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Note on Subsidiary Legislation

This Chapter contains no subsidiary legislation.

Note on Application of Act

The Land Registration Act 1981 (Act No. 24 of 1981—section 122(1) and the First Schedule,) provides for the repeal of this Act “so far as it relates to registration of deeds or other documents affecting unregistered land”, but up to the date of the last revision of this Act the Land Registration Act 1981 had not yet been brought into operation.
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An Act relating to deeds executed in Tobago.

[3RD MARCH 1990]

1. This Act may be cited as the Tobago Deeds Act.*

2. The President may designate any public officer in Tobago to receive in Scarborough and forward to the Registrar General such deeds and other documents as may from time to time be executed in Tobago and require to be registered in the office of the Registrar General, and the person so designated shall in the exercise of his duties under and by virtue of this Act be called “the Delegate of the Registrar General”.

3. The Delegate of the Registrar General shall keep an office in Scarborough for the reception there of all deeds, assurances and other instruments requiring registration.

4. Such office shall be open during the ordinary business hours, and any person requiring a deed or other document to be registered in the office of the Registrar General may deliver the deed or document to the Delegate of the Registrar General, who shall, on delivery, give a receipt for it, mentioning the day and hour at which it was received by him.

5. As soon as convenient after the delivery to him of any such deed or document, the Delegate shall forward it to the Registrar General for registration, together with the memorandum of the day and hour on which it was received and of the name of the person who delivered it.

*See Note on Application of Act at page 2.
6. Any person requiring from the Registrar General an office copy or a certified copy of any deed or document so delivered may bespeak the same through the Delegate, lodging with him the amount of the prescribed fees for such copy together with the charge for posting it, and the Delegate shall keep an account of all moneys so lodged with him and account for the same to the Registrar General and to the Revenue Officer in charge of the Revenue Office in Tobago, and shall pay the same to the said Revenue Officer.

7. No deed shall be received by the Delegate of the Registrar General under this Act unless it has first been stamped by the person delivering it with the prescribed charge for registration, in addition to any stamp duty that may be payable in respect of such document by virtue of the Stamp Duty Act. The Registrar General, and not the Delegate, shall be the officer charged with the duty of obliterating such stamps.

8. Any bill of sale within the meaning of the Bills of Sale Act, delivered to the Delegate for transmission, shall be deemed to have been registered within the meaning of that Act on the day and hour when such bill of sale was so delivered to the Delegate; and any other deed or other document so delivered shall be deemed to have been registered at the time of its reaching the hands of the Registrar General.

9. No bill of sale shall be accepted by the Delegate for transmission to the Registrar General unless it is presented to the Delegate in duplicate. One copy shall be preserved in a book or register to be kept in Scarborough at the Delegate’s office marked “Tobago Bills of Sale Book”. Any person may inspect any document in the “Tobago Bills of Sale Book” on payment of a search fee of one dollar, to be paid by stamps affixed to a praecipe or request to be allowed to search.