

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to provide for the better enforcement of discipline among the subordinate staff in the Civil Medical Department.

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 as The Civil Medical Staff Discipline Ordinance, 1901. Short title.

2. The Principal Civil Medical Officer may punish any Subordinate Member of the staff in the Civil Medical Department whose annual salary does not exceed \$500 for misconduct, or for neglect or breach of duty, by a fine not exceeding ten dollars, which shall be deducted by the Principal Civil Medical Officer from the pay of such subordinate member. Power of the Principal Civil Medical Officer to fine subordinate members of the staff in the Civil Medical Department.

3. The imposition of every such punishment shall be reported without delay to the Governor who shall have power, if he thinks fit, to remit such fine either wholly or partially. Fine to be reported to Governor who has power to remit it.

4. A record of every such punishment shall be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose which shall be called the Subordinate Staffs' Misconduct Book. Record of fines to be kept.

5. Such fines shall be applied for the general benefit and advantage of the Subordinate Members of the staff in the Civil Medical Department, in such manner as may, from time to time, be directed by the Governor. Application of fines.

Objects and Reasons.

For some years past it has been found very difficult to maintain proper discipline among the numerous members of the Chinese subordinate medical staff, such as clerks, attendants, ward boys, coolies and others at the Government Civil Hospital. They number over a hundred. Mere verbal fault finding is of little use while dismissal means having to train a successor, usually of a similar kind. The knowledge, however, that negligence and carelessness may possibly involve a small pecuniary penalty would, in many cases, prevent the necessity of fault finding at all, and would at least have a wholesome effect on the staff. On enquiry, I find that a similar Ordinance in relation to the Post Office subordinate officers, (No. 19 of 1896) has worked very smoothly and with most satisfactory results.

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Attorney General.

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The following Resolution is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th March, 1901.

RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Whereas, by section 6 of The New Territories Regulation Ordinance (No. 12 of 1899), it was enacted that the said Ordinance should remain in force for the period of one year from the date of its coming into operation, and for such further period or periods as might, from time to time, be determined by resolution of the Legislative Council:

And whereas, by resolution of the said Legislative Council dated the 15th of March, 1900, it was resolved that the said Ordinance should be continued in force for a further period of one year:

It is hereby resolved by this Council that The New Territories Regulation Ordinance, 1899, shall be again continued in force for the further period of one year from the 18th day of April, 1901 (inclusive).

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
HONGKONG.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.