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CARTERS AND PORTERS

An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts of this Island relating to carters and porters.

1891-10.
1947-25.
1957-34.
1958-55.
1960-29.
1966-5.

[16th April, 1891] Commence-
ment.

1. This Act may be cited as the Carters and Porters Act. Short title.

PART I

Registration of Carts

2. (1) The proprietor of every cart drawn by porters or otherwise and let for hire in the City of Bridgetown or Speightstown shall, on or before the thirty-first day of January in each year, register his name with the Accountant-General. Registration of carts.

(2) The Accountant-General shall, on payment by the applicant of the appropriate fee prescribed in subsection (3), give him a certificate of registration, with the number of registration, which certificate shall continue in force only until and inclusive of the thirty-first day of December following. 1957-34.

(3) The registration fee payable by the proprietor of a cart shall be for every cart seventy-five cents. 1960-29.

3. Any person desirous of registering a cart after the thirty-first day of January in any year, may do so on payment to the Accountant-General of the fee specified in section 2, and such registration shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of December following. Provision for registering after 31st January. 1957-34. 1960-29.

4. No person shall presume to let for hire any such cart, without first registering the same with the Accountant-General under this Part, and any cart so registered shall be distinguished by the owner's name and by the number of registration marked on both sides of such cart, in the most conspicuous manner; Carts to be marked with owner's name.

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and no person shall blot out or obliterate, alter or deface the letters or figures of distinction so appointed for such carts.

PART II

Registration of Porters and Carters

Registration of porters and carters.

5. (1) Every person desirous of exercising the calling or occupation of a porter or carter in the City of Bridgetown or in Speightstown shall sometime in the month of January in each year register his name with the Accountant-General who on payment of twenty-four cents by the applicant shall, on his presenting a certificate of good character signed by two well known and respectable persons, issue a badge to the applicant of convenient size made of metal or some other durable material, with the name of his calling or occupation, and the year of issue, and the number of his registration engraved, stamped or marked thereon, and the person to whom the badge is granted shall wear the same exposed to view.

(2) Such badge shall be issued anew in every year free of charge, and any carter or porter not wearing such badge exposed to view as required by subsection (1) shall on conviction before a magistrate be liable to a fine of one dollar.

Provision for registering after 31st January.

6. Any person desirous of exercising such calling or occupation after the thirty-first day of January in any year may register his name with the Accountant-General on payment of twenty-four cents and complying with the conditions prescribed in section 5, and such registration shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of December following.

Forging certificate or counterfeiting badge.

7. Any person who—

- (a) forges such certificate of registration or of character, or causes or procures the same to be forged, or forges, makes or counterfeits any such badge or causes or procures the same to be done; or
- (b) delivers any such forged or counterfeited certificate to any person, to enable such person to pass himself off as a registered porter or carter; or

(c) so receiving from the Accountant-General such certificate or badge, transfers or lends to, or allows to be used by, any other person such certificate or badge, shall be liable to a fine of twenty-four dollars.

8. Every such carter or porter, who is convicted of dealing in stolen goods or holding any illicit traffic shall, in addition to any punishment imposed by law on any first conviction, have his name struck off the register for twelve months from the expiration of his sentence, and on a second conviction be forthwith struck off the register and forever disqualified for exercising any such calling or occupation in either of the prescribed towns and the Judge or magistrate before whom such porter or carter is convicted is hereby required to furnish the Accountant-General with a notice of such conviction.

Striking of names from the registers.

PART III

Fixing of Fares

9. The Minister shall make regulations prescribing the fares to be taken by porters and carters in the City of Bridgetown, and such regulations, when approved by Parliament and published in the *Official Gazette*, shall have effect as if the same were herein set forth and enacted.

Regulations as to fares in Bridgetown.
1947-25.

10. The Interim Commissioner for Local Government shall fix the rates which shall be taken by porters and carters in Speightstown, and shall cause a table of such fares to be affixed in some conspicuous place in the offices of the Treasurer of the Council of the Northern District and of the magistrate of District E.

Interim Commissioner to fix fares for Speights-town.

11. The Accountant-General shall affix in some conspicuous place in his office separate tables, showing the number of registration, name and place of residence of the proprietors of all carts registered, and the number of registration and names and places of residence of all porters and carters registered under this Act, and shall also cause to be affixed in his office, in like manner, separate tables of the fares to be taken by the porters and carters, as may from time to time be prescribed by regulations made under section 9.

Accountant-General to set up tables of fares.

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Charging more than established fares.

12. Every proprietor of any cart or the conductor of any cart and every porter or carter who demands or takes more than the proper fares prescribed under this Act, or who refuses to carry any load, fixed or to be fixed, as aforesaid, or who refuses to hire such cart, or to work as porter or carter, or who misbehaves himself, shall be liable to a fine of five dollars for each offence.

Stations for carts.
1966-5.

13. It shall be the duty of the Chief Technical Director to fix and appoint a stand or stands for carts plying for hire in the City of Bridgetown, in some convenient place or places within the City, and to fix and appoint a stand or stands for carts plying for hire in Speightstown, in some convenient place or places within the town, and to report the same to the Commissioner of Police, whose duty it shall be to aid and direct the police to enforce conformity with the regulations, and no cart except when on actual duty shall be allowed to be placed or to remain in any part of the City or town except in the places so fixed and appointed.

PART IV

Offences and Proceedings

Acting without a licence.

14. No person shall presume to act as a carter or porter in the City of Bridgetown or in Speightstown without first complying with this Act.

Dealing with carters in charge of carts.

15. (1) Any person dealing with any carter in charge of any wagon, cart or crank drawn by cattle, horses, mules or asses shall be liable to a fine of five dollars:

Provided that nothing in this section shall extend to the dealing with carters who shall or may be authorised by a written licence from their employers to sell horse-meat or any other article.

(2) It shall be lawful for any police officer to search any wagon, cart or crank, and to seize any canes, wood or any other articles therein which he may suspect to have been stolen and, unless it should be made to appear to a magistrate that such articles have been lawfully come by, he shall condemn

the same as forfeited and order the same to be sold and the net proceeds paid into the Police Reward Fund.

16. Any person offending against any of the provisions of this Act not otherwise specially provided for shall incur a penalty of ten dollars. ^{General penalty.}

17. (1) All offences against this Act, whether the same be committed within or without their jurisdiction, and all disputes or causes of complaint arising out of the same may be heard and determined by either a magistrate of District A or the magistrate of District E. ^{Jurisdiction.}

(2) All offences and penalties under this Act may be prosecuted and recovered in a summary manner before a magistrate on the information of any person, and one half of all penalties recovered shall be paid to the informant.