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I ASSENT,

B. E. H. CLIFFORD,  
*Governor*

9th December, 1943.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Local Forces Ordinance  
and to provide for other matters relating to local  
military forces during the present emergency.

[9th December, 1943.]

Commencement.

**E**NACTED by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago  
with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council  
thereof.

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Local Military Short title.  
Forces Ordinance, 1943.

Ch. 10 No. 1. (2) Sections 2 and 3 of this Ordinance shall be read and construed as one with the Local Forces Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

Amendment  
of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

2. The Principal Ordinance is hereby amended—

(a) by substituting the following definition for the definition of "Local Forces" in section 2 thereof:—

" "Local Forces" means the Volunteer Force constituted under this Ordinance ; "

(b) by repealing sections 30 and 31 thereof.

Power to make  
regulations in  
relation to the  
Local Forces.

3. (1) The Governor in Council may make regulations as to any matters pertaining to the Local Forces (as from time to time constituted) during the present emergency ; and, without prejudice to the generality of such power, regulations under this section may make provision for—

(a) the constitution from time to time, governance, training, service, pay, powers and discipline of the Local Forces ;

(b) the granting of commissions therein, the enlistment of volunteers therein, the revocation of commissions, and the discharge of volunteers ;

(c) the service in, or attachment to, the Local Forces of officers or men of His Majesty's Regular Forces and their pay, powers and discipline ;

(d) the placing of all or any of the Local Forces under the control of the Imperial Government ;

(e) any matters consequent on, or ancillary to, the matters hereinbefore generally or specially mentioned ;

(f) the obligations and liabilities (including criminal liabilities) of civilians in respect of acts or omissions relating to or affecting the governance of the Local Forces and, in the case of any such criminal liabilities, the jurisdiction of the courts and the punishments which may be awarded ;

(g) validating past acts or omissions ;

(h) amending the Principal Ordinance.

(2) Regulations under this section may make different provisions in different classes of cases, and shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith in the Principal Ordinance and may be made with retrospective effect.

(3) Regulations under this section shall not make provision for any measure of military conscription and shall not have any force or effect unless confirmed by resolution of the Legislative Council and shall expire at the end of the present emergency, save in so far as they may from time to time be continued in force by resolution of the Legislative Council.

(4) For the purposes of this section, the present emergency shall be deemed to come to an end on such date as the Governor may by proclamation declare to be the end of the present emergency.

4. (1) The Governor in Council may make regulations for the constitution of a volunteer force for general service within or without the Colony to be known as the Trinidad Regiment, South Caribbean Force, and as to any matters pertaining to such force, and without prejudice to the generality of such power, regulations under this section may provide for—

Power to make regulations constituting and relating to the Trinidad Regiment, South Caribbean Force.

- (a) any such matters in relation to the Trinidad Regiment aforesaid as are mentioned in relation to the Local Forces in paragraphs (a) to (g) of subsection (1) of section 3 of this Ordinance;
- (b) the transference to the Regiment of any personnel of the Local Forces as from time to time constituted under the Local Forces Ordinance.

(2) The provisions of subsections (2), (3) and (4) of section 3 of this Ordinance shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in relation to regulations made by the Governor in Council under this section.

Passed in Council this twelfth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-three.

W. J. BOOS,  
Clerk of the Council.