

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 9.—1896.

11th May.

AN ORDINANCE to prevent the spreading of the disease called "Yaws" and to provide for the treatment thereof.

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F. NAPIER BROOME,

GOVERNOR.

24th June, 1896.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Yaws Ordinance, Short title.
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2. It shall be lawful for the Governor with the approval of the Legislative Council to establish wherever required special dispensaries or hospitals or to set apart any ward or wards of any hospital for the treatment of Yaws. Establishment of Hospitals, dispensaries and wards.

3. The Surgeon-General, or any District Medical Officer authorized by him may appoint any officer or officers whose duty it shall be to search for and report Appointment of Officers.

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to the District Medical Officer all cases of persons whom such officer may have reasonable cause to suspect to be suffering from yaws.

For the purposes of this section it shall be lawful for any District Medical Officer or any person whom he may appoint in writing for the particular occasion to enter into and upon any land or into any house between 6 o'clock in the morning and 6 o'clock in the evening.

Power to order
to hospital or
dispensary.

4. It shall be lawful for any member of the Medical Board to order any person whom he may have reasonable cause to believe is suffering from yaws to attend for treatment at a dispensary or to go to or be taken to any hospital or ward of any hospital established under this Ordinance.

Segregation.

5. It shall be lawful for the Surgeon-General or any District Medical Officer whenever he may deem it necessary to order the detention in a hospital or ward of any hospital established under this Ordinance and the segregation of persons suffering from Yaws.

Notification of
Yaws.

6.—(1.) Where an inmate of any building used for human habitation is suffering from Yaws, then, unless such building is a hospital in which persons suffering from Yaws are received, the following provisions shall have effect, that is to say,

(a.) The head of the family to which such inmate belongs, and in his default the nearest relatives of the patient present in the building, and in default of such relatives every person in charge of or in attendance on the patient, and in default of any such person the occupier of the building shall, as soon as he becomes aware that the patient is suffering from Yaws give

or send notice thereof to the Medical Officer of the District where such patient resides, or to any officer appointed under this Ordinance.

- (b.) Every Medical Practitioner attending on or called in to visit a patient shall forthwith on becoming aware that such patient is suffering from Yaws send to the Medical Officer of the District where such patient resides, a certificate stating the name, the nature of the disease, and the address of the patient.

(2.) Every person required by this Section to give a notice or certificate, who fails to give the same, shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

7. Every person suffering from Yaws or whom any Offences. Member of the Medical Board may have reasonable cause to suspect or who in his opinion is suffering from Yaws, who

- (1.) Refuses or neglects to attend for treatment at a dispensary or to go or be removed to a hospital when ordered, or
- (2.) Save and except at such time and places as may be permitted and under such conditions as may be prescribed by the District Medical Officer bathes in or washes any clothes in any stream or river

shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

8. Any person who while under Medical treatment for Yaws leaves any hospital or ward of any hospital without the permission of the Medical Officer in charge of such hospital or ward may be taken to such hospital or ward by any officer or servant of such hospital, or by any officer appointed under this Ordinance by any assistant Sani- Patient leaving hospital without leave may be sent back.

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tary Inspector, or by any Police Constable on the order of the Medical Officer of such hospital or ward.

Removing patient, etc. penalties.

9. Every person who removes or causes to be removed any person suffering from yaws from any hospital or ward or who entices any patient being under treatment in such hospital to leave any such hospital, or who shall aid or abet any patient in the commission of any offence under this Ordinance shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

Sale and preparation of food.

10. Every person suffering from yaws who shall engage in the sale or preparation of any food or article of food shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

Assaulting Officers.

11. Any person who shall assault, molest, hinder or obstruct any person in the execution of his duty under this Ordinance shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

Penalties.

12. Every person guilty of an offence against this Ordinance shall be liable on summary conviction before any Stipendiary Justice of the Peace to a Penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds and in default of payment to imprisonment either with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding three months.

Rules.

13. It shall be lawful for the Surgeon-General from time to time to make, alter or rescind Rules for the management and control of dispensaries, hospitals or wards established under this Ordinance, and generally for carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance and to declare offences against such Bye-laws and to impose penalties for such offences and to provide the mode of enforcing the same.

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Such rules shall not be inconsistent with or repugnant to any of the provisions of this Ordinance, or of any Ordinance in force, and when confirmed by the Governor and published in the *Royal Gazette* shall have the force of law.

14. This Ordinance shall not apply to Tobago.

Tobago.

Passed in Council this Eleventh day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

C. J. ROOKS,
Acting Clerk of the Council.
