

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 9—1928.

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H. A. BYATT,
Governor.

26th May, 1928.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Wild Birds and Animals
(Protection) Ordinance.

[26th May, 1928.]

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

Short title.
Construction.

Cap. 276.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Wild Birds and Animals (Protection) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1928, and shall be read as one with the Wild Birds and Animals (Protection) Ordinance, hereinafter called the Principal Ordinance.

2. Section 16 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof shall be substituted the following:—

Power to detain and search suspected persons.

16. It shall be lawful for any constable, Warden, Ward Officer, or Forest Officer, in any highway, street, or public place, or on any Crown lands or in any Forest Reserve, to search any person whom he may have good cause to suspect of coming from any land where he shall have been unlawfully in search or pursuit of wild birds or wild animals or of the nests or eggs of wild birds, or any person aiding or abetting such person, and having in his possession any wild bird or wild animal, or the nest or egg of any wild bird, or any gun, part of a gun, or any net or engine or part thereof used for the killing or taking such birds or animals, and also to stop and search any cart or other conveyance in or upon which such constable, Warden, Ward Officer or Forest Officer shall have good reason to suspect that any wild bird or wild animal, or the nest or egg of any wild bird, or any such article or thing is being carried by any such person; and should there be found any wild bird or wild animal, or any such nest or egg of any wild bird, or any such article or thing as aforesaid, upon such person, cart, or other conveyance, to seize and detain such wild bird, nest, egg or wild animal, article, or thing; and such constable, Warden, Ward Officer or Forest Officer shall in such case apply to some Justice for a summons citing such person to appear before a Magistrate to be dealt with according to law.

3. Any person who uses any light for the purpose of killing, wounding, or taking any wild animal or wild bird shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

Using light for hunting.

4.—(1) The Governor may, by proclamation, declare any area of Crown land to be a game reserve, and may define or alter the limits of any game reserve.

Power to proclaim game reserves.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in this Ordinance contained to the contrary, any person who hunts, kills, wounds or captures any animal in a game reserve, or is found within a game reserve under circumstances showing

that he was unlawfully in pursuit of any animal, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

(3) The Governor may by proclamation exempt from protection any animal in a game reserve either absolutely or during certain stated months.

(4) For the purposes of this section the term "animal" means mammals and birds, but does not include any animal kept in a domesticated state.

Passed in Council this eleventh day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

JOHN DE NOBRIGA,
Clerk of the Council