

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF LAI KIT *otherwise* LAI CHEUK.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Friday, the 3rd proximo, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 3rd day of February, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 42.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of the Queen, to the following Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 1 of 1888.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for making compulsory the practice of Infant Vaccination in the Colony of Hongkong.*

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th February, 1888.

No. 1 of 1888.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for making compulsory the practice of Infant Vaccination in the Colony of Hongkong.

(LS) G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

[4th February, 1888.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make compulsory the practice of infant vaccination within this Colony, be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as *The Vaccination Ordinance, 1888.*

2. In this Ordinance and in any Rules and Regulations made thereunder the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereinafter set against them, unless such meanings be repugnant to or inconsistent with the context:—

Parent.—The father of any child, or in the event of the death, illness, or inability of the father, then the mother.

Guardian.—The person who shall, for the time being, have the care, nurture, or custody of any child.

Medical Practitioner.—Any surgeon, physician, or medical practitioner registered as such under Ordinance No. 6 of 1886.

Public Vaccinator.—Any person authorized and appointed by the Governor under the provisions of this Ordinance for the special purpose of vaccinating persons.

Child.—Any person under fourteen years of age.

Resident within the Colony.—Person who has been living in the Colony for a period of more than 6 months.

3. The Governor shall appoint such duly qualified persons as he may deem fit, to be Public Vaccinators within the Colony, and shall appoint such local stations or places within the City of Victoria and in the Villages of Hongkong and Kowloon as he may deem expedient for the purposes of public vaccination, and such Public Vaccinators shall vaccinate *gratis* all persons who may come to them at such local stations or places for that purpose, and at such times and subject to such Rules and Regulations as may, under the provisions of this Ordinance, be issued by the Governor in Council in that behalf.

4. Every Parent or Guardian of a child resident within the Colony, after the passing of this Ordinance shall, if such child be six months or more than six months old, cause such child to be vaccinated by a Medical Practitioner or Public Vaccinator, and such Medical Practitioner or Public Vaccinator shall, upon personal inspection of the successful vaccination of such child, furnish the Parent or Guardian with a certificate of the successful vaccination of such child in the form of Schedule *A* hereto, and such Parent or Guardian shall, within three days after the date thereof, lodge such Certificate with the Registrar General. For the purpose of this section, a parent or guardian of a child shall be deemed to be at any time resident within the Colony, if he has had his habitual place of abode in the Colony for 6 months then next preceding.

5. If any Medical Practitioner shall be of opinion that any child is not a fit and proper subject to be successfully vaccinated, he shall thereupon deliver to the Parent or Guardian of such child, a Certificate under his hand in the form of Schedule *B*, that such child is unfit for successful vaccination and such Certificate shall remain in force for two months from its delivery as aforesaid, and if such child be not vaccinated at the termination of such period of two months, then the Certificate on the application of such person or such Parent or Guardian shall be renewed by such Medical Practitioner during each succeeding period of two months until such child shall have been successfully vaccinated, and the production of such Certificate of unfitness for successful vaccination shall be a sufficient defence against any complaint which may be brought against such Parent or Guardian for non-compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

It shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint some Medical Practitioner whose duty it shall be to examine gratuitously children on whose behalf are claimed certificates of unfitness for successful vaccination under this section and to grant or withhold such certificate in his discretion.

6. In the event of a Medical Practitioner or Public Vaccinator, being of opinion after three successive vaccinations made by himself that any child is insusceptible of the vaccine disease, he shall furnish the Parent or Guardian of such child, with a Certificate under his hand in the form of Schedule *C*, that such child is insusceptible of vaccine disease, and such Parent or Guardian shall, within three days after the date of such Certificate, lodge the same with the Registrar General.

7. The Registrar General shall enter in the Registry of Births kept by him the word *Vaccinated* opposite the name of every child whose vaccination has been certified, and the word *Insusceptible* opposite the name of every child who has been certified, as herein provided, to be insusceptible of vaccine disease.

8. In every case where after the expiration of six months after the registered birth of any child, the Parent or Guardian of such child has failed to exhibit to the Registrar General a certificate of the Vaccination or of the insusceptibility to Vaccination of such child, the Registrar General shall serve on such Parent or Guardian, as the case may be, a written notice in the form of Schedule *D*, and if within ten days after his receipt of such notice such person, or such Parent or Guardian shall not have presented to the Registrar General, for registration any one of the three forms of Certificate hereinbefore provided and set forth in Schedules *A*, *B* and *C*, such Parent or Guardian shall forfeit a sum not exceeding Five Dollars or be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten days, and should the Parent or Guardian of such child then refuse to cause such child to be vaccinated, such Parent or Guardian shall forfeit a sum not exceeding Fifty Dollars or be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

9. Any person who shall produce or attempt to produce in himself or in any other person by inoculation with variolous matter, or by wilful exposure to variolous matter, or who shall wilfully by any other means whatsoever produce the disease of Small-pox, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars or be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

10. All punishments and penalties imposed by this Ordinance may be recovered in a Summary manner before a Magistrate at the suit of the Registrar General.

11. This Ordinance shall come into operation upon such day as the Governor shall notify by Proclamation.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 3rd day of February, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 4th day of February, 1888.

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

SCHEDULES.

(A.)

I, the undersigned hereby certify that
of
has been successfully vaccinated by me.

Dated this day of 188 .

(Signed) A. B.,
*(Medical Practitioner or Public
Vaccinator as the case may be).*

(B.)

I, the undersigned hereby certify that I am of opinion that
of aged
is not now in a fit and proper state to be successfully vaccinated and
that I have recommended the postponement of the vaccination until
the day of 188 .

Dated this day of 188 .

(Signed) A. B.,
*(Medical Practitioner or Certifying
Officer appointed by the Governor,
as the case may be).*

(C.)

I, the undersigned hereby certify that I am of opinion that
of aged
is insusceptible of Vaccine Disease.

Dated this day of 188 .

(Signed) A. B.,
*(Medical Practitioner or Public
Vaccinator).*

(D.)

To [insert name of Parent or Guardian].

Take Notice that [insert name of child], must be vaccinated under the provisions of Ordinance No. 1 of 1888.

Dated this day of 188 .

Registrar General.