

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 4 — 1924.

I ASSENT.

*G. H. Wilson.*  
Governor.

8<sup>th</sup> March, 1924.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Perjury (summary punishment) Ordinance, 1917.

[ 8<sup>th</sup> March, 1924.]

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 Perjury (Summary Punishment) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1924, and shall be read as one with the Perjury (summary punishment) Ordinance, 1917, hereinafter called the Principal Ordinance.

Short title.  
Construction.

(17-1917.)

2. The following shall be inserted as section 4A of the Principal Ordinance:—

Inconsistent or  
contradictory  
statements  
made with  
intent to  
deceive.

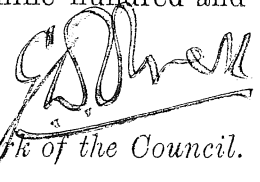
4A.—(1) Where, upon the trial on indictment of a person accused of any offence, any witness shall make any material statement inconsistent with or contradictory to what he has stated on his examination as a witness

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concerning the same matter at the preliminary enquiry before a Magistrate or Justice, the Court may, if it considers that either of the inconsistent or contradictory statements was made with intent to deceive and thereby improperly to prove the guilt or innocence of the person accused, commit such witness to prison for any period not exceeding six months, with or without hard labour, or may impose on him a fine not exceeding £50.

(2) Before sentencing any person under the provisions of this section the Court shall inform such person of the statements which in the opinion of the Court are inconsistent or contradictory, and shall call upon him for any defence or explanation which he may desire to make.

Passed in Council this twenty-ninth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

  
Clerk of the Council.

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