

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 23.—1920.

I ASSENT,

[L.S.]

J. R. CHANCELLOR,

Governor.

31st May, 1920.

AN ORDINANCE to abolish the office of Commissioner of the Port-of-Spain District Court, to provide for the appointment of an Assistant Magistrate for the district of St. George (West), and to transfer the duties of the said Commissioner to the Magistrate and Assistant Magistrate for the said district.

[By 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 Port-of-Spain Magistracy Ordinance, 1920.

Abolition of office.

2. The Office of Commissioner of the Port-of-Spain District Court is hereby abolished.

Appointment of Assistant Magistrate.

3.—(1.) His Majesty may from time to time by warrant under the hand of the Governor and the seal of the Colony appoint any person to be Assistant Magistrate for the magisterial district of St. George (West).

(2.) Such Assistant Magistrate shall have and exercise all the powers, privileges, rights and jurisdiction of a magistrate appointed under the Summary Conviction

Offences (procedure) Ordinance, 1918, and the provisions of section three of the said Ordinance shall apply to such Assistant Magistrate in the same manner as they apply to a magistrate appointed thereunder.

4. All the powers, privileges, rights and jurisdiction conferred upon the Commissioner of the Port-of-Spain District Court by the District Court (Additional Powers) Ordinance, 1911 and the Petty Civil Courts Ordinance, 1911 or by any other enactment, or by any bye-law, rule, regulation, proclamation or order are hereby transferred to and vested in the Magistrate and the Assistant Magistrate for the time being of St. George (West), and all references to the Commissioner of the Port-of-Spain District Court in any such enactment, bye-law, rule, regulation, proclamation or order shall be read and construed accordingly.

Jurisdiction of
Commissioner
vested in
Magistrate.

5. All matters and proceedings whatsoever which shall be pending in the Port-of-Spain District Court at the commencement of this Ordinance shall be continued and concluded in the Court of the Magistrate of St. George (West), and the Magistrate and Assistant Magistrate thereof shall have the same powers, authority and jurisdiction in relation to all such matters and proceedings as if the same had been commenced and continued by such Magistrate or Assistant Magistrate down to the point at which the transfer takes place.

Transfer of
pending
business.

6. All books, documents and papers in the possession of the Commissioner of the Port-of-Spain District Court or of any officer or person attached to his Court, as such officer, or by reason of his being so attached, relating to any of the matters or proceedings in the last preceding section mentioned, shall be transferred to the Court of the Magistrate of St. George (West) and shall be dealt with by such officer or person in such manner as the Magistrate may direct.

Transfer of
books,
documents,
&c.

7. The enactments mentioned in the schedule hereto are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column thereof.

Repeal.

8. This Ordinance shall come into operation on such day as may be fixed by the Governor by proclamation published in the *Royal Gazette*.

Commence-
ment.

THE SCHEDULE.

No.	Short title.	Extent of repeal.
8-1911	The District Court (Additional powers) Ordinance, 1911	The whole.
9-1911	The Petty Civil Courts Ordinance, 1911	In section 7, all the words after the word "districts" in the second line and in section 9 all the words after the word "reason" in the fourth line.
33-1911	The District Court (Additional powers) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1911	The whole.
45-1917	The Friendly Societies Ordinance, 1917	Sub-section (2) of section 2.

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

T. B. JACKSON,
Acting Clerk of the Council.