

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
9TH JANUARY, 1917.

**H**IS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR in Executive Council has, with the sanction of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, been pleased to declare the following offices to be no longer pensionable under No. 1 of the Regulations attached to the Pensions Ordinance, No. 175:—

Chief Messenger, Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Second " " "  
Second " Receiver-General's Department,  
Messenger and Office Keeper, Audit Department,  
Second Messenger and Office Keeper, Audit Department.

By Command,

W. M. GORDON,  
(No. 7.) Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
10TH JANUARY, 1917.

**H**IS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to nominate MR. W. F. STODART to be a member of the Port-of-Spain City Council in the vacancy caused by the resignation of DR. C. F. LASSALLE.

By Command,

W. M. GORDON,  
(No. 14.) Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
10TH JANUARY, 1917.

**R**EFERRING to Government Notice, No. 260, dated the 23rd of October, 1916, the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies has been pleased to approve of the following appointments in the Medical Department:—

MR. A. E. MARK, Third Clerk in the Medical Department, to be Second Clerk; and

MR. W. B. PHIPPS, Chief Clerk and Cashier to the Warden of St. Ann's and Diego Martin, to be Third Clerk.

By Command,

W. M. GORDON,  
(No. 13.) Acting Colonial Secretary.

**NOTICE.**

**TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.**

*Ordinances Nos. 198 and 200.*

**Lighting up hours for Vehicles and Cycles for January, February, and March, 1917.**

**L**AMPS must be kept on all Vehicles while in use on all public roads throughout the Colony between the following hours:—

January 1917, from 6.30 p.m. to 5.59 a.m.  
February " " 6.40 p.m. " 5.58 a.m.  
March " " 6.43 p.m. " 5.46 a.m.

GEO. H. MAY, LIEUT.-COLONEL,  
Inspector-General of Constabulary.  
Constabulary Headquarters Port-of-Spain,  
27th December, 1916.

**Post Office Notice.**

**N**OTIFICATION has been received from London that British Postal Orders are now being issued and paid in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands.

CLARENCE ROSS,  
Postmaster-General.

General Post Office, Trinidad,  
16th January, 1917.

**NOTICE.**

**S**ECRETARIES of Friendly Societies are requested by the undersigned to forward to him, on or before the 28th February, 1917, a return of their Societies for the year ended 31st December, 1916, shewing:—

1. Number of Members on Roll.
2. Amount deposited in Government Savings Bank.
3. Amount invested in Real Security.
4. Amount in Treasurer's hands.

CHARLES A. CHILD,  
Registrar of Friendly Societies.  
2nd January, 1917.

N.B. In compliance with section 6 of Ordinance No. 32 of 1914, every Society must in addition to the above return send to the Registrar an annual return of the receipts and expenditure, funds and effects of the Society as audited.

**RETURN OF LICENSED PILOTS.**

*(Published in compliance with Section 12 of the Pilots Ordinance, No. 183.)*

WILLIAM BREMNER.  
SAMUEL T. CLARKE.  
PRINCE CONNELLY.  
CHANDOS A. SIMMONS.  
BENJAMIN EDGHILL.  
FREDERICK K. CORBOULD.  
REGINALD L. DANIEL.  
CHARLES COTTMAN.  
ARTHUR A. SMITH.  
CHARLES ADAM.  
ROBERT ALFRED ELLIS.  
HENRY W. TURNER.  
ANTHONY PURVIS.  
FRANK S. HANNAM.  
GEORGE S. B. CARTER.  
HERCULES HASSELL.  
HERBERT W. ROBSON.  
FRANCIS GEORGE L. WILLAN.  
GUSTAV F. A. TEIGE.  
GEORGE F. HUFF.  
REGINALD HEINRICH DADD.

J. BASANTA,  
Acting Harbour Master.  
Harbour Master's Office,  
4th January, 1917.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
7TH FEBRUARY, 1917.

THE Secretary of the Medical Board has communicated to the Government the following return of the triennial election of Officers of the Medical Board which took place on the 31st of January :—

*President—*

THE HON. DR. STEPHEN MOISTER LAURENCE

*Vice-President—*DR. GEORGE HENRY MASSON,

*Secretary and Treasurer—*

THE HON. DR. ENRIQUE PRADA,

*Members of the Council—*

DR. CHARLES FRANCIS LASSALLE,

„ RAOUL SEHEULT,

„ ARTHUR HUTTON McSHINE.

By Command,

W. M. GORDON,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

(No. 37.)

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
9TH FEBRUARY, 1917.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has directed the publication of the draft of "An Ordinance to amend the Registrar-General's Ordinance, (No. 55)." which it is proposed to introduce into the Legislative Council, a copy of which is issued with this *Gazette*.

By Command,

W. M. GORDON,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

(No. 39.)

An Ordinance to provide for the grant by the Colony of a Contribution to His Majesty towards the Expenses of the War.

ATTENTION is called to the above draft Ordinance a copy of which was issued with the "*Royal Gazette*" of the 25th January, 1917.—(See Notice at page 157 of that issue.)

An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to Public Roads.

ATTENTION is called to the above draft Ordinance a copy of which was issued with the "*Royal Gazette*" of the 1st February, 1917.—(See Notice at page 201 of that issue.)

An Ordinance to amend the Merchandise Marks Ordinance (No. 74.)

ATTENTION is called to the above draft Ordinance a copy of which was issued with the "*Royal Gazette*" of the 1st February, 1917.—(See Notice at page 201 of that issue.)

## CARNIVAL, 1917.

### CONSTABULARY NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that during the approaching CARNIVAL the wearing in public of Masks of any description will not be permitted.

Processions or Bands of Persons in Disguise or Fancy Dress is also forbidden.

GEO. H. MAY, Lieut.-Colonel,

Inspector-General of Constabulary.

Constabulary Head Quarters,  
Port-of-Spain,  
8th January, 1917

### NOTICE.

#### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

*Ordinances Nos. 198 and 200.*

Lighting up hours for Vehicles and Cycles for January, February, and March, 1917.

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GEO. H. MAY, LIEUT.-COLONEL,

Inspector-General of Constabulary.

Constabulary Headquarters Port-of-Spain,  
27th December, 1916.

### Post Office Notice.

NOTIFICATION has been received from London that, in future, the undermentioned articles are prohibited from importation into the United Kingdom, either by letter post or by parcel post :

1. Gold, manufactured or unmanufactured including gold coin and articles consisting partly of or containing gold ;
2. All manufactures of silver other than silver watches and silver watch cases.
3. Jewellery of any description.

CLARENCE ROSS,

Postmaster-General.

General Post Office, Trinidad,  
12th February, 1917.

### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Miss FLORENCE A. TRONCHIN has been appointed Registrar of Births and Deaths for the St. Joseph District, in the Ward of Laventille East, *vice* Miss ELVIRA COX, resigned.

This appointment to date from the 1st February, 1917.

GEO. VOX WEILLER,

Acting Supt. Registrar.

Warden's Office, Port-of-Spain,  
5th February, 1917.

Approved,

THOMAS I. POTTER,

Registrar-General.

Registrar-General's Office,  
6th February, 1917.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
1ST MARCH, 1917.

**H**IS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to approve the following appointments, on probation for six months from this date:—

MR. J. E. COLLEY, Assistant Clerk and Junior Ward Officer, Couva, to be Second Ward Officer, Couva;

MR. O. R. EVELYN, Assistant Clerk to the Warden of Chaguanas, to be Assistant Clerk and Junior Ward Officer, Couva;

MR. J. N. PAUL, Messenger, Warden's Office, Couva, to be Assistant Clerk to the Warden of Chaguanas.

By Command,

W. M. GORDON,  
(No. 59.) Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
5TH MARCH, 1917.

**T**HE Secretary of the Public Library of Trinidad has informed the Government that at a meeting held on the 27th ultimo MR. T. A. THOMPSON was elected Chairman of the Committee of the Library.

By Command,

W. M. GORDON,  
(No. 61.) Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
7TH MARCH, 1917.

**H**IS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint MR. JAMES ROBINSON to be Messenger, Warden's Office, Couva, on probation for six months from the 1st instant.

By Command,

W. M. GORDON,  
(No. 63.) Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
13TH MARCH, 1917.

**H**IS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has directed the publication of the draft of a Private Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the incorporation of certain persons as Trustees of the Royal Prince of Wales Lodge of Freemasons in Trinidad," which it is proposed to introduce into the Legislative Council, a copy of which is issued with this *Gazette*.

By Command,

H. KNAGGS,  
(No. 69.) for Acting Colonial Secretary.

An Ordinance to amend the Plant Protection Ordinance, 1911.

**A**TENTION is called to the above draft Ordinance a copy of which was issued with the "*Royal Gazette*" of the 1st March, 1917.— (See Notice at page 406 of that issue.)

HEADQUARTERS LOCAL FORCES,  
ST. JAMES'S BARRACKS,  
12th March, 1917.

Appointments.

**H**IS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF has been pleased to approve of the following appointments in the Local Forces:—

3rd Battalion Trinidad Light Infantry Volunteers.

MR. J. C. McLELLAND, Gentleman, to be 2nd Lieutenant, dated 1st March, 1917.

MR. W. MORTON, Gentleman, to be 2nd Lieutenant, dated 1st March, 1917.

MR. C. R. MASSEY, Gentleman, to be 2nd Lieutenant, dated 1st March, 1917.

MR. R. H. MACMINN, Gentleman, to be 2nd Lieutenant, dated 1st March, 1917.

MR. A. K. TAITT, Gentleman, to be 2nd Lieutenant, dated 1st March, 1917.

MR. D. E. DARWENT, Gentleman, to be 2nd Lieutenant, dated 1st March, 1917.

By Command,

G. H. MAY, COLONEL,  
Commandant Local Forces.

NOTICE.

**A** NOTICE from Sultan Khan of No. 7, Coffee Street, in the Town of San Fernando, of his intention to apply to the Stipendiary Magistrate, San Fernando, for a license under the Pawnbrokers Ordinance No. 141 to carry on the business of a Pawnbroker during the year 1917, on the premises known as No. 7, Coffee Street, in the Town of San Fernando, has been received by me.

G. H. MAY, COLONEL,  
Inspector-General of Constabulary,  
Constabulary Head Quarters,  
Port-of-Spain,  
12th March, 1917.

NOTICE.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

*Ordinances Nos. 198 and 200.*

Lighting up hours for Vehicles and Cycles for January, February, and March, 1917.

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GEO. H. MAY, LIEUT.-COLONEL,  
Inspector-General of Constabulary,  
Constabulary Headquarters Port-of-Spain,  
27th December 1916.

Post Office Notice.

**N**OTIFICATION has been received from London that British Postal Orders are now issued and paid in the Tonga Islands Protectorate, and Tonga Postage Stamps, when affixed to British Postal Orders, will be paid up to the value of 5d.

CLARENCE ROSS,  
Postmaster-General.  
General Post Office, Trinidad,  
14th March, 1917.

## WAR CONTRIBUTION TAX ORDINANCE, 1917.

Despatches to and from the Secretary of State in connection with the Colony's  
contribution towards the expenses of the War.

*Council Paper No. 105 of 1917.*

*M.P. No. 9046/16.*

TRINIDAD.—No. 104.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
26th March, 1917.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit herewith an Ordinance which was passed by the Legislative Council on the 9th instant, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the grant by the Colony of a contribution to His Majesty towards the expenses of the War," together with the report of the Attorney-General thereon.

2. For some months past there has been a feeling among all classes of the community that having regard to its wealth and resources the Colony was not contributing adequately towards the cost of carrying on the war, and various proposals as to the form in which additional assistance should be given to the Imperial Government have been discussed in the public press.

3. In October last when your proposals for the local issue of short dated bonds was under discussion in the Executive Council, Mr. Alcazar, K.C., the Senior Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, suggested that in the event of such an issue being made the Colonial Government should assist the Imperial Government by undertaking to pay the interest on the £500,000 of bonds which it was proposed to issue in Trinidad, amounting to £30,000 per annum. Mr. Alcazar laid his suggestion before the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council by whom it was unanimously approved; but pending the receipt of further instructions from you as to the issue of the bonds no further action was taken in the matter.

4. In December last, a deputation of the leading merchants and others in the Colony waited upon me to express the wish that the Colony of Trinidad should make a direct contribution to the Imperial Government towards the cost of the war. To this end they suggested that additional taxation should be imposed, the proceeds of which should be earmarked for that specific purpose. Various proposals as to the particular form of tax to be imposed were made by the deputation, such as an additional export tax on sugar, increased import duties, and a poll tax. I expressed warm sympathy with the object in view, but deprecated these particular proposals, suggesting as an alternative a trade tax or license duty on every profession, trade or calling.

5. A Committee of taxpayers considered that suggestion which was also laid before the Income Tax Committee, which I strengthened by the addition of several members for the consideration of this question. Eventually it was decided to adopt the principle of a war contribution based on incomes, and this form of tax has been accepted by the Legislative Council and is embodied in the present Ordinance. The measure has been passed at the suggestion and with the full approval of the unofficial section of the community, and was supported unanimously by every member of the Legislature. It is thus another indication of the desire of all parts of the Empire to assist His Majesty's Government in prosecuting the war to a satisfactory conclusion.

6. While the bill was still under discussion by the Council, I received your telegram of the 1st March intimating that it had been decided to prohibit the importation of rum and cocoa into the United Kingdom. Although your subsequent telegrams of the 3rd and 8th March modified this prohibition with respect to cocoa it was felt that the restriction of the market of one of the staple products of the Colony might have a serious effect on prices. I therefore informed the Legislative Council, before the bill was actually passed, that I would refrain from bringing it into operation until an opportunity should have been afforded of gauging the effect of the restriction of the shipment of cocoa to the United Kingdom, and that before bringing the Ordinance into force I would consult the Council on the subject.

7. The effect on the market of the restriction of the exports to England is now becoming clear, and the apprehensions of the merchants that there would be difficulty in disposing of the cocoa at satisfactory prices have been removed; I accordingly propose to have brought before the Council at their next meeting a resolution to the effect that the Ordinance should be brought into operation without further delay.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

(Sgd.) J. R. CHANCELLOR,  
Governor.

The Right Honourable

WALTER H. LONG, M.P.,  
&c., &c., &c.

Caroni Local Road Board—Estimates for 1917. (M.P. 642/17.)

4. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Caroni Local Road Board for the year 1917.—(Council Paper No. 30.)

Port-of-Spain City Council—Supplemental Estimate for "Public Health" (M.P. 8032/16.)

5. Supplemental Estimate passed by the Port-of-Spain City Council for "Public Health" under "General Purposes."

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved :—

Amended Estimates of Arima Water Authority for year ending 30 Sept., 1917. (M.P. 6075/1916.)

That this Council approves the amended Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Arima Water Authority for the year from 1st October, 1916, to 30th September, 1917, which were laid on the table of this Council on the 2nd instant.—(Council Paper No. 23.)

Seconded by the Director of Public Works, and agreed to.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved :—

War Tax Stamp Regulations. (M.P. 1108/1917.)

(a.) That this Council approves the Regulations made by the Governor under Section 9 of Ordinance 197 (The Post Office Ordinance), which were laid on the table of this Council on the 2nd instant.—(Council Paper No. 21.)

War Tax Stamp Regulation. (M.P. 1108/17.)

(b.) That this Council approves the Regulation made by the Governor, with the sanction and approval of His Majesty's Postmaster-General, under Section 9 of Ordinance 197 (The Post Office Ordinance), which was laid on the table of this Council on the 2nd instant.—(Council Paper No. 22.)

Seconded by the Attorney-General, and agreed to.

War Contribution Tax Ordinance, 1917.—Read 2<sup>o</sup>—(M.P. 9046/16.)

The debate on "An Ordinance to provide for the grant by the Colony of a Contribution to His Majesty towards the expenses of the War"—the second reading of which had been moved and seconded at the previous meeting on the 2nd instant—was resumed.

On the conclusion of the debate, the Governor put the question that the Bill be read a second time.

Agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time.

Adjournment before noon.

At 11.38 a.m. His Excellency adjourned the Council to 2 p.m.

Resumption.

On the resumption of the Council at 2 p.m., the following members who had been present at the morning sitting were absent :

Mr. Wight.  
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

His Excellency communicated to the Council the following telegram which had been received by him from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies :

*March 8th, 1917.*

Imports of Cocoa to the United Kingdom—Telegram from Secretary of State—(M.P. 1509/1917.)

With reference to my telegram of 28th February, imports of cocoa to the United Kingdom from each British Colony in the year beginning February 23rd are restricted (to) half of similar exports in the previous year. In order to effect this as fairly as possible exportation of cocoa to the United Kingdom from the Colony under your Government except under license granted by your Government should be prohibited at once and you should make arrangements allocating licenses to exporters on equitable basis within limits above mentioned. Then general license will be issued here permitting importation of cocoa exported under license granted by your Government. Send home specimens forms licenses for guidance of Customs authorities here.

War Contribution Tax Ordinance—Read 3<sup>o</sup> and passed—(M.P. 9046/1916.)

The Attorney-General moved that the Council go into Committee for the consideration of "An Ordinance to provide for the grant by the Colony of a Contribution to His Majesty towards the expenses of the War."

Seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, and agreed to.

Council in Committee.

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 were passed without amendment.

HEADQUARTERS LOCAL FORCES,  
ST. JAMES'S BARRACKS,  
TRINIDAD,  
19th April, 1917.

**Appointments.**

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF** has been pleased to approve of the following appointments in the Local Forces:—

Trinidad Artillery Volunteers.

MR. J. L. GUPPY, Gentleman, to be 2nd Lieutenant dated 2nd April, 1917.

1st Battalion Trinidad Light Infantry Volunteers.

MR. G. A. STALLEY, Gentleman, to be 2nd Lieutenant dated 13th April, 1917.

3rd Battalion Trinidad Light Infantry Volunteers. (War Contingent.)

MR. A. S. ARRINDELL, Gentleman, to be 2nd Lieutenant dated 14th April, 1917.

MR. J. V. DE BOISSIERE, Gentleman, to be 2nd Lieutenant, dated 14th April, 1917.

By Command,

GEO. H. MAY, COLONEL,  
Commandant Local Forces.

**NOTICE.**

**TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.**

*Ordinances Nos. 198 and 200.*

Lighting up hours for Vehicles and Cycles for April, May, and June, 1917.

**L**AMPS must be kept burning on all Vehicles while in use on all public roads throughout the Colony between the following hours:—

April 1917.	from 6.43 p.m.	to 5.30 a.m.
May	„ „ 6.46 p.m.	„ 5.20 a.m.
June	„ „ 6.53 p.m.	„ 5.19 a.m.

GEO. H. MAY, COLONEL,  
Inspector-General of Constabulary.

Constabulary Headquarters, Port-of-Spain,  
14th April, 1917.

**Post Office Notice.**

**N**OTIFICATION has been received from London that Money Orders may now be advised to London under the usual conditions applicable to "Through" Orders, for payment, and British Postal Orders will be issued and paid at the following places in the South West Africa Protectorate:—

Gibeon	Outjo
Grootfontein	Rehoboth
Keribib	Swakopmund
Keetmanshoop	Tsumeb
Luderitzbucht	Usakos
Okahandja	Walvis Bay
Omaruru	Warmbad
Otavi	Windhuk
Otjiwarongo	

CLARENCE ROSS,  
Postmaster-General.

General Post Office, Trinidad,  
18th April, 1917.

**NOTICE.**

**S**EALD Tenders marked on the outside "Tender for Bridges Caroni Road" will be received by the Director of Public Works up to noon on the 19th instant for rebuilding certain bridges on the Caroni Road according to Plans, terms and conditions of Contract, and Specifications, which will be ready for inspection at the above office on and after the 5th instant.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

ARCHIBALD G. BELL,

Director of Public Works,  
Public Works Department,  
2nd April, 1917.

**NOTICE.**

**T**HE Public are hereby notified that the Warden of Arima will attend at the Sub-offices on the under-mentioned dates for the purpose of receiving Taxes.

BRAZIL--THURSDAY, 3RD AND 17TH MAY and 14TH and 28TH JUNE, 1917.

CUMUTO--THURSDAY, 10TH AND 31ST MAY and 21ST JUNE, 1917.

C. FLANAGIN,

Warden's Office, Arima,  
5th April, 1917. Warden.

TRINIDAD.

**THE WEST INDIA BISCUIT CO., LTD.**  
(In Liquidation.)

**N**OTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 186, (Sub-sections 1 and 2) of the Companies Ordinance No. 31 of 1913, that a General Meeting of the Members of the above-named Company will be held at the Office of the Liquidator No. 2, Sackville Street, Port-of-Spain, on Monday the 30th day of April, 1917, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of having an account laid before the Company showing the manner in which the winding up has been conducted, and property of the Company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Liquidator, and for the purpose of passing an extraordinary resolution disposing of the books, accounts and documents of the Company and the Liquidator.

Dated the 27th day of March, 1917.

LOUIS JOHN,  
Liquidator.

**Notice of Cancellation.**

**I** the undersigned Registrar of Friendly Societies do hereby give notice that the *Faithful Brothers of the Souls in Purgatory Friendly Society of Port-of-Spain* has been Registered as a Limited Liability Company and that I have in conformity with the powers and authorities vested in me as such Registrar by the Friendly Societies Ordinance No. 11 cancelled the registration of the said Society.

Dated at Port-of-Spain this 12th day of January, 1917.

(13 ins.) CHARLES A. CHILD,  
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

COURT HOUSE,  
16TH APRIL, 1917.

**NOTICE.**

**N**OTICE is hereby given that the Criminal Session to be held at Scarborough in the Island of Tobago is adjourned to WEDNESDAY THE 9TH DAY OF MAY, 1917, by order of His Honour the Chief Justice.

T. A. THOMPSON  
Registrar.

## WAR TAX STAMP.

- (a.) Amendment of Regulations made by the Governor, under Section 9 of Ordinance 197 (The Post Office Ordinance), dated the Sixteenth day of September, 1914, relative to Inland Post Cards.

### INLAND POST CARDS.

1. The prepaid rate of postage on every Inland Post Card will be a halfpenny ( $\frac{1}{2}$ d.) with an additional War Tax Stamp of a halfpenny.

A Post Card posted with  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Stamp and without the additional War Tax Stamp of a halfpenny will be chargeable on delivery with double the amount of the War Tax, viz.: one penny.

A Post Card posted with the additional War Tax Stamp of one halfpenny ( $\frac{1}{2}$ d.), but without the original postage of one halfpenny ( $\frac{1}{2}$ d.), will be chargeable on delivery with double the original postage, viz.: one penny (1d.).

Post Cards posted without the original postage of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and without the additional War Tax Stamp, will be chargeable on delivery with double the original postage and double the additional War Tax Stamp, viz.: Two pence (2d.).

2. Regulation 8 of the Postal Regulations made by the Governor on the Sixteenth day of September, 1914, and approved by the Legislative Council on the 30th day of October, 1914, is repealed as from the Tenth day of May, 1917.

Made by the Governor this 26th day of April, 1917.

By Command,

W. M. GORDON,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Approved by the Legislative Council on the 27th day of April, 1917.

J. M. FARFAN,  
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council.

- (b.) Amendment of Regulations made by the Governor, under Section 9 of Ordinance 197 (The Post Office Ordinance), dated the Sixteenth day of September, 1914, relative to Commercial Papers.

### COMMERCIAL PAPERS.

1. On and after the Tenth day of May, 1917, the rate of Inland postage will be as follows:—

Not exceeding 4 oz. in weight, a halfpenny ( $\frac{1}{2}$ d.) with an additional War Tax Stamp of a halfpenny ( $\frac{1}{2}$ d.).

For every additional 4 oz. a halfpenny ( $\frac{1}{2}$ d.).

Commercial Papers posted with  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp but without the additional War Tax Stamp of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. will be chargeable on delivery with double the amount of the War Tax Stamp, viz.: one penny (1d.).

Commercial Papers posted with the additional War Tax Stamp of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., but without the original postage of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., will be chargeable on delivery with double the original postage, viz.: one penny (1d.).

Commercial Papers posted without the original postage and without the additional War Tax Stamp, will be chargeable on delivery with double the amount of the original postage and double the additional War Tax Stamp, viz.: two pence (2d.).

2 The following are considered as Commercial Papers :--

All papers and documents whether writings or drawings, produced wholly or partly by hand not having the character of an actual and personal correspondence, such as open letters and postcards of ancient date, which have already served their original purpose, papers of legal procedure, deeds of all kinds drawn up by public functionaries, waybills or bills of lading, invoices, orders for goods or for work, confirmation of orders, receipts for goods or money, statements of account, price lists, prices current, market reports, the various documents of Insurance Companies, copies of or extracts from acts under private signature, written on stamped or unstamped paper, musical scores or sheets of music in manuscript, the manuscripts of works or of newspapers, forwarded separately, pupils' exercises in original or with corrections but without any comment on the work, and such other similar documents as the Postmaster-General may from time to time prescribe.

3. Regulations 13, 14 and 17 of the Postal Regulations made by the Governor on the Sixteenth day of September, 1914, and approved by the Legislative Council on the 30th day of October, 1914, is repealed from the said Tenth day of May, 1917.

Made by the Governor this 26th day of April, 1917.

By Command,

W. M. GORDON,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Approved by the Legislative Council on the 27th day of April, 1917.

J. M. FARFAN,  
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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## LAND ACQUISITION ORDINANCE.

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NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of the Authority vested in me by Clause 6 of Ordinance No. 42 (Revised Edition) the following parcels of land have been acquired for the purpose of making an approach road from the St. John's Trace in the Montserrat Ward to the Brothers Road Railway Station of the Caparo Valley Extension Railway to Rio Claro.

1. A parcel of land comprising 1 rood  $7\frac{1}{2}$  perches, bounded as follows :—

- North—By the St. John's Trace.
- South—By other lands of Seelal and Lutchmenia.
- East —By lands of Peertie and Mungaree.
- West—By other lands of Seelal and Lutchmenia.

being a part of 5 acres, 3 roods, 30 perches granted under the Real Property Ordinance to Seelal and Lutchmenia and registered at Volume 119, Folio 589.

2. A parcel of land comprising 2 roods 13 perches, bounded as follows :—

- North and South—By other lands of Peertie and Mungaree.
- East —By a road reserve.
- West —By lands of Seelal and Lutchmenia.

being part of 5 acres, 3 roods, 39 perches, granted under the Real Property Ordinance to Peertie and Mungaree and registered at Volume 122, Folio 571.

Government House,  
13th April, 1917.

J. R. CHANCELLOR,  
Governor.



2 The following are considered as Commercial Papers :-

All papers and documents whether writings or drawings, produced wholly or partly by hand not having the character of an actual and personal correspondence, such as open letters and postcards of ancient date, which have already served their original purpose, papers of legal procedure, deeds of all kinds drawn up by public functionaries, waybills or bills of lading, invoices, orders for goods or for work, confirmation of orders, receipts for goods or money, statements of account, price lists, prices current, market reports, the various documents of Insurance Companies, copies of or extracts from acts under private signature, written on stamped or unstamped paper, musical scores or sheets of music in manuscript, the manuscripts of works or of newspapers, forwarded separately, pupils' exercises in original or with corrections but without any comment on the work, and such other similar documents as the Postmaster-General may from time to time prescribe.

3. Regulations 13, 14 and 17 of the Postal Regulations made by the Governor on the Sixteenth day of September, 1914, and approved by the Legislative Council on the 30th day of October, 1914, is repealed from the said Tenth day of May, 1917.

Made by the Governor this 26th day of April, 1917.

By Command,

W. M. GORDON,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Approved by the Legislative Council on the 27th day of April, 1917.

J. M. FARFAN,  
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

### WAR TAX STAMPS.

1d. War Tax stamps must be affixed to all Inland Letters and letters addressed to places within the British Empire—or they will be chargeable on delivery (if otherwise prepaid) with a tax of 2d.

The prepaid rate of postage for letter post is as follows:—

Not exceeding one oz. in weight	...	...	...	...	1d.
For every additional oz.	...	...	...	...	1d.,

and one penny War Tax stamp in addition to each letter regardless of its weight.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. War Tax stamps must be affixed to all Inland Post Cards, and Commercial papers—or they will be chargeable on delivery (if otherwise prepaid) with a tax of 1d.

The prepaid rate of postage on every Inland Postcard is a half penny, and in addition to this a  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. War Tax stamp must now be affixed. A postcard posted *unpaid* is chargeable on delivery with a postage of one penny and a War Tax stamp of one penny.

The rate of postage for Commercial papers is  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for 4 ozs.—with the addition of a  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. War Tax stamp.

The following are considered as Commercial papers, and allowed to pass as such at the reduced postage viz.:—all papers and documents whether writings or drawings, produced wholly or partly by hand not having the character of an actual and personal correspondence, such as open letters and postcards of ancient date which have already served their original purpose, papers of legal procedure, deeds of all kinds drawn up by public functionaries, waybills or bills of lading, invoices, receipts, the various documents of Insurance Companies, copies of extracts from acts under private signature, written on stamped or unstamped paper, musical scores or sheets of music in manuscript, the manuscript of works or of newspapers, forwarded separately, pupils' exercises in original or with corrections, but without any comment on the work and other papers of a similar description.

Commercial papers are subject, so far as regards form and conditions of transmission, to the regulations prescribed for printed papers.

Commercial papers must not exceed 4 lbs. in weight, or measure more in any direction than 18 inches.

In the form of a roll commercial papers 30 inches in length and 4 inches in diameter may be forwarded.

Commercial papers must be put up in such a manner that they can be easily withdrawn for examination.

It must be borne in mind that War Tax Stamps can only be used for prepayment of postage on local letters and to places within the British Empire, and they must on no account be used for prepayment of postage on letters addressed to Foreign Countries.

CLARENCE ROSS,  
Postmaster-General.

General Post Office, Port-of-Spain,  
3rd May, 1917.

Supplemental Estimate of Port-of-Spain City Council—  
(M. P. 2725/17.)

4. Supplemental estimate passed by the Port-of-Spain City Council at a meeting held on the 29th March, 1917.

Water Supply in Villages and Country Districts—Progress Report to 31st December—  
(M. P. 2662/17.)

5. Progress report to 31st December, 1916, of work done in connection with the scheme for water supply to villages and country districts.—(Council Paper No. 64).

Inland Post Cards—Amendment of Regulation—  
(M. P. 1108/17.)

6. (a.) Amendment of regulation made by the Governor, under Section 9 of Ordinance 197 (The Post Office Ordinance), dated the 16th day of September, 1914, relative to Inland Post Cards.

Commercial Papers—Amendment of Regulations—  
(M. P. 408/17.)

(b.) Amendment of regulations made by the Governor, under Section 9 of Ordinance 197 (The Post Office Ordinance), dated the 16th day of September, 1914, relative to Commercial Papers.—(Council Paper No. 65).

San Fernando Waterworks Authority—Estimates for year ending 28th February, 1918—(M. P. 1426/17.)

7. Estimates of the San Fernando Waterworks Authority for the year from 1st March, 1917 to 28th February, 1918.—(Council Paper No. 66).

The Hon. Member gave notice of resolutions approving of items 4, 6 and 7 referred to above.

Report of Select Committee on Trinidad Fire Insurance Bill—  
(M.P. 7100/16.)

The Auditor-General laid on the table the Report of the Select Committee of the Council to which the draft Private Bill to amend the Fire Insurance Ordinances Nos. 286 and 3 of 1905 had been referred on the 13th April, and gave notice that at the next meeting he would move a resolution for its adoption.—(Council Paper No. 63).

The Acting Clerk of the Council read the following questions and replies :—

QUESTION.

*Sir Norman Lamont, Bt., to ask :*

Question by Sir Norman Lamont as to re-introduction of a twopenny stamp—  
(M.P. 2699/17.)

Whether the Government will not, in view of the fact that a War postage tax has now been imposed, reconsider their refusal of 8th December, 1916, to re-introduce a twopenny stamp; and follow the example of Canada and Jamaica in combining both postage and war-tax in a single stamp, so saving both time and trouble to the public.

REPLY.

In view of the time which would probably, in present circumstances, be occupied in the manufacture of a die for a twopenny stamp, and of the fact that very little use was made of the twopenny stamp which was formerly in issue, the Government does not propose to re-introduce a stamp of that denomination at the present time.

QUESTION

*Mr. Adam Smith, C.M.G., to ask :*

Question by Mr. Adam Smith as to Report of General Manager of Railways on proposed extension of Trinidad Electric Company's Tramway line to St. Joseph—  
(M.P. 4730/16.)

Whether the Government will lay on the table the Report that was furnished last year by the General Manager of Government Railways on the proposed extension of the Tramway Line of the Trinidad Electric Company Ltd., to St. Joseph.

REPLY

In reply to the Honourable Member's question, the Colonial Secretary is directed by the Governor to lay on the table, for perusal by any Member who desires to do so, the papers in connection with the application of the Trinidad Electric Company to extend its service to St. Joseph. The papers will not be printed.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved :—

Amended Estimates of San Fernando Waterworks Authority for year ended 28th February, 1917—  
(M.P. 8706/16.)

That this Council approves the amended Estimates of Expenditure of the San Fernando Waterworks Authority for the year ended 28th February, 1917, which were laid on the table of this Council on the 13th instant—(Council Paper No. 46 of 1917.)

Seconded by the Auditor-General, and agreed to.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
11TH MAY, 1917.

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR** has been pleased to approve the following acting appointments during the absence from the Colony of the Honourable Major A. H. W. de BOISSIERE:—

MR. FREDERICK CLAUD MARRIOTE, Senior Inspector of Immigrants, Northern Division, to act as Protector of Immigrants:

MR. BEVERLEY THOMAS MURRAY, Junior Inspector of Immigrants, Southern Division, to act as Senior Inspector of Immigrants and to remain in charge of the Southern Division:

MR. FERNAND T. FARFAN, to act as Junior Inspector of Immigrants in charge of the Northern Division.

By Command,

S. W. KNAGGS,  
Colonial Secretary.

(No. 128.)

HEADQUARTERS LOCAL FORCES,  
ST. JAMES'S BARRACKS,  
TRINIDAD,  
10th May, 1917.

**Appointments.**

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF** has been pleased to approve of the following appointments in the Local Forces:—

3rd Battalion Trinidad Light Infantry Volunteers  
(War Contingent.)

MR. C. K. SMITH, Gentleman, to be 2nd Lieutenant, dated 23rd April, 1917.

Trinidad Artillery Volunteers.

MR. H. K. STONE, Gentleman, to be 2nd Lieutenant dated 29th April, 1917.

By Command,

GEO. H. MAY, COLONEL,  
Commandant Local Forces.

HEADQUARTERS LOCAL FORCES,  
ST. JAMES'S BARRACKS,  
TRINIDAD,  
16th May, 1917.

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF** has been pleased to approve of the following Appointment and Promotions in the Local Forces:—

**Appointment.**

1st Battalion Trinidad Light Infantry  
Volunteers.

MR. DOUGLAS GORDON SMITH, Gentleman, to be Second Lieutenant dated 10th May, 1917.

**Promotions**

MAJOR A. DE BOISSIERE Trinidad Mounted Infantry to be Temporary Lieutenant Colonel dated 14th May, 1917.

CAPTAIN MAX SMITH 2nd Battalion Trinidad Light Infantry Volunteers to be Temporary Major dated 14th May, 1917 and to command the 4th Contingent.

By Command,

G. H. MAY, COLONEL,  
Commandant Local Forces.

HEADQUARTER'S LOCAL FORCES,  
ST. JAMES'S BARRACKS,  
TRINIDAD,  
23rd May, 1917.

**T**HE following extract from General Order No. 24 dated 29th July, 1915, is published for general information:—

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF** has been pleased to approve of the following promotion in the Local Forces.

**Promotion.**

*Trinidad Mounted Infantry.*

LIEUTENANT C. S. ROGERS Trinidad Mounted Infantry to be Captain, dated 1st August, 1915.

By Command,

GEO. H. MAY, COLONEL,  
Commandant Local Forces.

**NOTICE.**

**TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.**

*Ordinances Nos. 198 and 200.*

**Lighting up hours for Vehicles and Cycles for April, May, and June, 1917.**

**L**AMPS must be kept burning on all Vehicles while in use on all public roads throughout the Colony between the following hours:—

April 1917.	from 6.43 p.m. to 5.30 a.m.
May	„ „ 6.46 p.m. „ 5.20 a.m.
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GEO. H. MAY, COLONEL,  
Inspector-General of Constabulary.

Constabulary Headquarters, Port-of-Spain,  
14th April, 1917.

**Post Office Notice.**

**N**OTIFICATION has been received from London that Money Orders may now be advised to the United Kingdom, under the usual conditions applicable to "Through" Orders for payment at the following places in British and French Togoland:—

British Togoland:—Lome and Palime.

French Togoland:—Arecho and Atakpame.

Money Orders for French Togoland will be re-advised through the medium of the Paris Post Office, and, in addition to the ordinary "Through" commission (2d. for each £1 or fraction of £1 with a minimum of 4d.) deducted by the London Office a further deduction of one per cent. will be made from the amount of each order by the French Postal Administration.

The maximum amount for a single Order will be £40 for British Togoland and £20 for French Togoland.

British Postal Orders will also be issued and paid in British and French Togoland.

CLARENCE ROSS,

Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,  
22nd May, 1917.

**“The Supplemental Constabulary Ordinance, 1906.”**

THE undermentioned have been appointed Rural Constables, under the provisions of the “Supplemental Constabulary Ordinance, No. 11 of 1906.”

**Appointed.**

No.	Date of Appointment.	Name.	Place.
523	30th Apr., 1917	James Hugh Fraser	Port-of-Spain.
524	.. ..	Howell Thomas Williams	.. ..
525	14th May, ..	Lazarus Saunders	San Juan, N. E. Division.
526	.. ..	Joseph Drakes	Cunupia, C. ..
527	.. ..	Edward Jacob	Todd's Road C. ..
528	.. ..	Nathaniel Green	Carapichaima ..
529	.. ..	J. O. Boroughs	.. ..
530	.. ..	Arthur Ragoonanan	Chin Chin road Cunupia
531	.. ..	Peter Athance	St. Franquie village, Evin, Southern Div.
532	.. ..	James Lambert	Todd's Road, C. ..
533	.. ..	Edward Walters	Point Fortin, S. Division.
534	.. ..	James Daniel	Guayaguayare, S. ..
535	.. ..	Benjamin Scott	Pointe à-Pierre, ..

GEO. H. MAY, COLONEL,  
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GEO. H. MAY, COLONEL,  
Inspector-General of Constabulary.  
Constabulary Headquarters, Port-of-Spain,  
14th April, 1917.

**Redemption of the Port-of-Spain Improvement Debentures.**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the following Port-of-Spain Improvement Debentures, issued under the Port-of-Spain Improvement Ordinance, 1890, (No. 258), will be redeemed on the 30th June, 1917, after which date interest on the said debentures will cease:—

Debentures:—Nos. 018, 082, 0113, 0118, 0121, 0126, 0143, 0173, 0184, 0199.

PHILIP HENRY SALOMON,  
Acting Town Clerk.  
Town Hall, Port-of-Spain,  
9th June, 1917.

**PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE,  
14TH JUNE, 1917.**

THE Chairman of the Caroni Local Road Board has given notice of the following resolution for the next meeting of the Central Road Board.

L. C. ARNEAUD,  
Secretary, Central Road Board

*Resolved:—*“That the road known as Adjodah Extension Road in the Caroni Road Union, branching off Adjodah Road at the half mile post and running in an easterly direction for a distance of 7501 feet and terminating at the Caroni Savannah Road, be declared a public (Local) Road.”

**Post Office Notice.**

NOTIFICATION has been received from London that arrangements have been made for British Postal Orders to be paid at the British Army Post Office at Salonica when presented by civilians, as well as by soldiers.

(2.) The charge for customs duty on type samples of unmanufactured tobacco not exceeding 6 ounces in gross weight imported into the United Kingdom by post, which has hitherto been 1/6 is now raised to 2/3.

CLARENCE ROSS,  
Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,  
19th June, 1917.

**TRINIDAD GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS AND STEAMERS.**

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1917.**

	1915.	1916.	1917.
Passenger and Parcel Traffic	\$33,957 29	\$39,944 72	\$ 42,962 77
Goods Traffic	\$29,309 84	\$34,260 78	\$ 35,504 00
Telegraph Receipts	\$ 275 79	\$ 322 92	\$ 351 99
Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ 576 19	\$ 710 97	\$ 611, 43
<b>Totals</b>	<b>..\$64,119 11</b>	<b>\$75,239 39</b>	<b>\$ 79,430 19</b>
No. of Passengers carried	142,572	164,909	173,064

REMARKS.—The total quantity of Cocoa carried during the month reached 25,472 Bags, compared with 19,130 Bags in May, 1916, an increase this year of 6,342 Bags.

H. R. MARWOOD,  
Port-of-Spain  
18th June, 1917.—(2 ins.)  
General Manager.

**NOTICE.**

**Tacarigua Local Road Board.**

THAT the Road known as the Tucuche Road (Maracas) branching from the end of Maracas Royal Road, and running in a Northerly direction a distance of 2.38 miles, be called in future the Las Cuevas Road.

FRANCIS F. LEOTAUD,  
Chairman.  
Tacarigua Local Road Board  
Office, Tunapuna,  
13th June, 1917. —(1 in.)

### NOTICE OF ISSUE OF DRAFT ORDINANCES.

- An Ordinance relating to the Sale of Cocoa and other Produce;
- An Ordinance to render illegal indulgence in the practices of the body known as the Shouters;
- An Ordinance to amend the Public Health Ordinance, 1915;
- An Ordinance relating to streets and buildings in certain Boroughs, Suburbs, Towns and Villages in the Colony;
- An Ordinance to amend the Summary Convictions (Offences) Ordinances;
- An Ordinance for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals;
- An Ordinance to amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1916;
- An Ordinance to amend the Resumption of Land Ordinance, 1914;
- An Ordinance to amend the Secondary Education Ordinance, 1909;
- An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to Promissory Oaths;
- An Ordinance to deal with the Administration of Oaths;
- An Ordinance relating to Imprisonment for Debt;
- An Ordinance to protect Magistrates and Justices from Vexatious Actions for acts done by them in the execution of their office;

**A**TENTION is called to the above draft Ordinances copies of which were issued with the "*Royal Gazette*" of the 27th September, 1917. (See Notice at page 1829 of that issue.)

An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Licenses Ordinances.

An Ordinance to enable Regulations to be made for the prevention of danger arising to public health from the importation of food.

**A**TENTION is called to the above draft Ordinances copies of which were issued with the "*Royal Gazette*" of the 4th October, 1917. (See Notice at page 1850 of that issue.)

An Ordinance to amend the Solicitors Ordinances.

**A**TENTION is called to the above draft Ordinance a copy of which was issued with the "*Royal Gazette*" of the 4th October, 1917. (See Notice at page 1850 of that issue.)

### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

**I**n conformity with the powers and authorities vested in me as such Registrar by the Friendly Societies Ordinance No. 110, do hereby award that the Portuguese Drainage Association 1st December of Port-of-Spain be, and the same is hereby dissolved.

Dated at Port-of-Spain this 27th day of July, 1917.

CHARLES A. CHILD,  
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

### Post Office Notice.

**N**OTIFICATION has been received from the Postmaster, Barbados, to the effect that a tax of one penny will be imposed on all letters posted on and after the 15th instant, in addition to the ordinary postage, therefore all letters received in this Colony without the war tax stamp or its equivalent in ordinary stamps will be taxed.

CLARENCE ROSS,  
Postmaster-General.

General Post Office.  
10th October, 1917.

WARDEN'S DEPARTMENT,  
PRINCES TOWN,  
4th October, 1917.

### NOTICE.

**P**UBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that as from the 1st instant Mr. HERBERT Mc ALLISTER is appointed Registrar of Births and Deaths for the North-western District in the Ward of Savana Grande, North, *vice* Mr. SAMUEL RYAN resigned.

HENEAGE G. PASEA,  
Supt. Registrar, Sav. Grande & Moruga.

Approved.

LOUIS A. FIFI,  
Acting Registrar-General.  
8th October, 1917.

### Government Savings Bank.

### NOTICE.

**A** DEPOSITOR in the Savings Bank at San Fernando, having reported the loss of his Savings Bank Book B No. 7437, Notice is hereby given accordingly, and any person into whose possession this Book may come is requested to forward it to the Sub-Receiver, San Fernando.

If not produced within four weeks from the date hereof, a new Book will be issued to the depositor.

L. A. VILAIN,  
Chief Manager Govt. Savings Bank.  
Govt. Savings Bank,  
8th October, 1917.

### TOCO POLICE COURT.

**N**OTICE is hereby given that the License under the Sale of Produce Ordinances Nos. 8 of 1909 and 16 of 1916, held by Louisa George in respect of premises situate at Sans Souci in the Ward of Toco, was forfeited and cancelled by this Court on the 12th day of September, 1917.

Dated this 5th day of October, 1917.

D. B. JARDINE,  
Acting Stipendiary Magistrate.

**W**ITH this number of the *Royal Gazette* there is issued the following Council Paper:—  
No. 91—"Vital Statistics—Report of the Registrar-General for the year 1916."

13. The royalty on Oil is also expected to give a satisfactory increase. The estimate of £7,220 for the current year will probably reach £11,285, and the favourable prospects of next year have rendered it possible still further to increase the estimate for 1918 to £17,700.

14. It is evident that the tax upon produce will have to be continued to enable the Colony to meet its obligations in connection with the War, and in paragraph 3 of this minute you have been asked to consider the desirability of increasing the rates so as to afford additional revenue to the extent of some £12,000. In the meantime, however, the Estimate has been framed on the rates imposed by Ordinance No. 46 of 1916, and in view of possible shorter crops it has been necessary to reduce the estimated receipts by £2,366 below those of the current year. An estimate showing the receipts from the increased rates suggested has been prepared and will be submitted for your consideration: and in connection with this it is suggested that molasses should be added to the list of articles subject to the tax at a rate of half a penny the gallon, and that the rates on copra, cocoa, and hides should be revised.

#### EXPENDITURE.

15. The estimated expenditure of 1918 is £1,093,589. This is £56,572 more than the Estimate for the year 1917, but it is actually less by £34,276 than the revised Estimate for this year.

16. The Estimate has been framed with the greatest possible care, and all avoidable expenditure has been excised from it. When it was first framed a deficit of £62,500 was shown, but a careful revision has reduced this to the present figure of £4,847. The few increases to the cost of the Establishment that have been included, and to which your attention will be drawn, are necessary for the maintenance of the efficiency of the Service.

17. (HEAD 4.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.)—The salary of the Statistical Clerk and Librarian has been increased from £250—£300 to £250—£350. The former salary is inadequate for the responsible duties of the Office, and the Secretary of State has authorised the increase being submitted for your approval.

18. (HEAD 8.—SAVINGS BANK.)—Provision has been made for the establishment of a bank at Moruga.

19. (HEAD 9.—CROWN LANDS.)—The salary of the 2nd Assistant in the Survey Department has been increased by £50, and a 3rd Assistant has been provided with a salary of £250—£300 and a travelling allowance of £100. These increases are necessary to enable the pressing work of the completion of the triangular Survey to be carried out.

20. (HEAD 10.—FOREST DEPARTMENT.)—This has up to the present been worked as a branch of the Crown Lands Department, but its duties have grown to be of sufficient importance to warrant the change that is now being made of forming it into an independent department. The salary of the Conservator has been increased from £400—£600 to £500—£700, and it has been necessary to appoint a Messenger at £30 per annum. A sum of £50 has been provided under the head of "Other Charges" to enable the Department to carry out experiments as to the possibility of using to a greater extent than is the case at present local timber for building purposes.

21. (HEAD 11.—CUSTOMS.)—The Revenue Schooner "Ponemah" has been detailed for duty in connection with the Defence Scheme, and the cost of her upkeep is now provided under that head.

22. (HEAD 12.—CONSTABULARY.)—The salary of the Staff Sergeant of the Port-of-Spain Fire Brigade has been increased from £120 to £140, which is the rate of pay of other officers of that rank.

23. (HEAD 15.—POST OFFICE.)—Provision has been made for an Assistant Cashier at £150—£200 to enable proper arrangements to be made for the convenience of the public. Attention was drawn to the necessity for this by the Finance Committee in February last. Provision is also made for establishing a Money Order Office at Caroni, and for the opening of District Post Offices at Brasso-Piedra, Caparo, Flanagin Town, and Rio-Claro.

24. (HEAD 20.—WARDENS.)—The votes for Sanitation hitherto taken under this head have been transferred to the head of "Public Health," so as to place the expenditure under better control and secure more uniformity in administration. The several votes for Water Supply have for similar reasons been transferred to the head of Public Works. Provision has been made for the appointment of qualified Sanitary Inspectors in the important Districts of Tacarigua and Savana Grande.

25. (HEAD 21.—MEDICAL.)—Provision has been made for the appointment of two additional Supernumerary Medical Officers to bring the number up to the requirements of Ordinance No. 195. The vacancies in the Establishment have at times thrown a good deal of extra work on some of the Medical Officers, and at the present time it has been necessary to sanction an arrangement under which one of the Medical Officers in Tobago has to take charge of two Districts.