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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. —1929.

I ASSENT,

Governor.

1929.

A BILL intituled
AN ORDINANCE to amend the Stamp Duty Ordinance.

[, 1929.]

BE 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 Stamp Duty Short title.
(Amendment) Ordinance, 1929.

2. The Schedule to the Stamp Duty Ordinance (herein- Amendment
after called the Principal Ordinance) is hereby amended of Schedule to
as follows :— Cap. 206.

(1) The duty to be paid

(a) on “ Bill of Exchange, cheque, or order, payable
on demand or at sight, or on presentation, or
within three days after date or sight ” and

[Price 2d.]

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(b) on " Receipt given for, or upon the payment of, money amounting to £2 or upwards " shall be 1d.

(2) For the words signs and figures contained in the said Schedule, which are set forth in paragraph (a) of the Schedule to this Ordinance, the following shall be substituted :

Conveyance or transfer of any stock or funded debt or shares of any company or corporation ;

(1) On sale

Where the amount or value of the consideration for the sale does not exceed £5	.. 3d.
Exceeds £5 and does not exceed £10	.. 6d.
Exceeds £10 and does not exceed £25	.. 1/3
Exceeds £25 and does not exceed £50	.. 2/6
Exceeds £50 and does not exceed £100	.. 5/-
For every additional £100 or part thereof	.. 5/-

(2) By way of security: the same rates of duty as on a mortgage.

(3) By way of gift: the same rate of duty as on a conveyance or transfer on sale.

(4) In any other case not hereinbefore described .. 5/-

Appointment of proxy.

(3) Item (3) contained in the said Schedule under head " Letter or Power of Attorney, Mandate, or other instrument in the nature thereof " shall be renumbered (4) and immediately prior thereto there shall be inserted the following :

(3) For the sole purpose of appointing or authorizing a proxy to vote at any one meeting at which votes may be given by proxy, whether the number of persons named in such instrument be one or more Id.

Voting paper.

(4) At the end of the said Schedule and immediately before the head " General exemptions from all Stamp Duties " there shall be inserted :

VOTING PAPER. Any instrument for the purpose of voting by any person entitled to vote at any meeting of any body exercising a public trust, or of the shareholders, or members, or contributors to the funds of any company, society, or institution .. Id.

3. The following section shall be inserted immediately after section 72 of the Principal Ordinance :—

Letter or
Power of
Attorney and
Voting paper.

Letters or Powers of Attorney and Voting Papers.

72a. (1) Every letter or power of attorney for the purpose of appointing a proxy to vote at a meeting, and every voting paper, hereby respectively charged with the duty of one penny, is to specify the day upon which the meeting at which it is intended to be used, is to be held, and is to be available only at the meeting so specified and any adjournment thereof.

(2) The duty of one penny may be denoted by an adhesive stamp, which is to be cancelled by the person by whom the instrument is executed, and a letter or power of attorney or voting paper charged with the duty of one penny is not to be stamped after the execution thereof by any person. Provided that any such instrument which has been first executed at any place out of the Colony may be stamped after execution in accordance with sections 30 and 31 of this Ordinance.

(3) Every person who makes or executes, or votes, or attempts to vote, under or by means of any such letter or power of attorney or voting paper, not being duly stamped, shall incur a penalty of fifty pounds, and every vote given or tendered under the authority or by means of the letter or power of attorney or voting paper, shall be void.

4. The Stamp Duty (Amendment) Ordinance, 1928, ^{Repeal.} and the provisions of the Principal Ordinance mentioned in the Schedule to this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE.

Provisions of Principal Ordinance repealed :

(a) In the Schedule : the words signs and figures

“Conveyance or transfer whether on sale or otherwise of any stock or funded debt or shares of any company or corporation.

For every £100 and also for any fractional part of £100 of the nominal amount transferred : £0 5s. 0d.”

(b) Sub-sections (2) and (3) of section 3.

Passed in Council this _____ day of _____
in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and
twenty-nine.

Clerk of the Council.

OBJECTS AND REASONS.

CLAUSE 2 (1) corrects an oversight in Ordinance 31 of 1928, which reduced the stamp duty on cheques and receipts from 2d. to 1d. This reduction should have been extended to Bills of Exchange and Orders, payable on demand or at sight, or on presentation, or within three days after date or sight.

Clause 2 (2) introduces a new scale of duty on transfers of stock or funded debt or shares of a company or corporation, on sale or by way of gift. The proposed duty is at the rate of 3d. per £5 of the *real* value of the stock transferred, in place of the present duty of 5/- per £100 of the *nominal* value of stock transferred. The clause also provides that transfers of stock by way of security are to be charged the same rate of duty as on a mortgage, and reduces the duty to 5/- on transfers of any other kind. The object of these reductions is to facilitate dealings in stocks and shares, which are heavily handicapped by the present duties.

Provision is made by clause 3 of the Bill for a stamp duty of 1d. on an instrument appointing a proxy to vote at a company meeting at which votes may be given by proxy, and on voting papers.

Clause 4 and (b) of schedule. Although s. 3 of the Principal Ordinance enables the Governor and Legislative Council by resolution to alter stamp duties, all amendments in the past have been made by legislation. In order to render clear the necessity for such legislation it is proposed to repeal sub-sections (2) and (3) of section 3.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.**AIR MAILS WITH U.S.A. AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.**

1. Arrangements have been made with the Postmaster-General of the United States of America whereby letters,

postcards,
printed papers,
commercial papers,
and samples

posted in the Colony will be received from and forwarded to the undermentioned places, viz. :

St. Lucia,
Antigua,
St. Thomas,
Porto Rico,
United States of America,

by Air Mail.

2. The prepaid rate of postage to the places mentioned above on any kind of letter packet, that is, letters, postcards, printed papers, commercial papers and samples is :—

	s.	d.
For the first half ounce or fraction thereof ..	1	6
For each additional half ounce or fraction thereof ..	1	6

3. Air Mail correspondence must be fully prepaid in stamps with ordinary postage stamps. If the Air Mail fee is not fully prepaid the packet will not be forwarded by Air Mail.

4. An Air Mail packet can be accepted for registration but it cannot be insured.

5. A special Air Mail label should be affixed to the top left hand corner of every Air Mail packet. These labels can be obtained free of charge at any Money Order Post Office in the Colony. If an Air Mail label is not available the packet should be clearly marked by the sender : “ **By Air Mail.**”

6. The above Air Mail Service is scheduled to start from :—

San Juan, Porto Rico to Trinidad on 22nd September, 1929.

Paramaribo to Trinidad and then on to :

St. Lucia,
Antigua,
St. Thomas,

Porto Rico and New York on 25th September, 1929.

B. B. LITTLEPAGE,

Postmaster-General,

General Post Office,
2nd September, 1929,

INSTRUCTIONS.**AIR MAILS.**

1. Any kind of Letter Packet may be sent by Air Mail, that is letters, postcards, printed papers and commercial papers and samples. An Air Mail packet may be posted at any Post Office in Trinidad and Tobago.

2. An Air Mail packet can be accepted for registration but it cannot be insured.

3. A special Air Mail label should be affixed to the top left hand corner of every Air Mail packet. These labels may be obtained free of charge on application.

If an Air Mail label is not available the packet should be clearly marked "**By Air Mail.**"

4. All Air Mail correspondence must be prepaid in postage stamps. If the Air Mail fee is not fully prepaid, the packet will not go forward by Air Mail.

5. Air Mail packets posted at Sub-Offices are to be sent to Port-of-Spain in the ordinary mails tied in a separate bundle and labelled Air Mail, a note being made on the Letter Bill of the number of Air Mail packets forwarded.

6. **Make up and despatch of an Air Mail at General Post Office.**—An Air Mail must be made up and despatched in the same way as an ordinary mail, and an Air Mail label must be affixed at the head of the Letter Bill and Registered List as well as to the address label of the Bag.

7. A despatch by Air Mail is to be advertised in the same manner as is now done with regard to steamers.

AIR MAILS INWARD.

1. The rules applicable to ordinary mails received from abroad apply generally to Air Mails, but steps must be taken to ensure that Air Mails are checked immediately on receipt and that the correspondence received in them secures the earliest possible delivery.

2. **Redirection and return of Undelivered Correspondence.**—Redirected Air Mail correspondence must be forwarded by the ordinary mail unless the postage for re-transmission by Air is prepaid.

Undeliverable Air Mail correspondence which is due to be returned to the country of origin must be returned by ordinary mail.

The Air Mail labels and all markings relative to Air Mail transmission borne by correspondence which is being redirected or returned undelivered by ordinary mail must be cancelled by means of two thick transverse strokes in red pencil.

B. B. LITTLEPAGE,

Postmaster-General.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.**AIR MAIL SERVICE.**

Arrangements have been made whereby—

Letters,
Postcards,
Printed Papers,
Commercial Papers,
Samples

posted in the Colony will be received from and forwarded to the undermentioned places :—

British Guiana,
Dutch Guiana,

by Air Mail.

2. The prepaid rate of postage to the places mentioned above on any kind of letter packet, that is, letters, postcards, printed papers, commercial papers and samples is :—

	s.	d.
For the first half ounce or fraction thereof ..	0	9
For each additional half ounce or fraction thereof ..	0	9

3. Air Mail correspondence must be fully prepaid in stamps with ordinary postage stamps. If the Air Mail fee is not fully prepaid the packet will not be forwarded by Air Mail.

4. An Air Mail packet can be accepted for registration but it cannot be insured.

5. A special Air Mail label should be affixed to the top left hand corner of every Air Mail packet. These labels can be obtained free of charge at any Money Order Post Office in the Colony. If an Air Mail label is not available the packet should be clearly marked by the sender : "**By Air Mail.**"

B. B. LITTLEPAGE,

Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,
Trinidad,
16th September, 1929.

PLACES approved by Inspector of Mines in which Petroleum and Crude or Dangerous Petroleum can be Stored for Sale or for Personal Use during the year 1929.

No.	Date of Licence.	Name of Applicant.	Nature of Licence.	Situation of premises.	Quantity and Description of Petroleum.		Remarks.
					Quantity.	Description.	
406	1929. August 4	Lutchman	Sell	Curepe Junction, St. Joseph	500 Imp. Gals.	Petrol	
407	16	West Indian Tobacco Company, Ltd.	Store	4, Fraser Street, Port-of-Spain	900 do	Fuel Oil	

12th September, 1929.

A. P. CATHERALL,

Inspector of Mines.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

AIR MAIL SERVICES.

1. Letters, postcards, printed papers, commercial papers and samples may be posted at any Post Office in the Colony for transmission by Air Mail.

2. An Air Mail packet can be accepted for registration but it cannot be insured.

3. Air Mail correspondence must be fully prepaid in stamps with ordinary postage stamps. If the Air Mail Fee is not fully prepaid the packet will not be forwarded by Air Mail. It will go forward by ordinary mail.

4. A special Air Mail label should be affixed to the top left hand corner of every Air Mail packet. These labels can be obtained free of charge at any Post Office in the Colony. If an Air Mail label is not available the packet should be clearly marked by the sender "**BY AIR MAIL.**"

5. The prepaid Air Rate on any kind of packet, that is, letters, postcards, printed papers, commercial papers and samples is as follows:—

Country of Destination.	Approx. time to Destination.	Air Port.	Air Rate per half oz. or fraction of half oz.		Route.
			s.	d.	
Antigua	6 hours ..	St. Johns ..	0	8	Direct.
Bahamas	4 days ..	Nassau ..	2	3	via Miami.
British Guiana	4 hours ..	Georgetown ..	0	8	Direct.
British Honduras	5 days ..	Belize ..	2	3	via Miami.
Canada	6 days ..	Miami ..	1	1	via New York.
Canal Zone	7 days ..	Christobal ..	2	9	via Miami.
Cuba	3 days ..	Havana ..	1	3	Direct.
Do.	3 days ..	Camaguey ..	1	3	Direct.
Do.	2 days ..	Santiago ..	1	3	Direct.
Dominican Republic	2 days ..	Santo Domingo ..	1	3	Direct.
Dutch Guiana	7 hours ..	Paramaribo ..	0	11	Direct.
Guatemala	5 days ..	Guatemala ..	2	9	via Miami.
Haiti	2 days ..	Port-au-Prince ..	1	3	Direct.
Republic of Honduras	6 days ..	Tela ..	2	9	via Miami.
Nicaragua	6 days ..	Managua ..	2	9	via Miami.
Porto Rico	1 day ..	San Juan ..	0	9	Direct.
St. Lucia	3 hours ..	Castries ..	0	8	Direct.
United States of America	4 days ..	Miami ..	1	1	Direct.
Virgin Islands of U.S.A.	1 day ..	St. Thomas ..	0	9	Direct.
Great Britain	4 days to New York ..	Miami ..	1	1	via New York and then by Steamer.
Europe	4 days to New York ..	Miami ..	1	3	via New York and then by Steamer.

Note.—If registered 3d. additional to be charged on each letter.

6. The Notices relating to **Air Mails** dated the 2nd and 16th September last, are hereby cancelled.

General Post Office,
11th November, 1929.

B. B. LITTLEPAGE,
Postmaster General.