

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 15.—1921.

I ASSENT,

J. R. Chancellor
Governor.

15th April, 1921.

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Medical Service.

[15th April, 1921.]

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 Medical Service Short title. Ordinance, 1921.

2. In this Ordinance the expression "Medical Practitioner" Interpretation. means any person qualified by the laws of Great Britain and Ireland and of this Colony to practise Medicine and Surgery.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to appoint such person as he may think fit, being a medical Appointment of Surgeon-General. practitioner, to be Surgeon-General for the Colony of

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Trinidad and Tobago, and every such person so appointed shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor.

Duties of
Surgeon-
General.

4. The Surgeon-General shall *ex officio* be a member of the Medical Board of Trinidad and shall have the general superintendence and direction of the public Medical Service of the Colony and of the several hospitals and medical establishments supported by the Government, and shall perform such other duties as the Governor may from time to time direct. He shall at least once in every year make a report in writing to the Governor as to the state and condition of such hospitals and medical establishments; and all requisitions for medicines, instruments, stores and supplies of all kinds required for the use of any such hospital or medical establishment shall be submitted to the Surgeon-General, and no expenditure shall be incurred without his knowledge and sanction.

Idem.

5. The Surgeon-General shall be the senior Consulting Surgeon of all Colonial Hospitals and medical establishments supported by the Government and is hereby authorised to visit and inspect at all times, all hospitals, infirmaries, asylums, alms-houses, prisons, reformatories and industrial schools and all other medical institutions which shall in any way receive public aid, pecuniary or otherwise, also all immigrant and estate hospitals established under the Immigration Ordinances.

Idem.

6. The Surgeon-General shall be authorised and required to investigate all complaints against any officer of the Medical Service or reflecting upon the order, discipline or management of any hospital or medical establishment supported by the Government, and to enquire into and investigate all complaints of ill-treatment received by any inmate or inmates within any such institution, also to enquire into all breaches of the rules and regulations made and sanctioned from time to time for the management and government of any such institution.

Obstructing
the Surgeon-
General or any
Government
Medical
Officer.

7. Any person who shall obstruct the Surgeon-General or any Government Medical Officer in the discharge of any duty imposed upon him by this or any other Ordinance shall be liable on summary conviction before a magistrate to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

8. It shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint from time to time such persons as he may think fit, being Medical Practitioners, to be Government Medical Officers of the Colony. Such Government Medical Officers shall hold office during the Governor's pleasure.

Appointment
of Government
Medical
Officers.

9. It shall be the duty of Government Medical Officers to give without further remuneration medical attendance and aid at public hospitals, infirmaries and asylums and to the Constabulary, prisoners, paupers and indentured immigrants, in accordance with such regulations or instructions as the Governor may from time to time approve, and to act as District and Port Health Officers, and to perform such other medical duties as the Governor may from time to time direct.

Duties of
Government
Medical
Officers.

10. Government Medical Officers shall be district vaccinators under the Vaccination Ordinance, shall be Medical Officers under the Immigration Ordinance, shall view, examine and make *post mortem* examinations and reports under the Coroners Ordinance, shall examine and certify lunatics under the Lunatics Ordinance, and shall give professional evidence in all cases of felony and misdemeanour in all courts of the Colony whenever required so to do, and for these services shall be allowed such fees, if any, as may from time to time be authorised by Ordinance or by regulation made by the Governor in Executive Council and approved by the Legislative Council.

Idem.

11. It shall be lawful for the Governor by proclamation published in the *Royal Gazette* to divide such portions of the Colony as he may see fit into medical districts, and from time to time by like proclamation to abolish and reconstitute such districts and to alter or change the boundaries thereof.

Medical
districts.

12. It shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to assign to any Government Medical Officer the performance of any special duties authorised by this Ordinance, or the performance of the duties of any public medical appointment or of any medical district constituted under this Ordinance and to relieve him from the performance of any of the aforesaid duties or to remove any such Officer from one

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medical appointment or district to another when in the interests of the public service he may see fit.

Government
Medical
Officers
attached to
hospitals.

13. Government Medical Officers attached to public hospitals and asylums solely for duties connected therewith shall reside at their respective institutions and shall not engage in private practice or in any occupation or undertaking that can in any way interfere with their public duties without the special authority in writing of the Governor, which authority the Governor may withdraw at any time. Any Officer offending against the provisions of this section shall be liable to removal from the public service.

Residence and
private
practice of
District
Medical
Officers.

14. Government Medical Officers while in charge of Medical Districts shall reside within the limits of their respective districts at such places as the Governor may approve, and shall, unless debarred therefrom by the terms of appointment, be allowed private practice, provided it does not interfere with the due performance of their public duties, and may be required by regulation or official instruction to render professional aid to all sick persons within their respective districts, and in emergencies beyond the limits of their respective districts, and for such professional services shall be entitled to receive or to recover such fees as may be authorised for the time being by any regulation or tariff made under the authority of this Ordinance.

Regulations
and tariffs of
fees.

15. It shall be lawful for the Governor to make any regulations required by this Ordinance or that may seem advisable for regulating the duties of Government Medical Officers or for the benefit of the public Medical Service, and it shall in like manner be lawful for the Governor to frame a tariff of fees for any special professional services required by this Ordinance or by any regulations made under the authority of this Ordinance.

All regulations and tariffs made or framed under the authority of this Ordinance shall be laid before the Legislative Council for approval, and when approved shall be published in the *Royal Gazette*.

Production of a copy of the *Royal Gazette* containing regulations and tariffs purporting to have been made under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be *prima facie*.

evidence in all Courts and for all purposes whatever of the due making and tenor of such regulations and tariffs.

16. The Medical Service Ordinance, No. 195, and the Repeal. Medical Service (Amendment) Ordinance, 1913, are hereby repealed.

Passed in Council this first day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.


Clerk of the Council.
