

## No. 11.—1856.

*1st October.*

AN ORDINANCE for promoting the education and industrial training of the children of Indian emigrants.

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**W**HEREAS a school for the education and industrial training of the children of Indian Immigrants has been established in the ward of Tacarigua, by and at the expense of Frederick William Burnley, Esquire, and other like schools may be established by voluntary contributions in other parts of the Colony, and it is expedient that use should be made of such Institutions: Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Council of the Government as follows:—

1. It shall and may be lawful for the Governor upon application made to him by the person establishing, or the Directors or Managers of any such school to direct the Agent General of Immigrants, and the Inspector of Schools or either of them to examine and report to him upon its condition and regulations, and any such school as shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor and shall be certified under his hand to be efficient for its purpose shall be held to be "An Indian Training School" under the provisions of this Ordinance.

2. It shall be lawful for the Agent General of Immigrants and the Inspector of Schools to visit from time to time any school which shall have been so certified, and if upon the report of either of them the Governor shall think proper to withdraw such certificate, and certify such withdrawal under his hand to the Directors and Managers of the said school, the same shall forthwith cease to be an Indian Training School, within the meaning of this Ordinance.

3. It shall be lawful for the Agent General of Immigrants to direct any child or other descendant of any Indian immigrant introduced into this Colony at the public expense with the consent of the father, if living, and resident in this Island, or any such child being an orphan or abandoned by his parents to be sent to any such

Indian Training School; provided that no such child shall be so sent who shall be above the age of ten years.

4. That no child who shall be so sent to any such Indian Training School shall be liable to be retained at such school after he shall have attained the age of fifteen years, except with his consent.

5. Any person who shall knowingly entice any such child to abscond, or shall knowingly harbour any such child who may have absconded from any such school to which he shall have been sent by the Agent General of Immigrants shall on conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace forfeit and pay for every such offence such sum not less than forty shillings nor more than ten pounds as to the convicting Justice shall seem fit.

6. It shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace, on complaint made that there is reasonable cause to believe that any such child is detained or harboured by any person, to order that a warrant do issue to search for such child, and it shall be lawful for the Police Constable to whom such warrant shall be directed or any other person acting in his aid to enter any house or other premises where such child may reasonably be suspected to be, and to deliver such child, if found, into the charge of the Director or Master of such Training School.

7. It shall be lawful for the Governor to defray out of the public moneys appropriated to immigration for the cost of the maintenance and clothing of any child who may be sent to any such Training School by the order of the Agent General of Immigrants during the time that he may remain at such school such sum not exceeding ten pounds per annum for every such child as the Governor shall seem fit.

8 That the word child throughout this Ordinance shall extend to and include female as well as male children.

Passed in Council this first day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

RICHARD D. CADIZ,

*Clerk of Council.*