinafter mentioned—that is to say:

Tax to be levied upon Produce raised or manufactured in the Colony.

On Sugar at the rate of Three Shillings and Six Pence for every one thousand pounds ;

On Molasses at the rate of Two Shillings and Ten Pence for every one hundred gallons ;

On Rum at the rate of Eight Shillings and Six Pence for every one hundred gallons ;

On Cocoa at the rate of Six Pence half penny for every one hundred pounds ;

On Coffee at the rate of Six Pence half penny for every one hundred pounds ;

On Coconuts at the rate of Six Pence half penny for every one thousand ;

On Copra at the rate of One Shilling and Eight Pence for every one thousand pounds ;

And in each of the above cases on lesser quantities in proportion.

Taxes payable
on shipment.

3. The Several Taxes, Rates, and Charges hereinbefore specified shall be payable by the shipper of such produce at the time of such shipment aforesaid, and the shipper thereof shall deliver to His Majesty's Collector of Customs or Sub-Collector in Trinidad, or to the Officer performing the duties of His Majesty's Collector of Customs in Tobago an account of the produce in such form and containing such particulars as the Governor may from time to time direct.

Delivery of
account.

The provisions of Section 5 of the Ordinance 17 of 1897 shall apply to the refund of over payments made in respect of any tax, rate or charge paid under the provisions of this Ordinance.

Weight and
quantity of
shipment to
be declared.

4. The weight or quantity of every shipment of Sugar, Molasses, Rum, Cocoa, Coffee, Coconuts, or Copra exported shall be declared by the shipper, and any false declaration shall be an offence punishable by a fine not exceeding £20, recoverable by the Collector of Customs under the Summary Conviction Offences (Procedure) Ordinance, 1895.

Penalty.

5. If such account as provided for in Section 3 is not delivered or if the Taxes, Rates and Charges payable in respect of such produce are not paid to the Collector of Customs, Sub-Collector or Officer in Tobago aforesaid

within twenty-four hours after the departure of the vessel in which the produce was shipped, or such further time not exceeding four days as the Collector of Customs may allow, the shipper thereof shall forfeit the sum of One Hundred Pounds in addition to the amount of Taxes, Rates and Charges payable.

6. All Taxes, Rates, Charges and Penalties payable or recoverable under this Ordinance may be sued for, prosecuted, determined, and recovered on information in the name of some Officer of Customs before any Stipendiary Justice of the Peace in manner provided by the Summary Conviction Offences (Procedure) Ordinance, 1895. Recovery of Penalties, &c.

7. All Taxes, Rates and Charges, to be paid or recovered before a Stipendiary Justice of the Peace under this Ordinance shall be paid into the Treasury and carried in the books thereof to the credit of moneys applicable to Immigration, and shall be applied in aid of Immigration and to no other purpose whatsoever. Moneys applicable to Immigration only.

8. When any person is adjudged by any Stipendiary Justice of the Peace to pay any Tax, Rate, Charge or Penalty payable and recoverable under this Ordinance, such Justice shall state in the order or conviction and also in the commitment of such person, if committed in default of payment, the amount of costs awarded to be paid by such person, as well as the Tax, Rate, Charge or Penalty so adjudged, and shall commit such person until payment of such Tax, Rate, Charge or Penalty and costs. Costs and committal.

Passed in Council this Thirty-first day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three.

C. J. ROOKS,
Clerk of the Council.