



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

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I ASSENT,

J. HUGGINS,
Acting Governor.
23rd May, 1939.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Interpretation
Ordinance, 1933.

Commencement.

[On Proclamation.]

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

Short title.
Construction.
No. 19-1933.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Interpretation
(Amendment) Ordinance, 1939, and shall be construed
as one with the Interpretation Ordinance, 1933, hereinafter
referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

2. Section 2 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting therefrom the definitions of "British Empire", "Constable", "Constabulary", "Inspector-General", "Land", "prescribed" and "Treasurer", and by inserting in their appropriate alphabetical order the following definitions:—

Section 2 of
Principal
Ordinance
amended.

Definitions.

"Comptroller" means the Comptroller of Customs and Excise;

"constable" includes any member of the Police Force;

"contravention" includes, in relation to any provision, a failure to comply with that provision; and the expression "contravenes" or "contravening" shall be construed accordingly;

"gazetted" means published in the *Royal Gazette*;

"general revenue" or "public revenue" or "public funds" means the revenues of the Government of the Colony receivable by or paid into the Treasury;

"Governor in Council" has the same meaning as "Governor in Executive Council";

"Imperial Act" or "Statute" means an Act passed by the Imperial Parliament;

"Marshal" means the Marshal of the Supreme Court or his Deputy;

"Police Force" means the Police Force established and maintained under the Police Force Ordinance, 1938, and whenever the term "Constabulary Force" or "Constabulary" is used in any law, the same shall be taken to refer to the Police Force or the Police;

"prescribed" means prescribed by the Ordinance in which the word occurs or by any regulation or order made thereunder, and in relation to any regulation or order means prescribed by the Governor in Executive Council unless some other authority is mentioned in the Ordinance;

"prison" has the meaning assigned to that term in the Prisons Ordinance;

"Registrar General" means the officer appointed as such under the Registrar General's Ordinance;

"summary offence" has the meaning assigned to that term by section 2 of the Summary Conviction Offences (Procedure) Ordinance;

“Treasurer” means the financial Officer in charge of the Treasury by whatever name that Officer may be designated.

Section 5 of
Principal
Ordinance
amended.

3. Sub-section (2) of Section 5 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting after the word “number” in the eighth line thereof the following words—“or adding the year of the first and last ordinances referred to”.

Section 22 of
Principal
Ordinance
amended.

4. Section 22 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by adding thereto the following paragraph—

Rules
Committee.

(f) when an Ordinance provides that any regulation (which term includes any rule, bye-law or order) made thereunder shall be approved or confirmed by the Legislative Council before such regulation shall have effect or come into force as law, such approval or confirmation shall be deemed to have been given or obtained when such regulation shall have been approved or confirmed by the Rules Committee constituted by and under the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Council. Regulations approved by the Legislative Council or the Rules Committee shall be published in the *Royal Gazette* and from the date specified in such regulations or if no date be therein specified then from the date of publication such regulations shall have the same force and effect as if they were contained in and formed part of the Ordinance under which they are made.

Section 32 of
the Principal
Ordinance
replaced.
Penalties
prescribed to
be maximum
penalties.

5. Section 32 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and replaced by the following :—

32. (1) Whenever in any law a penalty is provided for an offence against that law, such provision shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as fixing the maximum penalty for that offence, and the offender, on being found guilty, shall be liable to any penalty not exceeding the prescribed penalty; and it shall not be necessary in the law prescribing the penalty to use the expressions “not exceeding”, “a term not exceeding”, “on conviction thereof” or any similar expressions.

(2) Where by any law a court is empowered to order imprisonment, either peremptorily or in default of payment of any pecuniary penalty, upon conviction for an offence, the court may, in the absence of express provision to the contrary in the same or any other law, order the offender to be imprisoned either with or without hard labour, and it shall not be necessary in the law prescribing the penalty to state that any such imprisonment may be with or without hard labour.

Imprisonment may be imposed with or without hard labour.

6. Whenever the Governor considers it necessary to change the title of any public officer, he shall cause a notice to that effect to be published in the *Royal Gazette* setting out the former title and the substituted title of such officer, and thereupon the substituted title shall replace the former title wherever the former title appears in any law in force or in any deed or other instrument made or issued pursuant to or consequent upon such law.

Provision for future change of titles.

7. Where in any law in force in the Colony reference is made to pounds, shillings and pence, such law shall have effect as if instead reference had been made therein to an equivalent number of dollars and cents at the rate of four dollars and eighty cents for every pound, twenty-four cents for every shilling, and two cents for every penny; and half a cent shall be the equivalent of a farthing.

Substitution of dollars and cents for pounds, shillings and pence.

8. The Public Officers (Change of Titles) Ordinance, 1933, and the Currency Interpretation Ordinance, 1934, are hereby repealed.

Repeal.
Ord. 23-1933.
Ord. 23-1934.

9. This Ordinance shall come into operation on such day as may be fixed by the Governor by proclamation.

Commencement.

Passed in Council this nineteenth day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

W. E. BOARDMAN,
Clerk of the Council.