

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 24.—1895.

13th May.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and consolidate the provisions for the establishment, maintenance and management of Hospitals, Asylums and other Institutions for the relief of the sick and destitute poor.

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F. NAPIER BROOME,

GOVERNOR.

5th July, 1895.

WHEREAS it is expedient that Hospitals, Asylums and other Institutions for the relief of the poor and afflicted should be provided for and regulated: Be it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. In this Ordinance,

Interpretation.

The term "Institution" shall mean any institution kept up at the public expense for the relief of the sick and destitute poor;

The term "Local Authority" shall signify the Mayor and Burgesses of any Borough, and the Wardens of the several Ward Unions of the Island.

The term "Pauper" shall mean any person who for the time being has no available means of support.

Establishment
of Hospitals.

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor, with the approval of the Legislative Council, to establish wherever required General and District Hospitals for the relief of the sick poor, special Hospitals for sick children and lying-in women of the pauper class, Hospitals and Asylums for the special care and treatment of persons suffering from mental disease, or persons afflicted with leprosy, or persons attacked by any infectious or contagious disease requiring the segregation of the sufferers, and Alms Houses, or Houses of Refuge for the imbecile, aged, infirm, or destitute poor.

Power to estab-
lish dispensa-
ries, soup
kitchens, &c.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor, with the approval of the Legislative Council, to establish wherever required public dispensaries, soup kitchens, and depôts or stations for the issue or distribution of medicines, medical comforts, or of any other approved out-door relief to the sick or destitute poor and such other Institutions as may be required for the benefit or relief of the afflicted or destitute poor.

Appointment
of officers and
servants.

4. The Governor may from time to time appoint such officers and servants as may appear necessary for the good management and administration of all Public Hospitals, Asylums, and other Institutions, and shall assign to them such quarters, salaries, or other remuneration as may from time to time be provided for them with the approval of the Legislative Council.

5. The Surgeon-General may from time to time ^{Rules to be made.} make, revoke, add to or alter Rules for regulating the government and management of all Public Hospitals, Asylums and other Institutions, and of the inmates thereof, and for regulating the powers and duties of the officers and servants thereof, and for the admission and discharge of inmates, and for the admission of visitors. Such Rules may contain provisions for the punishment of the breach of them, by penalties not exceeding Five Pounds, recoverable on summary conviction before a Stipendiary Justice of the Peace, or by such punishments as may be determined by Rules, to be awarded in like manner on summary conviction before Visiting Justices to be appointed from time to time by the Governor. Such Rules shall be subject to the approval of the Governor and the Legislative Council, who may allow, disallow, alter or add to such Rules or any of them. Such Rules, when approved, shall be published in the *Royal Gazette*, and shall come into operation at the date mentioned in the publication, and shall from and after the date of such publication have the same force and effect as if they were contained in this Ordinance.

6. Maintenance dues to be fixed from time to time by ^{Maintenance dues to be charged.} the approved Rules, and any other personal expenses incurred shall be chargeable in respect of every inmate maintained or other persons relieved by the aforesaid Institutions.

7. Every person maintained or relieved in accordance ^{Personal liability.} with the foregoing Sections shall be personally liable for such dues or expenses.

8. For the full payment of such maintenance dues, ^{Liability of persons other than patients.} parents shall be liable in respect of their children under

sixteen years of age, and children shall be liable in respect of their parents, every man shall be liable in respect of his wife and in respect of any woman who may have lived with him as his wife for any period exceeding six months during the preceding twelve months, and every woman shall be liable in respect of her husband.

Maintenance of
Immigrants.

9. The foregoing Sections shall not apply to Immigrants introduced into the Colony under any Immigration Ordinance wholly or partly at the public expense who shall be under indenture or who shall not have completed five years industrial residence. Any other person or persons with regard to whom any contract or undertaking exists for their maintenance and treatment in any Public Medical Institution may, with the sanction of the Governor, be wholly or partly relieved from the liability imposed by the foregoing Sections.

Recovery of
dues.

10. Such dues may be recovered with costs of suit in an action of debt at the suit of the Surgeon-General or such other person as he may in writing appoint.

Sick vagrants
may be com-
mitted to a
Hospital.

11. If any person deemed to be suffering from disease is found loitering in any public place, or wandering about without any visible means of support, or is found begging, any Policeman, Constable or Sanitary Inspector may apprehend such person and take him before any Justice of the Peace who, upon conviction before any such Justice for such loitering, wandering or begging, may order such person to be conveyed to and detained in any Hospital or other Institution authorised by the Governor for the reception of such cases, until the cure of such disease or until discharged by the competent authority.

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12. If any person so committed should abscond Penalty for absconding. during the period of detention, such person may be apprehended and conveyed back by any officer of such Hospital or Institution or by any Policeman, Constable, or Sanitary Inspector, and the officer in charge of such Hospital or Institution may take reasonable measures to restrain such person within bounds, and to prevent his escape.

13. The provisions of this Ordinance shall in no Construction. case be construed to interfere with any of the provisions of the Lunatics Ordinance, No. 5 of 1877.

14. All offences punishable under this Ordinance Procedure. may be prosecuted and all penalties may be recovered in manner provided by the Ordinance No. 5 of 1868, intituled "An Ordinance respecting the Summary Administration of Justice."

15. The Ordinances specified in the Schedule to Repeal. this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent mentioned in the third column of such Schedule, but any Rules and Regulations made under the above-mentioned Ordinances shall continue in force until superseded by Regulations made under this Ordinance: Provided that this repeal shall not affect anything done, or any right accrued, or any penalty, liability or forfeiture incurred before the commencement of this Ordinance or any remedy in respect of any such right, penalty, liability or forfeiture.

16. This Ordinance shall not apply to Tobago. Tobago.

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

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

SCHEDULE.

SECTION No. 15.

No. and Year of Ordinance.	Title or Short Title of Ordinance.	The Extent of Repeal.
2 of 1863 ...	To establish Rules and Regulations for the admission of Patients into the Colonial Hospital of San Fernando and for the government thereof.	The whole.
9 of 1867 ...	For the relief of destitute persons resident within the Rural Districts of the Island.	The whole.
18 of 1872 ...	To repeal the Ordinance No. 5 of 1869, entitled "An Ordinance for the better Regulation of the Colonial Hospital of Port-of-Spain, and to make other Regulations for the government of the said Hospital."	The whole.