

THESE are to command you, that you do by yourself, or some person to be authorised by you, enter upon and take possession, on our behalf of a certain situate in the
 ward of containing by estimation
 which has become forfeited to and vested in us; and hereof fail not as you shall answer to the contrary.

Witness our trusty and well-beloved CHARLES ELLIOT, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Trinidad and its dependencies, intendant of the Royal Treasury of the said Island, &c., &c., &c.

Signature of Escribano of the }
 Court of Intendant. }

No. 12.—1855.

1st June.

AN ORDINANCE for further amending the Law of Evidence.

CHARLES ELLIOT.

WHEREAS by a certain Ordinance passed in Council on the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and entitled, "An Ordinance to provide for the better administration of Justice in Civil Cases, and to extend and define the jurisdiction and powers of the Supreme Civil Court," it is amongst other things enacted, That where in any action or other proceeding, on the plea side of the said Court, any question shall arise touching the admissibility of any evidence, or touching the competency or obligation to give evidence of any witness, or the admissibility of any question put to any witness, or of any document, paper, matter, or thing tendered in evidence, such question should be decided according to the Law of England in the like case: And whereas since the passing of the said recited Ordinance, many and important alterations and amendments have been made in the Law of England touching the several matters aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient that the advantages of such alterations and amendments should be extended to this Colony, and that the Law of this Colony, touching the matters afore-

said, should be assimilated to the Law of England: Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government, that from and after the commencement of this Ordinance, whenever any question shall arise in any action, suit, information, or other proceeding, whatsoever in or before any Court of Justice or Justice of the Peace, or before any person having by law or by consent of parties, authority to hear, receive, and examine evidence touching the admissibility or the sufficiency of any evidence, or the competency or obligation of any witness to give evidence, or the swearing of any witness, or the form of oath or of affirmation to be used by any witness, or the admissibility of any question put to any witness, or the admissibility or sufficiency of any document, writing, matter or thing tendered in evidence, every such question shall be decided according to the Law of England, as the same is, and stands at the time of the passing of this Ordinance.

Passed in Council this first day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

RICHARD D. CADIZ,

Clerk of Council.

The foregoing Ordinance was duly proclaimed in Port of Spain, by me, this fifteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

EDWARD MURRAY,

Marshal.

No. 13.—1855.

1st June.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Law relating to the Administration of the Estates of Deceased Persons.

CHARLES ELLIOT.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the law whereunder the real and personal assets of deceased persons are administered should be amended: Be it therefore