

The Commission of Government was sworn into office February 15, 1954.

The Commission of Government originally included a former Prime Minister (Allerdice), the present Commission includes the son of a former Prime Minister (Winter).

### Courts

A Supreme Court consisting of a Chief Justice and two assistants was established in 1824. This court is all inclusive. It is both an appeal court and a circuit court. When on circuit the judges act in rotation as presiding judges.

### Courts of First Instances

There is a Central District Court presided over by a Judge. This is a Court of First Instance for the whole island. There are, however, 21 resident stipendiary magistrates who hear lesser civil and criminal cases.

### Appeals

Appeals from a full bench of the Supreme Court may be made to the Privy Council.