



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

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I ASSENT,

B. E. H. CLIFFORD,

Governor.

22nd March, 1946

AN ORDINANCE to make provision for the taking from time to time of a census for the Colony.

Commence-
ment

[23rd March, 1946.]

Enactment.

ENACTED by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof.

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Census Ordinance, 1946.

2. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, it shall be lawful for the Governor by Proclamation from time to time to direct that a census shall be taken for the Colony, and any Proclamation under this section may prescribe—

Power to take census.

- (a) the date on which the census is to be taken ; and
- (b) the persons by whom and with respect to whom information for the purpose of the census is to be furnished ; and
- (c) the particulars to be stated in the returns :

Provided that no particulars shall be required to be stated other than particulars with respect to such matters as are mentioned in the Schedule to this Ordinance.

3. (1) It shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint in writing under his hand a fit and proper person as Census Officer and such appointment shall be published in the *Royal Gazette*.

Appointment of Census Officer.

(2) It shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint public officers and other persons for any purpose connected with the execution of this Ordinance.

4. (1) It shall be the duty of the Census Officer to make arrangements and do all such things as are necessary for the taking of a census in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and of any Proclamation and Regulations made thereunder, and for that purpose to make arrangements for the preparation and issue of the necessary forms and instructions and for the return of the forms when filled up.

Duties of Census Officer.

(2) The Census Officer in exercise of his powers and in the performance of his duties under this Ordinance or under any Proclamation or Regulations made thereunder, shall be subject to the control of, and comply with any directions given by the Governor.

Census Officer subject to directions of Governor.

(3) All expenses incurred with the sanction of the Governor in connection with the taking of a census or otherwise in connection with the exercise of the powers or the performance of duties under this Ordinance shall be defrayed out of the public revenue of the Colony.

Expenses to be a charge on the revenue of the Colony

5. Every Superintendent Registrar appointed under the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance or Assistant Warden performing the duties of a Superintendent Registrar under the said Ordinance shall divide up his county or area under his superintendence into enumeration districts in accordance with directions from the Census Officer who will prescribe

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such districts exactly, and shall prepare a list of persons resident in such county or area suitable to be appointed as supervisors and enumerators for such county or area; and shall deliver all schedules, census forms, books of instructions and other documentary matter relating to the census received by him to such person or otherwise as he may be directed by the Census Officer; and shall supervise and direct the taking of the census in such county or area and when such schedules and forms shall have been returned to him following the census shall examine and punctually return the same to the Census Officer making sure that full and complete returns have been made in respect of each of the said enumeration districts. Every such Superintendent Registrar and Warden shall in the manner hereunder prescribed certify that the duties required of every supervisor and enumerator within his county or area have been faithfully performed before any payment is made to such supervisor or enumerator.

Closing of
clubs, &c.

6. On any day prescribed under section 2 of this Ordinance for the taking of a census, all clubs and all dance halls, theatres, cinemas and other places of public entertainment or amusement shall be closed between the hours of 7 p.m. and 12 midnight except in the case of clubs for persons residing therein.

Power of
Governor in
Council to
make regula-
tions.

7. For the purpose of enabling any Proclamation directing a census to be taken to be carried into effect, the Governor in Council may make regulations—

- (a) providing for the division of the Colony into districts for the purpose of the census and the appointment of persons to act in those districts in connection with the census;
- (b) requiring all such persons as may be employed for the purpose of the census to perform such duties in connection with the taking of the census as may be prescribed;
- (c) requiring persons employed for the purpose of the census to make a written declaration with respect to the performance of their duties and prescribing the form of such declaration;
- (d) requiring the superintendent or other person in charge of every gaol, prison, lock-up or other place of confinement and the officer in charge of any hospital or other public or charitable institution within this Colony to make returns with respect to inmates thereof and to conform to such instructions as may be given to him;

- (e) requiring the owner, manager or other person having the superintendence of any plantation, factory or industrial undertaking, to act as enumerator of such plantation, factory or industrial undertaking respectively ;
- (f) requiring information to be given to the persons liable to make returns by the persons with respect to whom the returns are to be made ;
- (g) with respect to the forms to be used in the taking of a census ;
- (h) for the allowances to be paid to persons employed in connection with the taking of the census ;
- (i) making provision with respect to any other matters with respect to which it is necessary to make provision for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the Proclamation.

8. The Census Officer shall obtain by such ways and means as appear to him best adapted for the purpose, returns of the particulars required by this Ordinance with respect to all houseless persons and all persons who during the night of the day fixed by the Governor under section 2 hereof were travelling or on shipboard in the waters of the Colony or for any other reason were not abiding in any house of which account is to be taken by the supervisors, enumerators and other persons as aforesaid, and shall include such returns in the report to be made by him under section 9 hereof.

Particulars of houseless persons to be obtained.

9. (1) The Census Officer shall, as soon as may be after the taking of a census, prepare or cause to be prepared a tabulated report on the census returns, showing the number of persons enumerated in the Colony as a whole and in each town, county, ward and island thereof, and every such report shall be printed and laid before the Legislative Council.

Census Officer to make report.

(2) No report, summary of statistics or other publication under this Ordinance, shall contain any of the particulars comprised in any individual return so arranged as to enable any person to identify any particulars so published as being particulars relating to any individual person.

No report to reveal individual particulars.

10. It shall be lawful for every enumerator appointed under the Regulations made under this Ordinance in so far as may be necessary for the purpose of this Ordinance to enter every house, messuage, plantation, factory, industrial undertaking, estate, farm, plot or any other place whatsoever within his district on the day appointed for taking a census and at any time during the period of four weeks immediately preceding the

Enumerator's power to enter.

said day, and he may thereafter during a further period not exceeding four weeks repeat his visits to and entries into and upon any house, messuage, plantation, factory, industrial undertaking, estate, farm, plot or any other place whatsoever in his district as often as may be necessary for the purpose of obtaining from any employee, resident or inmate of any such house, messuage, plantation, factory, industrial undertaking, estate, farm, plot or any other place whatsoever any further information or explanation necessary to enable him to complete, verify or correct any account given to or taken by him in respect thereof or of the employees, residents, or inmates thereof.

Access to
public records

11. Every person who has the custody or charge of any public records or documents, or of any records or documents of any corporation, from which information relating to the objects of any census ordered under this Ordinance may be obtained, or which would aid in the completion of such census, shall grant to any census supervisor, enumerator, or person authorised in writing by the Census Officer, access thereto for the purpose of obtaining such information therefrom.

Offences and
penalties.

12. (1) If any person—

- (a) refuses or neglects to comply with or acts in contravention of any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any Proclamation or Regulations made under this Ordinance ; or
- (b) being a person required by Regulations made under this Ordinance to make a written declaration with respect to the performance of his duties makes a false declaration ; or
- (c) being a person required by any Proclamation or Regulations made under this Ordinance to make, signs or delivers any document, makes, signs, or delivers, or causes to be made, signed, or delivered a false document ; or
- (d) being a person required in pursuance of any such Proclamation or Regulations to answer any question, refuses to answer or gives a false answer to that question ;

he shall for each offence be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding four hundred and eighty dollars.

Punishment
for unlawful
publication or
communica-
tion.

(2) If any person—

- (a) being a person employed in taking a census without lawful authority publishes or communicates to any person otherwise than in the ordinary course of such employment any information required by him in the course of his employment ; or

- (b) having possession of any information which to his knowledge has been disclosed in contravention of this Ordinance, publishes or communicates that information to any other person ; or
- (c) in the pretended performance of duties under this Ordinance obtains, or seeks to obtain, information which he is not duly authorised to obtain,
- he shall be guilty of an offence and shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine of nine hundred and sixty dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

SCHEDULE.

MATTERS IN RESPECT OF WHICH PARTICULARS MAY BE REQUIRED.

1. Names, sex, age and religion.
2. Occupation, profession, trade or employment and industry.
3. Nationality, birthplace, race and language.
4. Place of abode, character of dwelling and housing generally.
5. Condition as to marriage, relation to head of family and issue born.
6. Infirmities relating to deafness, dumbness, blindness and mental derangement.
7. Any other matters with respect to which it is desirable to obtain statistical information with a view to ascertaining the social or civil condition of the population.
- 8.(1) Farm operation and Management.
 - (2) Separate holdings or property.
 - (3) Farm population and Farm labour.
 - (4) Acreage and Tenure.
 - (5) Kind of land and vegetation on the Farm.
 - (6) Source of water supply.
 - (7) Principal Products of Farm.
 - (8) Water Supply for Farm and Livestock.
 - (9) Farm and Industrial Machinery and Equipment.
- (10) Crops.
 - (11) Tropical Fruits and Nuts.
 - (12) Sugar Cane, Cocoa, Coconuts, Rubber, Tonca Beans and Coffee.
 - (13) Grains, Pulses, Rice, Vegetables and Ground Provisions.
 - (14) Roots.
 - (15) Miscellaneous Crops.
 - (16) Live Stock.
 - (17) Poultry and Eggs.
 - (18) Rabbits and Guinea Pigs.
 - (19) Bees and Bee Products.
9. Nature of Craft, equipment and methods employed in fishing.

Passed in Council this fifteenth day of March, in the year
of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-six.

W. J. BOOS,
Clerk of the Council.