CHAPTER 158.

ORDINANCES (AUTHENTICATION).

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Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Ordinances (Authentication) Act.

Authentication of bills.

2. All bills passed by the Legislative Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the person who presides at the sitting of the Council when such bills are passed :

Provided that if the person so presiding is, through illness, absence from the Colony or otherwise, unable to authenticate any such bill, it shall be lawful for such bill to be authenticated by the signature of the Administrator.

Recording of assent.

3. When the Administrator assents to any bill passed by the Legislative Council, his assent shall be recorded in the usual form on an authenticated manuscript or printed copy, or on an authenticated copy partly in print and partly in manuscript.

Ordinances to be printed.

4. Every Ordinance which shall be passed by the Legislative Council, shall, immediately after it is passed, be printed in fair and legible type, and three impressions, or copies, of the same shall be struck off for the purpose hereinafter mentioned.

Clerk to verify printed copies.

5. The said printed impressions, or copies, shall be carefully compared, by a clerk of the Legislative Council, with the original bill which has passed such Council, and, after the same shall have been verified by him to be exact counterparts, shall be certified, by such clerk, under his hand, so to be; and such certified counterparts shall each be held to be the original Ordinance, and may be referred to, and shall be received in evidence, without further proof.

Distribution of printed Ordinances.

6. The Administrator may, at the close of each session, cause to be printed as many copies of each Ordinance passed by

the Legislative Council as he may consider necessary and may cause the same to be delivered to the members thereof, and to such public departments and officers as he may direct.

Printed Ordinances admissible in evidence.

7. Such copies and counterparts shall, when certified by the Administrator, be received in evidence in any Court of law or equity within the Colony.

Ordinances to be published in *Gazette.*

8. The Administrator shall cause all Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council to be published in the *Gazette.*

Binding and distribution of Ordinances.

9. At the close of each year, it shall be the duty of the Administrator to cause volumes to be well and substantially bound, containing true copies of every Ordinance passed in such year by the Legislative Council, and to cause one such volume certified by him to contain correct copies of the said Ordinances, to be forthwith forwarded to and lodged in the office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court to be recorded and enrolled therein. The Administrator shall also furnish one such volume to the Judge of the Supreme Court for the Montserrat Circuit to be kept in the Court of such Judge; and shall in addition cause a sufficient number of such volumes to be bound to provide for the sale thereof to members of the public.