

the same and every proceeding thereupon had are hereby declared, and the same shall be null and void to all intents and purposes.

20. And be it enacted, That if any person shall be summoned as a witness to give evidence before the Supreme Civil Court touching any such offence, either on the part of the prosecution or of the person or persons accused, and shall neglect or refuse to appear at the time and place to be for that purpose appointed without reasonable excuse for such his or her neglect or refusal, to be allowed of by the Court, or appearing shall refuse to give evidence, then every such person shall forfeit for every such offence any sum not exceeding ten pounds, to be levied and paid in such manner and by such means as is in this Ordinance directed as to other penalties.

Witnesses refusing to attend to forfeit any sum not exceeding £10.

Passed in Council this nineteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

RICHARD D. CADIZ,

Clerk of Council.

The foregoing Ordinance was duly proclaimed by me this nineteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

EDWARD MURRAY,

Marshal.

No. 15.—1853.

1st November.

AN ORDINANCE for facilitating the transmission of Moneys through the Post Office, and for the Registration of Letters.

HARRIS.

WHEREAS an Ordinance was passed in council on the fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, entitled "An ordinance for establishing an Inland Post and Rates of Postage within the Colony:" And whereas it is expedient that facilities should be given for transmitting small sums of money through the Post Office: Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government, that it shall be lawful for the Colonial Postmaster, with the consent of His Excellency the Governor, at any time

Power to Colonial Postmaster to make regulations relating to money orders.

hereafter, to make such regulations for facilitating the transmitting of money through the post office, from and to such parts of the colony as the Governor may from time to time see fit, and for the regulating of money orders to be granted or issued, and the payment thereof, and the persons by or to whom the same shall be paid, and the times at which, and the mode in which the same shall be paid, as the said Postmaster, with the consent of His Excellency the Governor, shall see fit, and from time to time with such consent as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such regulations, restrictions, and make and establish any new or other regulations, restrictions, in lieu thereof; and the Colonial Postmaster is hereby authorized to demand and receive for the use of Her Majesty, in respect of such money or money orders, such rates of poundage as His Excellency the Governor may from time to time deem reasonable, and no action, suit, or other proceeding at law or in equity shall be brought, instituted, or commenced in any Court or before any Stipendiary or other Justice of the Peace, or otherwise howsoever, against the Colonial Postmaster, or against any officer of the post, or against any other person whomsoever, for, or by reason, or in consequence of the making of any such regulations, or for, or by reason, or in consequence of the payment of any such money orders being refused or delayed by, or on account of any accidental neglect, omission, or mistake by or on the part of any officer of the Post Office, or for any other cause whatsoever without fraud or wilful misbehaviour on the part of any such officer of the Post Office, any law usage or statute to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Power to
refund
amount of
money orders.

2. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor at any time hereafter to order there-payment from the Colonial Treasury, of the amount of any money orders to be hereafter granted or issued to the person or persons to whom the same shall, or may be so granted or issued, or his, her, or their executors or administrators, whether such money order shall remain or be in the possession of such person or persons or not, and that in all cases from and immediately after any such re-payment, or refunding, as aforesaid, all liability by or on the part of the Postmaster, or of any officer of the

Post Office, or of the colonial revenue for or in respect of such money orders, or of the granting or issuing of the same, or of the re-payment or refunding the amount thereof shall, as against the payers of such money orders and the holders thereof, and all other persons whomsoever absolutely cease and determine.

3. And be it enacted, That any officer of the Post Office who shall grant or issue any money order with a fraudulent intent shall be guilty of felony, and shall on conviction thereof be sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for any term not exceeding three years.

Penalty on issuing money orders with a fraudulent intent.

4. And be it enacted, That any printed copy of the *Royal Gazette* purporting to be printed and published by the person or persons having authority to print and publish the same, shall be admitted as evidence in every Court of the Colony, of any regulations which shall be issued or made under the authority of this Ordinance, and contained in any such newspaper, and of the due issuing thereof, and of the contents of any such regulation without any further or other proof.

Printed copy of "Royal Gazette" to be evidence.

5. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Postmaster, with the sanction of the Governor, to make such regulations as he shall see fit, with regard to the registration of letters to be sent from any part, to any other part of this colony which the senders thereof shall be desirous to enregister, and the Postmaster may charge for any letter so registered on the same being registered, such rate of postage, in addition to any other rate or rates, payable in respect of such letter as the Governor may from time to time direct, but such registration shall not render the Postmaster or the colonial revenue in any manner liable for the loss of any such letter or the contents thereof.

Colonial Postmaster to make regulations for registration of letters.

6. And for the more effectual prosecution of offenders against this Ordinance, be it enacted, That in any indictment for any felony committed, or attempted to be committed in, upon, or with respect to the Post Office, or in or upon, or with respect to any property, moneys, money-order, goods, chattels and effects under the management or control of the Postmaster, or where any act, matter, or thing shall have been done or committed by any person with, or for any malicious, injurious, or fraudulent

Mode of indictment.

design, intent, or purpose in any wise relating to or concerning the Post Office, or any such property, moneys, money orders, goods, chattels, or effects, as aforesaid, or the Postmaster, it shall be sufficient to lay any such property in, and to state or allege the same to belong to, and to state or allege any such act, matter, or thing to have been done or committed with intent to injure or defraud Her Majesty.

Passed in Council this first day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

RICHARD D. CADIZ,
Clerk of Council.

The foregoing Ordinance was duly proclaimed in Port of Spain, by me, this fourth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

EDWARD MURRAY,
Marshal.

No. 16.—1853.

1st November.

AN ORDINANCE to authorise the employment of Convicts at hard labour beyond the precincts of the Royal Gaol.

HARRIS.

Convicts sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour in the Royal Gaol may be kept and worked at hard labour in any other place which the Governor may from time to time appoint.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government, that any convict, who at any time before the passing of this Ordinance may have been, or who at any time hereafter may be sentenced to imprisonment in the Royal Gaol with hard labour, for the whole or any part of such imprisonment may lawfully, during the whole or any part of the time during which he might be kept at hard labour within the precincts of the gaol, be kept and worked at hard labour on any highway, road, street, or public place, or in any other place beyond the precincts of the gaol, which the Governor may from time to time, by writing, under his hand, authorize and appoint.