

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 32.—1909.

6th December.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Post Office Ordinances,
Nos. 197 and 301.

[L.S.]

GEORGE R. LE HUNTE,

GOVERNOR.

21st December, 1909.

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

- Short title.** 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Post Office Ordinance, 1909. It shall be read as one with the Post Office Ordinance No. 197 (hereinafter called the principal Ordinance) and the Post Office (amending) Ordinance No. 301.
- Repeal.** 2. In lieu of the last two paragraphs of Section 2 of the principal Ordinance shall be read the following:—
- Convention.** “The Convention of Rome 1906” means the Convention agreed to and ratified at Rome on the 26th day of May 1906, by the Plenipotentiaries of the Governments of the countries therein specified.
- Detailed Regulations** “Detailed Regulations for the execution of the Convention of Rome” means regulations drawn up in pursu-

ance of the provisions of article 20 of the Convention of Rome 1906.

3. In Section 20 of the principal Ordinance, in lieu of the words "Article VIII of the Convention of Washington 1897" shall be read the words "Article 8 of the Convention of Rome 1906." Amendment of Section 20 of Ordinance No. 197.

4. In Section 21 of the principal Ordinance, in lieu of the words "Convention of Washington" shall be read the words "Convention of Rome 1906." Amendment of Section 21 of Ordinance No. 197.

5. The following two Sections shall be read after Section 32 of the principal Ordinance:—

32A. The insurance of parcels shall be deemed to be an insurance against loss, and not against damage due to faulty, insecure or insufficient packing. Insurance of parcels.

32B. Nothing contained in or done under or in pursuance of this Part of this Ordinance or any Regulations made hereunder shall render the Postmaster-General or any of his Officers or servants liable either personally or in their official capacity to any action or other legal proceeding in respect of or in consequence of any loss or damage to or delay in delivery or the mis-sending of any uninsured parcel, without fraud or wilful misbehaviour on the part of any such Officer or servant. Indemnity in respect of uninsured parcels.

6. After the word "parcel" in the last line of Section 36 of the principal Ordinance shall be read the words "without fraud or wilful misbehaviour on the part of any such officer." Amendment of Section 36.

7. The following Sub-section shall be read after Sub-section (1) of Section 57 of the Principal Ordinance:—

(1A) Any person who without being duly authorized so to do, enters any part of a Post Office reserved for the use of the officers and servants thereof and not intended to Unlawfully entering Post Office.

be open to the public, shall be guilty of an offence, and on summary conviction thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five pounds.

Illegally
opening postal
packet.

8. Every person who shall knowingly and wilfully and without the consent of the addressee open any postal packet not addressed to him shall be guilty of an offence and on summary conviction shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five pounds.

Jury.

9. The Postmaster-General and all Officers and servants of the Post Office in this Colony shall be exempt from service as jurors under the Jury Ordinance No. 33.

Indemnity
in respect of
postal packets.

10. 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 Postmaster-General or against any officer or servant of the Post Office or against any other person whomsoever for any loss or inconvenience which may arise from the loss, damage, delay, non-delivery or misdelivery of any postal packet, without fraud or wilful misbehaviour on the part of any such officer or servant.

Postmaster-
General may
compound
actions.

11. The Postmaster-General may compromise and compound any action or proceeding which may be commenced by his authority or under his control against any person for recovering penalties incurred under this or any other Ordinance relating to the Post Office, on such terms and conditions as the Postmaster-General shall in his absolute discretion think proper, with full power for him to accept the penalties so incurred or alleged to be incurred, or any part thereof, without action suit or information brought or commenced for recovery thereof.

Passed in Council this sixth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine.

HARRY L. KNAGGS,
Clerk of the Council.