

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 2.—1918.

I ASSENT,

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J. R. CHANCELLOR,  
*Governor.*

15th April, 1918.

AN ORDINANCE to regulate the emigration of Children  
from the Colony.

[15th April, 1918.]

**B**E 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 Children Short Title.  
(Emigration) Ordinance, 1918.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise *Interpretation.*  
requires:—

The expression "child" means a person under the  
age of sixteen years, but does not include a  
child who is not a British subject;

The expression "legal guardian" means a person  
appointed, according to law, to be the guardian  
of a child by deed or will, or by order of a  
Court of competent jurisdiction.

Application of Ordinance.

3.—(1.) The Governor in Executive Council may, by Proclamation in the *Royal Gazette*, direct that this Ordinance shall apply to any country out of His Majesty's Dominions.

(2.) The Governor in Executive Council may revoke or alter any proclamation made under this section.

(3.) A copy of the *Royal Gazette* containing any Proclamation purporting to be made under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be *prima facie* evidence for all purposes of the due making and tenor of such Proclamation.

Restriction on removal of children from Colony.

4. No child shall be allowed to leave the Colony for the purpose of proceeding to any country to which this Ordinance applies unless such child is accompanied by a parent or by his legal guardian, or unless his parent, legal guardian, or the person who has for the time being the charge of or control over the child has obtained the written permission of the Governor.

Grant of permission.

5. Permission to leave the Colony shall not be granted unless the Governor is satisfied that such permission will be for the benefit of the child, and that the child will be under proper care and custody in the country to which it is proceeding.

Power of Commissioned Officer of Constabulary and Harbour Master.

6. Where a commissioned officer of the Constabulary Force or a Harbour Master has reason to suspect that a parent or legal guardian of a child is about to leave the Colony with such child for the purpose of taking the child to a country to which this Ordinance applies and that it is not for the benefit of the child to be so taken, he shall give notice to such parent or guardian, either verbally or in writing, that the child is not to be taken out of the Colony without the written permission of the Governor, and thereupon, if such parent or guardian takes the child out of the Colony without such permission he shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

Offences.

7.—(1.) If a parent or legal guardian or other person who has for the time being the charge of or control over a child permits such child to leave the Colony in contravention of this Ordinance, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

(2.) If any person causes or attempts to cause a child to leave the Colony in contravention of this Ordinance he shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

(3.) If any person aids, abets, counsels, or procures the commission of an offence against this Ordinance he shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

8. Any person guilty of an offence against this Ordinance shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding £50, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding six months, or to both such penalty and imprisonment. Penalties.

9. The Governor in Executive Council may make regulations for more effectually carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance. Power to make regulations.

10. Nothing in this Ordinance contained shall affect the operation of the Foreign Labour Contract Ordinance (No. 106), and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be in addition to, and not in any way in substitution for, or modification of, the provisions of such last mentioned Ordinance. Operation of Ordinance No. 106—saving of.

Passed in Council this Twenty second day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

HARRY L. KNAGGS,  
*Clerk of the Council.*

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