

The foregoing Ordinance has been duly proclaimed in Port of Spain, on this ninth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty, by me,

RICHARD JOELL,
Assist. Marshal.

No. 3.—1841.

AN ORDINANCE to declare the Powers of the Council of Government to punish contempt and breach of privilege.

(L. s.) H. MACLEOD.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to the power of the Council of Government of the said Island to punish persons guilty of contempt, or of breach of the privileges of the said Council; And whereas it is expedient that such doubts should be removed, and that provision should be made for the mode of punishing persons so guilty as aforesaid: Be it therefore declared and enacted, and it is hereby declared and enacted by His Excellency the Governor of the said Island and its Dependancies, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government thereof, That the Council of Government of the Island of Trinidad, as the supreme legislative body within the said Island, hath and doth of right possess the power of punishing by imprisonment all persons guilty of contempt or of breach of the privileges of the said Council.

Power of Council of Government to punish persons guilty of contempt or breach of its privileges.

2. And be it further enacted, That upon complaint made to the Council of Government by any member of such Council, of any contempt or breach of the privileges of the Council, it shall be lawful for the Governor or Chairman of the Council for the time being, on the order of the Council, to summon the person so complained of, to appear before the Council, and answer to such complaint at such time as shall be specified in such summons; or if the Council shall see fit, and shall so order to issue a warrant under his hand to the Marshal

In case of any persons guilty of contempt or breach of privilege, Chairman to issue summons or warrant.

Persons guilty, on resolution of the Council, to be committed to the Royal Gaol for not more than three months.

of the Island, for arresting and bringing the person so complained of before the Council to answer to such charge; and if upon the person so complained of appearing upon such summons, or being brought before the Council on such warrant, the Council shall resolve that such person has been guilty of any contempt of the Council, or of any breach of the privileges of the Council, it shall be lawful for the Governor, or Chairman of the Council for the time being, on the order of the Council, by a warrant under his hand to commit such person to the Royal Gaol, there to be imprisoned for such term not exceeding three calendar months, as shall be named in the said warrant, unless previously discharged by order of the Council.

All summonses to be executed by the Marshal.

Officers of Police to assist the Marshal.

3. And be it further enacted, That all such summonses and warrants for the arresting and bringing before the Council any person so complained of, shall be directed to, and executed by the Marshal of the Island, and officers of police and constables of the said Island shall, when required by the Marshal, aid and assist the Marshal in the execution of such warrants.

Protection of Persons acting under this Ordinance.

4. And be it further enacted, That every person against whom any action may be brought for anything by him done, in pursuance of this Ordinance, shall be entitled to, and shall have all such and the same protection as Magistrates are entitled to under "An Ordinance for the rendering of Magistrates more safe in the execution of their duty."

5. And be it further enacted, That this Ordinance shall take effect from and immediately after the promulgation thereof.

Passed in Council this first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one.

THOMAS F. JOHNSTON,

Clerk of Council.

The foregoing Ordinance has been duly proclaimed in Port of Spain, on this eighteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, by me,

RICHARD JOELL,

Assist. Marshal.