

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

Forest Produce.

No. 2.—1904.

18th January.

C. R. G. 1904
469

AN ORDINANCE relating to Crown Forest Produce.

[L.S.]

ALFRED MOLONEY,

GOVERNOR.

26th January, 1904.

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 Forest Produce Short title. Ordinance 1904.

2. The Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

3. It shall be lawful for the Sub-Intendant of Crown Lands or any Warden or any persons authorized by them, or for any Ward or Police Officer to seize and detain any timber, lumber, wood, underwood, bark, gum or other vegetable product or charcoal which there shall be reason to suspect to have been cut, sawed, prepared, removed, taken or burnt, from or upon any Crown Land without a sufficient license in that behalf; and also any cart or carriage, horse, mule, ass, or other beast, boat or craft, having, drawing or carrying such timber, lumber, wood, underwood, bark, gum or other vegetable product or charcoal; and also to seize and detain any person who may reasonably be suspected of having been employed or concerned in the cutting, sawing,

Power of seizure.

barking, tapping, taking, preparing or removal of any such timber, lumber, wood, underwood, bark, gum or other vegetable product, or charcoal, and to take every such person as soon as conveniently may be, before some Justice of the Peace, and that whether such timber, lumber, wood, underwood, bark, gum or other vegetable product, or charcoal, cart, carriage, horse, mule, ass or other beast, boat or craft or the person so suspected, shall be found within the limits of the Ward in which the same shall be suspected to have been cut, sawed, barked, tapped, taken, removed, prepared or burnt or beyond such limits; and all such timber, lumber, wood, underwood, bark, gum, or other vegetable product or charcoal, and every such cart, carriage, horse, mule, ass, or other beast, boat or craft shall be forfeited to His Majesty and shall be taken to be condemned and may be sold by the Warden, unless the person from whom the same shall have been seized or the owner thereof, or some person authorized by him shall within fourteen days of seizing the same, claim the same and shall within the said term of fourteen days, or such further term as any Justice of the Peace may allow, prove to the satisfaction of such Justice that the land on which such timber, lumber, wood, underwood, bark, gum or other vegetable product or charcoal was so cut, sawed, barked, tapped, prepared, taken, removed or burnt was not Crown Land, or that such person had some sufficient license or authority in that behalf; and all constables of Police are to be aiding and assisting the Warden herein.

Provided that in lieu of the forfeiture and condemnation of any such cart, carriage, horse, mule, ass or other beast, boat or craft, it shall be lawful for the Justice to order that the owner thereof shall pay such fine not exceeding Twenty Pounds as to the Justice shall seem fit, and on payment of such fine such cart, carriage, horse, mule, ass or other beast, boat or craft shall be returned to such owner.

Penalty.

4. Every person who shall be employed or concerned in the cutting, sawing, barking, tapping, taking, preparing, burning or removal of any timber, lumber, wood, underwood, bark, gum, or other vegetable product or charcoal from or upon any Crown Lands without sufficient license in that behalf, shall on conviction thereof before any

Stipendiary Justice of the Peace forfeit and pay such sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, and in default thereof shall be imprisoned in the Royal Gaol for such term not exceeding three months with or without hard labour, as to the convicting Justice may seem fit.

5. The Governor may order such reward as he may think ^{Rewards.} fit to be paid in respect of any seizure made under this Ordinance to the person or persons making such seizure or through whose information or means such seizure was made.

Passed in Council this Eighteenth day of January in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four.

C. J. ROOKS,
Clerk of the Council.
