

Passed in Council this twentieth day of December,
one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two.

LEWIS GRANT.

PHILIP D. SOUPER,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 12.—1833.

AN ORDINANCE for declaring to be in force within this Island the Statute or Act of Parliament passed in the 31st year of the Reign of His Majesty King Charles the Second, commonly called "The Habeas Corpus Act;" also, all that other Statute or Act of Parliament made and passed in the 56th year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, entitled "An Act for more effectually securing the liberty of the Subject."

Recital of Statute of 31 Charles II. and Statute 56 Geo. III.

WHEREAS it is expedient to extend to the said Island of Trinidad the provisions of a certain statute or Act of Parliament made and passed in the 31st year of the reign of His Majesty King Charles the Second, entitled "An Act for the better securing the Liberty of the Subject, and for prevention of imprisonment beyond the Seas," commonly called "The Habeas Corpus Act;" also, all that other Statute or Act of Parliament made and passed in the 56th year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, entitled "An Act for more effectually securing the Liberty of the Subject:" Be it therefore, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by His Excellency Sir Lewis Grant, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Major-General in His Majesty's Army, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the said Island and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of

Government thereof, and by the authority of the same : That from and after the promulgation of this Ordinance, the said herein-before recited Statutes, and every clause, matter, and thing therein contained (so far as the same shall or may be applicable to the Island of Trinidad and its Dependencies) shall be in force within the same, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes in the Law whatsoever, as though the said Island of Trinidad had been specially and expressly named and mentioned therein, and as though the said Acts had been passed for the purpose of securing the liberty of His Majesty's subjects within the said Island and its Dependencies, so far as the same shall not be repugnant to the enactments of an Ordinance passed by the Governor and Council of the said Island on the 21st day of September, 1832, entitled "An Ordinance for regulating the form of proceedings in Criminal Cases within the said Island." And that all and singular the powers, jurisdiction and authority which, under and by virtue of the said recited Acts, may be exercised by the Lord Chancellor or Keeper of the Great Seal in England, or by any of the Courts there, or by any of the Judges thereof, for or in respect of the said writ and the granting thereof, and other proceedings thereon, shall and lawfully may in like manner, be had and exercised within the said Island of Trinidad, by the Court of First Instance of Civil Jurisdiction, or by any Judge of the said Court, and that every writ so to be issued as aforesaid, and bearing the signature of the Judge or Judges of the Court by whom the same shall be awarded, shall be of equal force and effect as though the same had been issued under seal, in manner and form as by the said Statutes, or either of them, is provided; and that the same shall also be in the form of a citation from the court or officer awarding the same to the person or persons to whom the same shall be directed, commanding him or them, at a day and place therein to be named, to bring up before such Judge or Court the person by reason of whose alleged illegal imprisonment or detention any such citation shall have been issued.

Same extended to Trinidad so far as they may be applicable,

and may not be repugnant to Ordinance of 21st September, 1832.

Same powers as may be exercised by Lord Chancellor in England, given to Court of 1st Instance of Civil Jurisdiction and Judges thereof. Writ to be signed, but not to be sealed.

To be in the form of a Citation.

2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every offence to which, by the laws in force within the said Island the punishment of death, transportation, or banishment is annexed, shall, in the

Offences to which Death or Transportation is annexed, to be held Felonies

for the purposes of this Ordinance.

execution of the said Statutes or either of them, and for the purposes of this Ordinance, but not otherwise, be considered and dealt with as a felony.

Passed in Council this fourteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

LEWIS GRANT.

PHILIP D. SOUPER,

Colonial Secretary.

No. 9.—1836.

AN ORDINANCE for assimilating the Laws respecting Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes to the Laws of England in like cases.

(L. S.) G. F. HILL.

All questions arising in any Court in this Colony respecting Bills of Exchange or Promissory Notes for the Payment of Money, to be decided according to English Laws.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the laws of England respecting bills of exchange, drafts, orders, and promissory notes for the payment of money, should, with certain exceptions, be extended to and enforced in this Colony: Be it, therefore, and it is hereby enacted by His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir George Fitzgerald Hill, Baronet, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the said Island and its Dependencies, Vice-Admiral thereof, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government thereof, That from and after the passing of this Ordinance, whenever any question shall arise in any court or tribunal of this Colony, touching or concerning the making or drawing of any bill of exchange, draft, order, or promissory note for the payment of money, made or drawn after the passing of this Ordinance, or the construction of any such bill, draft, order, or note, or of any paper-writing, or document alleged or pretended to be such bill, draft, order, or note, or of the indorsement or acceptance of any such bill, draft, order, or note, or the presentation for payment, or the non-acceptance or non-payment thereof, or the notice of or