

*Vaccination.***No. 20 of 1886.****An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Vaccination.**

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to compulsory vaccination in this island: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Short title.

Commencement.

**1** This Ordinance may be cited as "The Vaccination Ordinance, 1886;" and it shall come into operation upon such day as shall be named by the Governor, in a Proclamation\* to be published in the *Government Gazette*.

Repeal of Ordinance No. 9 of 1863.

**2** There shall be repealed, as from and after the date of this Ordinance being brought into operation in manner hereinbefore provided, the Ordinance No. 9 of 1863, intituled "An Ordinance to extend and make compulsory the practice of Vaccination:" Provided that such repeal shall not affect—

- (a) The past operation of anything duly done or suffered under the said Ordinance;
- (b) Any penalty or forfeiture incurred in respect of any breach of the provisions of the said Ordinance hereby repealed; nor
- (c) Any legal proceeding or remedy in respect of such penalty or forfeiture as aforesaid.

Interpretation clause:

"Adult."

"Child."

"Parent."

"Guardian."

"Estate."

"Superintendent."

Division of districts and appointment of places for the purposes of vaccination.

**3** For the purposes of this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Adult" shall mean a person apparently of the age of twelve years and upwards;

"Child" shall mean a person apparently more than three months and less than twelve years old;

"Parent" shall include the father and mother of a legitimate child, and the mother of an illegitimate child;

"Guardian" shall mean the person who, by reason of the death, illness, absence, or inability of the parent, or other cause, shall have the care or custody of any child;

"Estate" shall include every estate in which labourers are employed having ten acres of land actually cultivated with coffee, tea, cacao, cardamoms, cocoanuts, or cinchona, or any of those products;

"Superintendent" shall include any person for the time being in the immediate charge of any estate.

**4** Whenever the Principal Civil Medical Officer shall signify to the government agent of any province that he is ready to undertake vaccination in any district within such province, it shall be the duty of the government agent, in conjunction with the Principal Civil Medical Officer and the

*Vaccination.*

superintendent of vaccination of that province, forthwith to divide such district into convenient divisions, for the purpose of affording increased facilities for vaccination, and to appoint a convenient place or places in each such division for the performance of such vaccination, and to take the most effectual means for giving from time to time, to all persons resident within such divisions, due notice of the days and hours at which an officer will attend at such place or places to vaccinate all persons not already successfully vaccinated who may then appear there, and also of the days and hours at which an officer will attend at such place or places to inspect the progress of such vaccination in the persons so vaccinated, and to collect vaccine lymph from them.

**5** Every adult who has no marks of successful vaccination or of smallpox, or who, if he has such marks, resides in a house or building in which there is a patient suffering from smallpox, shall present himself at the place so appointed nearest his residence for the purpose of being vaccinated or re-vaccinated; and the officer shall, and he is hereby required thereupon, or as soon after as it may conveniently and properly be done, to vaccinate or re-vaccinate the said adult.

Every adult person to present himself to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated.

**6** Every child who has no marks of successful vaccination or of smallpox, or who, if he has such marks, resides in a house or building in which there is a patient suffering from smallpox, shall be taken, or caused to be taken, by his parent or guardian to the place so appointed nearest the residence of such child, for the purpose of being vaccinated or re-vaccinated; and the officer shall, and he is hereby required thereupon, or as soon after as it may conveniently and properly be done to, vaccinate or re-vaccinate the said child.

Every parent or guardian to present child under his care to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated.

**7** It shall be lawful for any Government medical officer, acting under the written authority of the Principal Civil Medical Officer, to give at least six days' previous notice in writing to the superintendent of any estate appointing a place in such estate and a day and hour at which an officer will attend for the performance of vaccination. Upon the receipt of such notice, it shall be the duty of the superintendent to cause the same to be duly published in the Tamil language in every cooly line within the said estate, and at the morning and evening muster of the labourers employed thereon.

Vaccination on estates. Superintendent to publish notice given by Government medical officer.

**8** Every parent or guardian on the said estate shall take or cause to be taken the child under his care, and every adult residing in any cooly line thereon, whether employed as a labourer or not, and whether previously vaccinated or not, and whether having already had the smallpox or not, shall present himself for inspection at the time and place so appointed as aforesaid, and the officer in attendance shall thereupon, or as soon after as it may conveniently and properly be done, vaccinate every child or adult who has no previous marks of successful vaccination or of smallpox, or re-vaccinate every child or adult who, notwithstanding he has such marks, resides in a house or building in which there is a patient suffering from smallpox.

Obligation of every parent or guardian of a child and of adult on estate.

*Vaccination.*

Inspection to ascertain result of vaccination.

9 Upon the same day of the week following the day on which any adult or child has been vaccinated or re-vaccinated, as provided in sections 5, 6, and 8, such adult shall present himself at, and the parent or guardian shall again take or cause to be taken such child to, the same place and at the same hour as before, in order that the officer in attendance may ascertain by inspection the result of such operation, and, if he sees fit, take from such adult or child lymph for the performance of other vaccinations; and in the event of the vaccination being unsuccessful, such adult shall cause himself, and such parent or guardian shall cause such child, if the officer so directs, to be forthwith again vaccinated and inspected as on the previous occasion.

Penalty for washing out lymph or interfering with vaccine vesicles.

10 Whoever shall wilfully wash out or in any way remove the lymph from any puncture or punctures after vaccination, or cause or permit the same to be washed out or removed, and whoever shall, by the application of any substance, or otherwise, interfere with or prevent or cause to be interfered with or prevented the due perfection of any vaccine vesicle or vesicles, shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable to a fine not exceeding ten rupees.

Certificate of successful vaccination.

11 On and immediately after the successful vaccination of any adult or child, the officer who shall have performed or inspected the operation shall deliver to the adult vaccinated, or the parent or guardian of the child vaccinated, a certificate under his hand according to the form A in the schedule to this Ordinance; and shall also transmit at the end of every month a list of such certificates to the superintendent of vaccination of the district in which the operation was performed.

Course to be pursued where adult or child is not in a fit state to be vaccinated.

12 If such officer shall be of opinion that the adult or child is not in a fit and proper state to be vaccinated, he shall immediately deliver to such adult, or to the parent or guardian of such child, a certificate under his hand according to the form B in the schedule hereto, which certificate shall remain in force for a period (not exceeding six months) to be specified therein by the officer granting the same.

Certificate to last for the period specified therein, and to be renewed if need be.

13 The certificate required by the preceding section shall remain in force for the period specified therein; but the adult or the parent or guardian of the child shall be entitled to apply for a renewal thereof for any succeeding period which the officer appointed as aforesaid is hereby directed to grant, so long as he shall be of opinion that the adult or child is unfit for vaccination and is unvaccinated. If at any time when the adult or child presents himself, or is brought before him, the officer shall deem such adult or child to be in a fit and proper state for successful vaccination, he shall forthwith vaccinate the adult or child accordingly, and shall deliver to the adult, or the parent or guardian of the child, a certificate according to the form A in the said schedule: Provided, however, that if the said officer shall find that any adult or child whom he has three times unsuc-

Proviso.

*Vaccination.*

cessfully vaccinated is insusceptible of successful vaccination, or that any adult or child coming to or brought to him has already had the smallpox, he shall deliver to such adult, or to the parent or guardian of such child, a certificate under his hand according to the form C in the schedule to this Ordinance, or to the like effect ; and such adult or child shall thenceforth be exempted from vaccination for a period of seven years.

14 The superintendent of vaccination of every province in which the operation has been performed shall forward lists of the certificates sent to him under the 11th section to the Principal Civil Medical Officer, at such times and in such forms as such last-mentioned officer shall prescribe. And it shall be the duty of the Principal Civil Medical Officer to keep a register of the persons of whose successful vaccination lists shall have been transmitted to him as above provided, and at all reasonable times to allow search to be made of any such register in his keeping, and to give a copy or copies certified under his hand of any entry or entries in the same, on the payment of a fee of twenty-five cents for every search or certificate.

Principal Civil Medical Officer to keep register of persons vaccinated.

15 Every adult who shall not cause himself to be vaccinated, and every parent or guardian who shall not cause the child under his care to be vaccinated (such adult or child not being certified to be in an unfit state for, or insusceptible of, vaccination), or who shall not on the day fixed by section 9 after the vaccination has been performed (in the case of the adult) present himself, or (in the case of the parent or guardian) take or cause to be taken the child for inspection according to the provisions in this Ordinance respectively contained, and every person who acts in contravention of, or fails to comply with, the provisions of sections 7 and 8, or any regulations duly made under section 16, or who hinders or obstructs any one in the discharge of any duty imposed upon him by this Ordinance or by any regulation duly made under section 16, and every officer who wilfully signs any false certificate under this Ordinance, shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable to a fine not exceeding ten rupees.

Penalty for breach of provisions of this Ordinance or of regulations framed thereunder.

16 The Principal Civil Medical Officer shall, and he is hereby empowered and directed to, provide such books and forms, and, with the sanction of the Governor in Executive Council, from time to time frame such regulations, as he may deem requisite for carrying into full effect the provisions of this Ordinance. Provided that such regulations shall be published in the *Government Gazette*, and may at any time be amended or revoked by the Governor in Executive Council.

Principal Civil Medical Officer to provide books and forms, and frame regulations.

17 It shall be the duty of the headman of every district so to be divided as aforesaid for the purposes of vaccination, to provide the officers attending to vaccinate within such districts, whenever called upon so to do, with lists of adults or children to be vaccinated therein ; and every headman neglecting or refusing so to do shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty rupees.

Headman to give lists of persons not vaccinated.

---

*Vaccination.*

---

Police officers,  
headmen, &c., to  
assist in  
enforcing  
Ordinance.

18 It shall be the duty of all officers of the police force, and of all headmen and peace officers generally, and of all superintendents or employers of labour, to aid and assist in the carrying out of this Ordinance, and in the prevention of offences against the same, and every officer, headman, or superintendent, or employer of labour who shall fail to do so, or who, being cognizant of any such offence, shall fail to give information thereof, shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding ten rupees.

Evidence in  
prosecutions.

19 In any prosecution under this Ordinance, for neglect on the part of any adult to procure the vaccination of himself, or on the part of any parent or guardian to procure the vaccination of a child, it shall not be necessary in support thereof to prove that the defendant had received notice of the requirements of the law in this respect; but if the defendant shall produce any such certificate as hereinbefore described, or a duly certified extract from the register mentioned in section 14, and shall prove that the certificate or extract relates to the adult or child referred to in such prosecution, the same shall be a sufficient defence for him, except in regard to the certificate marked B in the schedule hereto, when the time specified therein for the postponement of the vaccination shall have expired before the date when the prosecution shall have been commenced.

---

SCHEDULE.

FORM A.

Certificate of Successful Vaccination.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_,  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_,  
Sex: \_\_\_\_\_,  
Residence: \_\_\_\_\_,  
Date of Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Vaccinator.

FORM B.

Certificate of Unfitness for Vaccination.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_,  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_,  
Sex: \_\_\_\_\_,  
Residence: \_\_\_\_\_,  
Date of Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Vaccinator.

N.B.—This Certificate will remain in force for (*specify period, not exceeding six months*) only from the above date.

---

FORM C.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I have \_\_\_\_\_ times unsuccessfully vaccinated \_\_\_\_\_, (the child of \_\_\_\_\_), in the District of \_\_\_\_\_ (or, that \_\_\_\_\_ has already had smallpox, as the case may be), and I am of opinion that \_\_\_\_\_ is insusceptible of successful vaccination for a period of seven years from this date.

Given under my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18 —.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Vaccinator.

31st December, 1886.