

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 15—1931.

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A. C. HOLLIS,
Governor.

21st May, 1931.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the compulsory registration of Deeds of Gift and Settlements.

[On Proclamation.]

BE 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 Compulsory Registration of Deeds Ordinance, 1931.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance—

“Deed of gift” means any deed, or any instrument under the provisions of the Real Property Ordinance, Cap. 160, whereby any property is transferred from one person to another gratuitously.

“Settlement” means any deed or instrument or any number of such deeds or instruments under or by virtue of which any personal property of any description or any hereditaments of any tenure or any estates or interests in any such hereditaments stand limited to or in trust for any persons, by way of succession, including any such instruments affecting the estate of any one or more of such persons exclusively.

“Registered” means registered in the office of the Registrar-General.

3. Every deed of gift and every settlement executed after the commencement of this Ordinance shall be registered within three months after the execution thereof; or if the same is executed out of the Colony, it shall be registered within three months after the time at which in the ordinary course it would arrive in the Colony if despatched with due diligence.

Deeds of gift and settlements to be registered within limited time.

4. Any deed of gift or settlement which shall not be registered within the time mentioned in section 3 herein shall be for all purposes null and void and of no effect.

Effect of non-registration.

5. The Registrar-General shall keep a separate chronological index of all deeds of gift and settlements registered with him.

Registrar's index.

6. This Ordinance shall commence on such day as may be fixed by the Governor by proclamation

Commencement.

Passed in Council this eighth day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

J. W. DAY,
Clerk of the Council.