



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

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B. E. H. CLIFFORD,

Governor.

17th January, 1947.

AN ORDINANCE to make provision for the security of the Colony in an emergency.

[18th January, 1947.]

Commence-
ment.

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

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Emergency Powers Ordinance, 1947. Short title.

Declaration
of "state of
emergency".

2. (1) If at any time it appears to the Governor that any action has been taken or is immediately threatened by any person or body of persons of such a nature and on so extensive a scale as to be likely to endanger the public safety or to deprive the community, or any substantial portion of the community, of any of the essentials of life, the Governor may, by Proclamation in the *Royal Gazette* declare that a state of emergency exists in the Colony or any portion thereof, whereupon the provisions contained in this Ordinance shall immediately come into force.

(2) When it appears to the Governor that a state of emergency no longer exists, the Governor may by Proclamation in the *Royal Gazette* declare that such state of emergency is at an end, and from the publication of such Proclamation the provisions of this Ordinance and all regulations made thereunder shall cease to apply in the whole Colony or in such portion thereof as may be specified in the Proclamation.

Emergency
Powers of
Governor.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor or any person duly authorised by him thereto :

(1) To assume control and regulate—

- (a) all means of communication and transport, all fuel, buildings, plant and materials necessary to the working of the same ;
- (b) all food and liquor supplies, and all necessaries ;
- (c) all electric, water and other power stations ;
- (d) all arms, ammunition and explosives.

(2) (a) To prohibit or restrict the possession or use by any person or body of persons of any specified articles ;

(b) to impose on any person any restrictions in respect of his employment or business, in respect of his place of residence, and in respect of his association or communication with other persons ;

(c) to prohibit any person from being out of doors between such hours as may be specified, except under the authority of a written permit granted by such authority or person as may be specified ;

(d) to require any person to notify his movements in such manner, at such times, and to such authority or person as may be specified ;

(e) to prohibit any person from travelling except in accordance with permission given to him by such authority or person as may be specified.

(f) to require any person to quit any place or area or not to visit any place or area.

(3) To take any other measures which he deems essential to the public safety and the life of the community.



4. The Governor is hereby empowered to make and publish regulations and to issue orders and instructions for the purpose of exercising the powers conferred on him by this Ordinance. If at any time it is impossible or impracticable to publish in the *Royal Gazette* any Proclamation, Notice, Regulation or Order in pursuance of this Ordinance, it shall be lawful for the Governor to publish the same by notices thereof affixed to public buildings or distributed amongst the public or by oral public announcements.

Publication of
Regulations.

5. No person shall be liable to any suit or action in respect of any act done under lawful direction and authority pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance but the Governor may in his discretion order that compensation shall be paid out of the public funds of the Colony to any person upon being satisfied that such person has suffered loss or damage by reason of the exercise of any powers conferred by section 3 hereof.

Indemnity
and compen-
sation.

6. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation, order or instruction issued under the powers of this Ordinance and any person who obstructs or attempts to obstruct any person duly authorised to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance in the performance of any duties thereunder shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction before a summary court to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Penalties.

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

JOHN P. DE NOBRIGA,
Clerk of the Council.

