

CHAPTER 42. No. 1.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Ordinances
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Commencement.

[6th July, 1872.]

- Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Public Holidays Ordinance.
- Certain days to be holidays. 2. The several days in the Schedule to this Ordinance mentioned (which days are hereinafter referred to as public holidays) shall be kept as close holidays in all public offices and banks in the Colony.
- Bills due on public holidays to be payable on the following day. 3. All bills of exchange and promissory notes which are due and payable on any such public holiday shall be payable, and in case of non-payment may be noted and protested, on the next following day, and not on such public holiday; and any such noting or protest shall be as valid as if made on the day on which the bill or note was made due and payable; and for all the purposes of this Ordinance, the day next following a public holiday shall mean the next following day on which a bill of exchange may be lawfully noted or protested.
- Provision as to notice of dishonour and presentation for honour. 4. When the day on which any notice of dishonour of an unpaid bill of exchange or promissory note should be given, or when the day on which a bill of exchange or promissory note should be presented or received for acceptance, or accepted or forwarded to any referee or referees, is a public holiday, such notice of dishonour shall be given, and such bill of exchange or promissory note shall be presented or forwarded, on the day next following such public holiday.

5. No person shall be compellable to make any payment or do any act upon such public holiday which he would not be compellable to do or make on Christmas Day or Good Friday; and the obligation to make such payment and do such act shall apply to the day following such public holiday, and the making of such payment and doing such act on such following day shall be equivalent to payment of the money or performance of the act on the public holiday.

As to any payments on public holidays.

6. It shall be lawful for the Governor, from time to time, as he may see fit, by proclamation under the Public Seal of the Colony, to appoint a special day to be kept as a close holiday in all public offices and in all banks in the Colony; and every day so appointed shall, as regards bills of exchange and promissory notes, be deemed to be a public holiday for all the purposes of this Ordinance.

Appointment of special public holidays by proclamation.

SCHEDULE.

(Section 2.)
Ord. 16-1939.

New Year's Day—or if that day falls on a Sunday, the next following Monday.

Easter Monday.

Whit Monday.

Empire Day—that is the 24th of May, or if that day falls on a Sunday, the next following Monday.

The Festival of Corpus Christi.

The day appointed to be kept as the Sovereign's Birthday.

Discovery Day—that is the first Monday in August.

Boxing Day—that is the day after Christmas Day, but if Christmas Day falls on a Saturday, then the next following Monday shall be a public holiday, and if Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, then the next following Monday and Tuesday shall be public holidays.

Note.—Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday are observed as Common Law Holidays.