

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

Tobago Deeds.

No. 5.—1900.

26th February.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the receipt in Tobago and transmission to Port-of-Spain of deeds and assurances executed in Tobago and required to be registered in the office of the Registrar-General.

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HUBERT E. H. JERNINGHAM,

GOVERNOR.

3rd March, 1900.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Tobago Deeds Registration Ordinance, 1900."

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint any Public Officer in Tobago to receive in the Town of Scarborough and forward to the Registrar-General such deeds and other documents as may from time to time be executed in Tobago and require to be registered in the office of the Registrar-General and the person so appointed shall in the exercise of his duties under and by virtue of this Ordinance be designated "the delegate of the Registrar-General."

3. The delegate of the Registrar-General shall keep an office in the Town of Scarborough for the reception there of all deeds, assurances, wills and other instruments requiring registration.

4. Such office shall be open during the ordinary business hours, and any person requiring a deed or other document to be registered in the office of the Registrar-General may deliver the same to the delegate of the Registrar-General who shall on delivery give a receipt for the same mentioning the day and hour at which the same was lodged with him.

5. As soon as conveniently may be after the delivery to him of any such deed or document the delegate of the Registrar-General shall forward the same to the Registrar-General for registration together with the memorandum of the day and hour on which the same was received and of the name of the person so delivering the same.

6. Any person requiring from the Registrar-General an office copy or a certified copy of any deed or document so delivered may bespeak the same through the delegate of the Registrar-General lodging with him the amount of the prescribed fees for such copy together with the charge for posting the same and the delegate of the Registrar-General shall keep an account of all moneys so lodged with him and account for the same to the Registrar-General and to the Sub-Receiver of Tobago and shall pay the same to the Sub-Receiver of Tobago.

7. No deed shall be received by the delegate of the Registrar-General under the provisions of Section 3 hereof unless the same has first been stamped by the person delivering the same with the prescribed charge for registration in addition to any stamp duty that may be payable in respect of such document by virtue of "the Stamp Ordinance, 1899." Until the Governor shall have otherwise by proclamation directed the amount of such stamp duty shall be denoted by

adhesive stamps. The Registrar-General and not the delegate shall be the officer charged with the duty of bliterating such stamps.

8. Any bill of sale within the meaning of "the Bills of Sale Ordinance, 1884" delivered to the delegate for transmission shall be deemed to have been registered within the meaning of such Ordinance on the day and hour when such bill of sale was so delivered to the delegate; and any other deed or other document so delivered shall be deemed to have been registered at the time of its reaching the hands of the Registrar-General.

9. No bill of sale shall be accepted by the delegate on transmission to the Registrar-General unless the same is presented to the delegate in duplicate. One copy shall be preserved in a book or register to be kept in Scarborough at the office of the delegate marked "Tobago Bills of Sale Book." Any person may inspect any document in the "Tobago Bills of Sale Book" on payment of a search fee of one Shilling to be paid by adhesive stamps affixed to a *præcipe* or request to be allowed to search.

Passed in Council this Twenty-sixth day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred,

S. W. KNAGGS,
Clerk of the Council.
