



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 2—1947.

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I ASSENT,

B. E. H. CLIFFORD,

Governor.

14th January, 1947.

AN ORDINANCE to validate certain licences issued by the Colonial Secretary for the purposes of the solemnization or contraction of marriages, and certain marriages solemnized or contracted in reliance upon, and under the colourable authority of, the said licences.

[18th January, 1947.]

WHEREAS the Governor in purported exercise of his powers under section 18 of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1933 (now section 18 of the Interpretation Ordinance, Ch. 1. No. 2), and of all other powers thereunto him enabling, delegated to

Commence-
ment.

Preamble

the Colonial Secretary authority to grant and sign on his behalf licences *inter alia* under sections 6 and 19 of the Marriage Ordinance, Cap. 177 of the 1925 Revised Edition of the Laws of the Colony (now sections 6 and 19) of the Marriage Ordinance, Ch. 29. No. 2 :

And whereas certain licences were issued by the Colonial Secretary in pursuance of the said delegated authority :

And whereas doubt has arisen as to the validity of the said licences and of marriages solemnized or contracted in reliance thereupon and under colour of the authority thereof :

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 Marriage (Validation) Ordinance, 1947.

Validation of licences.

2. Every licence signed and issued by the Colonial Secretary before the commencement of this Ordinance under section 6 or section 19 of the Marriage Ordinance, Cap. 177 of the 1925 Revised Edition of the Laws of the Colony, or under section 6 or section 19 of the Marriage Ordinance, Ch. 29. No. 2, in purported exercise of authority derived from the Governor which would have been lawfully granted or issued if it had been signified by writing under the hand of the Governor shall be deemed to be and always to have been valid in law.

Validation of marriages.

3. No marriage solemnized or contracted before the commencement of this Ordinance under the Marriage Ordinance, Cap. 177 of the 1925 Revised Edition of the Laws of the Colony, or under the Marriage Ordinance, Ch. 29. No. 2, other than a marriage heretofore adjudged to be void by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be or be deemed to have been, invalid by reason only that a licence was issued under section 6 or section 19 of either of the aforesaid Ordinances under the hand of the Colonial Secretary instead of having been signified by writing under the hand of the Governor.

Passed in Council this third day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

G. E. CHEN,
Clerk of the Council.

