

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

Bush Fires.

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No. 10.—1904.

12th May.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Fire Ordinances 1869
and 1894.

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HUGH CLIFFORD,

ACTING GOVERNOR.

1st June, 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 Fire Ordinance Short title.
1904. It shall be read as one with the Fire Ordinances Construction.
1869 and 1894. The Fire Ordinances 1869 and 1894 and (24—1869.)
this Ordinance may together be cited as the Fire Ordi- (2—1894.)
nances 1869—1904.

2. Sections 3 and 4 of the Fire Ordinance 1869, are hereby Repeal.
repealed and in lieu thereof shall be read the following:—

Any person desirous of setting fire to any land shall Notice by
give to the Warden of the Ward within which such land person desir-
may be situate a notice in writing specifying the local ing to set fire.
situation extent and abuttals of such land, and shall cause
an opening space of at least twenty-five feet in width to be
cleared round the land and all inflammable matter to be
carefully removed from such space. Trace to be
made.

Inspection of
land and trace.

Upon receiving such notice, such Warden shall inspect such land and such opening space, or cause the same to be inspected by a neighbouring landowner or by some competent person to be named by such Warden. Where the inspection is made by a landowner, such landowner shall furnish to the Warden a certificate in writing stating that he has inspected such land and such opening space, and the result of such inspection.

Granting of
license.

If any such certificate shall be false in any particular the person making the same shall on conviction thereof before a Stipendiary Justice of the Peace forfeit a sum not exceeding £50 nor less than Five pounds.

On such inspection or certificate the Warden may if he shall see fit, grant a license to set fire to such land, in which license shall be specified the days within which such license shall be in force. Provided always that no such day shall be a day prohibited by any proclamation of the Governor.

Notice of
intention to
set fire.

3. In section 5 of the Fire Ordinance 1869 instead of the words "three clear days" shall be read the words "twenty-four hours."

Verbal amend-
ment.

4. In the second line of Section 6 of the Fire Ordinance 1869 instead of the word "on" shall be read the word "or."

Amount of
penalty.

5. In the seventh line of Section 7 of the Fire Ordinance 1869 instead of the word "ten" shall be read the word "one."

Evidence of
fire having
been set.

6. After the words "by such owner" at the end of Section 8 of the Fire Ordinance 1869 shall be read the words "or with his authority."

Reward to
informers.

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 9 of the Fire Ordinance 1894, one moiety of any penalty or forfeiture recovered under the provisions of the Fire Ordinances 1869-1904, shall be payable to the informant.

This section shall be in force only at such times and in such districts as the Governor may from time to time prescribe by proclamation to be published in the *Royal Gazette*.

Passed in Council this 12th day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four.

ALFRED TAITT,
For the Clerk of the Council.

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