



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

No. 5—1949.

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I ASSENT,

J. V. W. SHAW,
Governor.

18th February, 1949.

AN ORDINANCE to make provision for the establishment
of a Central Library.

[24th February, 1949.]

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 Central Library of Trinidad and Tobago Ordinance, 1949. Short title.

Establishment of Central Library of Trinidad and Tobago.

2. The Governor, after consulting the Board established under this Ordinance, may establish and maintain, out of such funds as may be available to him for that purpose, such library facilities to be called The Central Library of Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter called "the Central Library") as in his opinion are desirable in order to further the provision of an efficient public library service throughout the Colony.

Appointment of Librarian, officers and servants.

3. The Governor may appoint a Librarian, and such other officers and servants as he may deem fit, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance at such salaries as he may, with the consent of the Legislative Council, from time to time direct.

Central Library Board.

4. (1) For the purposes of this Ordinance there shall be established a Board to be styled the Central Library Board (hereinafter called "the Board") and composed of not more than seven members to be nominated by the Governor and of such other members as may be co-opted by the Board under subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The Board may, with the approval of the Governor, co-opt as members, for a stated period not exceeding twelve months, persons with expert knowledge or experience required by the Board in the discharge of its duties. The total number of members thus co-opted shall not exceed three.

(3) The period of service of members of the Board nominated by the Governor shall be two years, but any member may be renominated by the Governor.

(4) Any member of the Board may resign his seat by letter addressed to the Governor and the Governor may at any time revoke any nomination which he has made.

(5) Any member of the Board who has not, on the 31st of December in any year, attended at least one-third of the meetings of the Board during the preceding twelve months or during his tenure of office in such months, shall be considered to have vacated his seat on the Board, unless he has been absent owing to ill-health or with the leave of the Governor.

(6) In case of the absence on leave or owing to ill-health of any member of the Board, the Governor may appoint any person similarly qualified to act in his stead.

Chairman of Board

5. One of the members of the Board shall be nominated as Chairman by the Governor. If he be absent from any meeting, the Board may elect one of its members as Chairman for that meeting.

6. (1) The Board shall meet at such time as may be necessary or expedient for transacting its business. Meetings of Board.

(2) The Chairman may at any time summon a meeting of the Board and on a requisition by any three members he shall summon a meeting. Such requisition shall state the object for which the meeting is required to be summoned.

(3) Decisions of the Board may be taken at meetings or, in cases in which the Chairman shall so direct, by the recording of the opinions of members on papers circulated among them. The Chairman may direct that papers shall not be circulated to any member who through interest, illness, absence from the Colony or otherwise is, in the opinion of the Chairman, incapacitated from voting on such papers.

(4) The quorum of the Board at any meeting or for the purpose of voting on papers circulated shall be four.

(5) The decisions of the Board shall be by the majority of votes. In any case in which the voting is equal, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(6) The Librarian, or in his absence any other suitable person appointed under section 3 of this Ordinance, shall be Secretary to the Board and shall attend each meeting of the Board and may speak but shall have no vote.

7. The Board shall be primarily a consultative body, constituted to advise on any such matter which concerns the Central Library or public library services as the Governor may include within its scope. Status of Board.

8. (1) The Board shall undertake such executive duties in connection with the Central Library as the Governor may from time to time impose, either indefinitely or for a stated period. Functions of Board.

(2) The Board may, for the purpose of furthering the provision of an efficient public library service throughout the Colony, enter into mutual arrangements with other libraries within or without the Colony.

9. The Governor, after consulting the Board, may make regulations for regulating the use by any person or body of persons of the library facilities provided under this Ordinance, for prescribing the duties and powers of the Librarian and other officers and servants appointed under this Ordinance, and generally for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance. Regulations.

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Financial.

10. The expenses of carrying out this Ordinance shall be defrayed out of—

- (a) such moneys as may from time to time be appropriated for the purpose by the Legislative Council out of the general revenue of the Colony ;
- (b) penalties and fines imposed and recovered under the provisions of any regulation made under this Ordinance ;
- (c) gifts, grants and bequests derived from any public or private source.

Recovery of penalties.

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11. (1) All penalties and fines imposed by regulations made under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be recoverable in the manner provided by the Summary Courts Ordinance, and proceedings may be instituted and conducted by the Librarian or by any person authorised by the Board either generally or for any particular proceedings.

(2) All penalties and fines received by a Magistrate under this Ordinance shall be paid by him to the Librarian.

Passed in Council this eleventh day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine.

G. E. CHEN,
Clerk of the Council.