

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

Travelling allowances.

No. 6.—1914.

18th March.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Public Officers' Travelling Allowances.



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GEORGE R. LE HUNTE,

GOVERNOR.

24th March, 1914.

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 Travelling Allowances Ordinance, 1914. Short Title.

2. In this Ordinance, and in all Regulations made hereunder, (unless the context otherwise requires)— Interpretation.

The term "Station" means any place where an officer is for the time being resident in the performance of the duties of his office.

The term "Travelling" shall not be taken to include any stay in any one place, which shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Governor not to have been necessary in the interest of the Public Service.

The term "Officer" shall include every person temporarily or permanently filling a public situation in the Colony.

The term "Salary" shall include all pensionable emoluments.



Transport

3. Officers when travelling on duty may be furnished with reasonable transport at the public expense.

The Governor in Executive Council may from time to time make regulations prescribing the nature and conditions of the transport to be allowed hereunder.

Subject to any regulations made under this section, if any question arises as to the reasonableness of the transport claimed by any officer under this section, the Governor shall decide upon such claim and his decision shall be final.

Transport allowance.

4. The Governor in Executive Council whenever he may deem it necessary, may require sufficient means of transport to be kept by any officer for the performance of his duties, and shall from time to time prescribe the allowance to which any such officer shall be entitled for the upkeep of such means of transport.

Provided always that whenever any such means of transport shall not be available for travelling in and for the performance of such duties, the allowance in respect thereof shall cease to be paid.

Every officer entitled to such allowance shall, before payment thereof, furnish a certificate that he has kept the requisite means of transport during the past month for the performance of his public duties.

Subsistence allowances.

5. Officers whilst properly travelling and absent from their stations on the public service shall, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and any regulations hereunder, when the Governor is satisfied that they have used due diligence and despatch in the performance of such service, be entitled to receive for such travelling and absence a subsistence allowance in accordance with regulations to be made by the Governor in Executive Council.

No subsistence allowance when passage and board provided.

6. No subsistence allowance shall be payable under this Ordinance to any officer for the time he is on board any ship in which his passage inclusive of board shall be provided at the expense of the Colony.

Application for allowance.

7. All applications for subsistence allowances shall be accompanied by a return in such form as may be prescribed in the regulations made under this Ordinance.

8. The Governor in Executive Council may in the case of any officer fix an inclusive allowance in respect of both transport and subsistence on such conditions as he may consider to be fair and reasonable. Inclusive allowance.

9. Where an officer travels, or is sent upon any service in which it is necessary for him to incur more than ordinary expense, it shall be lawful for the Governor, if he shall see fit, to authorise the payment to such officer of an allowance not exceeding the rate of One Pound for each twelve hours during the whole or any part of the time during which such officer is travelling or engaged upon such service. Special allowance.

10. Where an officer shall be transferred from one station to another, and the circumstances are such that no allowance will become payable to such officer, it shall be lawful for the Governor to authorise, at his discretion, the repayment to such officer of any actual out-of-pocket expenses which he may necessarily have incurred in connection with such transfer. Transfer expenses.

11. Save as in this Section provided, this Ordinance shall not apply to any officer who was on the first day of January 1900, in receipt of a fixed travelling allowance, but any such officer may, if he desires, apply to the Governor to be brought under the provisions of this Ordinance, and on his application being granted, such officer's fixed travelling allowance shall forthwith cease and determine: Provided that this section shall not be construed as giving any officer a vested right to any such travelling allowance, which shall, from time to time, be subject to revision by the Governor. Application of Ordinance.

12. The Ordinances No. 171 and No. 40 of 1908 are hereby repealed. Repeal.

Passed in Council this Eighteenth day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

HARRY L. KNAGGS,
Clerk of the Council.