

TRINIDAD.

By His Excellency Sir Ralph James Woodford, Bart. Governor and
Commander-in-Chief in and over the said Island and its Dependencies,
Vice-Admiral thereof, &c. &c. &c.

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RALPH JAMES WOODFORD.

A PROCLAMATION.

Clause 6 of Royal Proclamation, June 23, 1824, providing that such complaints as subject the party to prosecution, under order in council of 16th September 1822, and 10th March 1824, to be passed with evidence to judge of criminal inquiry, who is to notify the procurador syndic.

Doubts being entertained by judge of criminal inquiry, as to being authorised to take cognizance of complaints by order in council of 10th March 1824, in the same manner as under regulations of order in council of 16th September 1822.

To remove such doubts, it is ordered that, by clause 6 of proclamation of 23d June 1824, the judge of criminal inquiry is authorised to take cognizance of complaints, in the same manner as under order in council of 16th September 1822.

WHEREAS by the 6th clause of the proclamation of His Majesty the King, bearing date the 23d day of June 1824, it was provided, "that in all cases in which the complaint made to any such magistrate as therein was mentioned, should be such as might subject the party accused to public prosecution, under the royal order in council of the 16th September 1822, or under the provisions of the royal order in council of the 10th March 1824, the complaint should be passed, with the evidence in support of it, to the judge of criminal inquiry, by whom notice should be given to the procurador syndic.

And whereas doubts are entertained, by the judge of criminal inquiry, whether, under the direction contained in the said 6th clause of the said proclamation of the 23d June 1824, the said judge of criminal inquiry is authorised to take cognizance of, and proceed in respect to, such complaints passed, as may subject the party accused to public prosecution under the provisions of the said royal order in council of the 10th March 1824, in the same way, and under the same regulations as are established under the royal order in council of the 16th September 1822, for the administration of justice in criminal offences, committed in the said island.

And whereas it is expedient to remove such doubts, Be it therefore, and it is hereby ordered and declared, That the said judge of criminal inquiry shall be, and is hereby authorised and empowered to take cognizance of, and proceed in respect to complaints made and passed to the said judge of criminal inquiry, in virtue of the said 6th clause of the proclamation of the 23d June 1824, in like manner and under the same regulations as the said judge of criminal inquiry is authorised and directed, in respect to complaints made and passed to him under the royal order in council of the 16th of September 1822, for the administration of justice in criminal offences.

Given under my hand, and the great seal of the island, at Government-House, in the Town of Port of Spain, this 28th day of May 1827.

By his Excellency's command,

(Signed) **FREDERICK HAMMET**, Secretary.