

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 42.—1916.

I ASSENT,

[L.S.]

J. R. CHANCELLOR,  
*Governor.*

18th December, 1916.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1916.

[ On Proclamation. ]

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

**Short Title.** 1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Ordinance, 1916.

**Interpretation.** (2.) In this Ordinance the term "Principal Ordinance" means the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1916.

**Fees on engagement or discharge of seamen.** 2.—(1.) The fees specified in the Schedule to this Ordinance shall be payable to the Harbour Master upon all engagements and discharges of seamen for or from any ship not registered in this Colony effected before him or any officer of his department deputed by such Harbour Master.

(2.) All such fees, when received, shall be paid into the Colonial Treasury.

3.—(1.) Where a case of death happens on board any foreign-going British ship registered in the Colony, the Harbour Master at the port in the Colony where the crew of such ship is discharged shall, on the arrival of the ship at that port, enquire into the cause of the death, and shall make in the official log an indorsement to the effect, either that the statement in the log is in his opinion correct, or the contrary, according to the result of his enquiry.

Enquiry into cause of death on board ship.

(2.) Such Harbour Master shall for the purpose of any such enquiry have the powers, rights and protection conferred upon a principal officer of Customs for the purpose of holding an enquiry under the principal Ordinance, and if in the course of the enquiry it appears to him that any such death has been caused by violence or other improper means, he shall report the matter for the information of the Governor.

4. Where a foreign ship is a passenger ship within the meaning of Part III of the principal Ordinance and the Collector of Customs is satisfied, by the production of a foreign certificate of survey attested by a British Consular Officer at a port out of His Majesty's Dominions that the ship has been officially surveyed at that port, and is satisfied that any requirements of the principal Ordinance are proved by that survey to have been substantially complied with, the Collector of Customs may, if he thinks fit, dispense with any further survey of the ship in respect of any requirement so complied with, and grant a certificate which shall have the same effect as if given upon survey under Part III of the Principal Ordinance. Provided that this section shall not apply in the case of a port to which His Majesty in Council has ordered that the provisions of Section 363 of the Act shall not apply.

Exemption from survey of foreign ship in certain cases.

5.—(1.) The Master of every ship, whether a British or foreign ship, which carries any passenger to a port in the Colony from any place out of the Colony or from any place in the Colony to any place out of the Colony shall furnish to the Harbour Master of the port from which the ship finally departs from the Colony a return of the passengers so carried.

Returns to be furnished by masters of ships as to passengers.

(2.) The return shall be in such form, and contain such particulars and be made at such time and in such manner as the Governor in Executive Council may by regulations to be published in the *Royal Gazette* prescribe.

(3.) Any passenger shall furnish the master of the ship with any information required by him for the purpose of the return.

(4.) If the master of the ship fails to make a return as required by this section, or makes a false return, and if any passenger refuses to give any information required by the master of the ship for the purpose required by this section, or gives any false information for the purpose, the master or passenger is for each offence liable on conviction before a Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Amendment of Section 10 (3) of 7-1916.

6. Sub-section (3) of Section 10 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting after "hull" in the second line thereof, the word "machinery."

Amendment of Section 42 of 7-1916.

7. Section 42 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by striking out the words "or by reason of the defective condition of her hull equipments or machinery" in the third, fourth and fifth lines thereof.

Commencement.

8. This Ordinance shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by the Governor by Proclamation in the *Royal Gazette*.

Passed in Council this First day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

J. M. FARFAN,  
*Acting Clerk of the Council.*

SCHEDULE.

(SEE SECTION 2.)

Fees payable to the Harbour Master or officer deputed by him for services upon engagement, discharge, etc., of seamen.			
For every seaman engaged before the Harbour Master or such officer	...	...	2 shillings.
For every seaman discharged before the Harbour Master or such officer	...	...	2 shillings.
For every desertion certified by the Harbour Master or such officer	...	...	2 shillings.