

No. 30.—1921.

I ASSENT,

J. R. Chancellor.

Governor.

19th May, 1921.

AN ORDINANCE to make it unlawful for members of the Constabulary Force to become members of Friendly Societies or Trade Unions.

[By Proclamation.]

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 Constabulary Ordinance, 1921, and shall be construed as one with the Constabulary Ordinance, 1905, as amended by any subsequent enactment. Short title and construction.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

The expression "Friendly Society" means a society which is by the Friendly Societies Ordinance, 1917, required to be registered, whether the society is actually registered or not.

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The expression "Trade Union" means any society or association, whether registered or incorporated or not, which has as its objects or one of its objects the regulation or improvement of relations between workmen and their employers or the improvement of the conditions of employment of workmen or any similar object or any object which is commonly regarded as the object of a trade union.

Members of
Constabulary
Force not to
join Friendly
societies or
Trade unions.

3.—(1.) It shall not be lawful for any member of the Constabulary Force to become or after the end of one month from the commencement of this Ordinance to be a member of any Friendly Society or Trade Union.

(2.) If after the commencement of this Ordinance any member of the Constabulary Force becomes a member of a Friendly Society or Trade Union, that member, the society or union, and every officer of the society or union who is knowingly a party to the admission or enrolment of that member shall on summary conviction before a magistrate each be liable for each offence to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

Deletion of
member of
Force from
rolls of society
or union.

4. If at the commencement of this Ordinance any member of the Constabulary Force is a member of a Friendly Society or Trade Union, it shall be the duty of the Secretary or other officer of the society or union having the custody of the list or roll of members forthwith to expunge the name of every member of the Constabulary Force from the list or roll of members, and if he fails to do so within the period of one month from the commencement of this Ordinance, he shall on summary conviction before a magistrate be liable for each offence to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

Prohibition of
member of
Force receiving
benefits from
society or
union.


5.—(1.) From and after the commencement of this Ordinance it shall not be lawful for any Friendly Society or Trade Union to permit any member of the Constabulary Force to receive any benefit, financial or otherwise, from the society or union or for any Friendly Society or Trade Union to receive any money from a member of the Constabulary Force.

(2.) If there shall be any contravention of the provisions of this section, the member of the Constabulary Force, the society or union, and every officer of the society or union who is knowingly a party to such contravention shall on summary conviction before a magistrate each be liable for each offence to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

6. In section 41 of the Friendly Societies Ordinance, 1917 (which prevents the forfeiture of a person's interest in a friendly society by his enrolment or service in the Local Forces), the words "Volunteer Force" shall be substituted for the words "Local Forces." Amendment of s. 41 of Friendly Societies Ord. 1917.

7. This Ordinance shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by the Governor by proclamation published in the *Royal Gazette*. Commencement.

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


Clerk of the Council.