

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

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I ASSENT,

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J. R. CHANCELLOR,

Governor.

21st December, 1920.

AN ORDINANCE to authorize the establishment of a Volunteer Reserve for service in the Colony in the case of invasion or internal disorder.

[21st December, 1920.]

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

Short title and construction.

Ord. No. 131.

Establishment of Volunteer Reserve.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Volunteer Reserve Ordinance, 1920 and shall be construed as one with the Local Forces Ordinance as amended by any subsequent enactment, in this Ordinance called the Principal Ordinance.

2.—(1.) It shall be lawful for the Governor on behalf of His Majesty to accept the services of any persons desiring to enlist in a reserve for service in the Colony in the case of invasion or internal disorder.

(2.) The reserve so formed shall be known as the Volunteer Reserve, and is in this Ordinance referred to as the "reserve."

(3.) The primary object of the reserve shall be to supplement the cadres of the Volunteer Force when called out for actual military service.

(4.) While embodied the reserve shall be deemed to be part of the Volunteer Force and every member of the reserve while embodied shall be liable to serve as ordered from time to time, either as a member of any unit of the Volunteer Force to which he may be posted or as a member of a unit of the reserve.

(5.) The Governor may appoint officers of the reserve.

(6.) No person shall be a member of the reserve unless he is a British subject.

3.—(1.) Embodiment of the reserve or of any part of the reserve may be ordered by the Governor in the case only of actual or apprehended invasion or internal disorder. Embodiment of reserve.

(2.) Provided that, except in an emergency, the reserve shall not be embodied unless the Volunteer Force or any part of the Volunteer Force is at the same time or has previously been called out for actual military service.

(3.) Every order for embodiment shall as soon as possible be published in the *Legal Gazette*.

(4.) On the issue of an order for embodiment it shall be the duty of every member of the reserve affected by the order if then in the Colony forthwith to present himself for service at such place as shall previously have been notified to him or as shall be notified by the order for embodiment or in default of such notification at the nearest Constabulary station, and if he fails to do so without reasonable excuse he shall on summary conviction before a magistrate be liable to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

(5.) On issue of an order for embodiment of the reserve or any part of the reserve every member of the reserve in the Colony to whom the order relates shall become and until disembodied shall remain subject to the same obligations and liabilities as are members of the Volunteer Force when called out on actual military service, and shall have the same powers, rights, and privileges.

Form of oath. 4.—(1.) Every member of the reserve shall on joining the reserve take the oath following:—

"I.....do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George V (or the Sovereign for the time being) and that I will faithfully serve His Majesty in Trinidad and Tobago as a member of the Volunteer Reserve in the case of actual or apprehended invasion or internal disorder, according to the conditions of my service."

(2.) The oath shall be taken by officers before the Governor or before any person appointed by the Governor to administer such oaths.

(3.) The oath shall be taken by other ranks before a commissioned officer of the local forces or of the reserve or before a justice of the peace.

Regulations. 5. The Governor may from time to time make regulations for the formation, organization, and management of the reserve, and in particular as to

- (a.) The qualifications for membership and manner of selection and enrolment of members;
- (b.) The length and conditions of service and requirements for efficiency;
- (c.) The discharge and resignation of members;
- (d.) The appointment, promotion, and resignation of officers, non-commissioned officers and men;
- (e.) The issue and custody of arms, ammunition, uniforms, clothing, and equipment;
- (f.) The wearing of badges or armlets in lieu of uniform;
- (g.) The manner in which the reserve is to be organized and its use on embodiment; and
- (h.) The maintenance and discipline and the general government and management of the reserve.

6. The Governor may, if he thinks fit, at any time ^{Disbandment,} disband the reserve or any part of it or dispense with the services of any member of the reserve.

Passed in Council this tenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

G. D. OWEN,
Clerk of the Council.