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## An Act to make further Provision for the Practice of Vaccination in *Ireland*. [2d *August* 1858.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act to provide for the better Distribution, Support, and Management of Medical Charities in* Ireland, *and to amend an Act of the Eleventh Year of Her Majesty, to provide for the Execution of the Laws for the Relief of the Poor in* Ireland, it is provided that the Medical Officer of every District constituted under the said Act shall and he is thereby required to vaccinate all Persons who may come to him for that Purpose, subject to such Regulations as may be issued by the Poor Law Commissioners in that Behalf: And whereas it is expedient to make further Provision for Vaccination in the Dispensary Districts in *Ireland:* Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows: 14 & 15 Vict. c. 68.

I. As soon as may be after the passing of this Act, the Committee of Management of every Dispensary District in *Ireland* shall, subject to Dispensary Committees may divide

Dispensary Districts, and require Medical Officer to attend for Purposes of Vaccination.

to the Approbation of the Commissioners, divide such Dispensary District into so many Vaccination Districts as they may deem advisable and necessary, and shall report such Districts to the Commissioners for their Approval, and shall require the Medical Officer of such District to attend at some convenient Place within each such Vaccination District, to be approved of by the said Committee, at such Times as the said Committee may fix or approve; and the said Medical Officer shall and he is hereby required to vaccinate all Persons resident in his District who may come to him for that Purpose, or whom he may be requested to vaccinate, being fit Subjects for Vaccination, subject to such Regulations as may be issued by the Commissioners in that Behalf.

Medical Officers to be paid for successful Cases of Vaccination.

II. The Board of Guardians shall pay to each such Medical Officer, in addition to any Salary or Allowance payable to him, the Sum of One Pound for every Twenty Cases of successful Vaccination performed by him in each Year.

Medical Officers to report Number of Persons successfully vaccinated.

III. The Medical Officer of each such District shall make a Report to the Committee of Management, from Time to Time, of the Number of Persons successfully vaccinated by him in each Year, under the Provisions of this Act, and such Report shall be made in such Form and shall contain such further Particulars as the Commissioners shall direct, and shall be transmitted by the Committee to the Board of Guardians, and recorded by the Guardians on their Minutes.

Expenses to be charged to Electoral Divisions.

IV. The Payments to be made to the Medical Officer under the Provisions of this Act, and all other Expenses incidental to the Performance of Vaccination under this Act in any Dispensary District, shall be charged to the Electoral Divisions comprising such Dispensary District, in the same Manner as all Charges incidental to Medical Relief in the District.

Where Proceedings are taken by Guardians against Persons inoculating, &c. their Costs to be paid out of the Rates.

V. And whereas by an Act passed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Twenty-nine, it is enacted that any Person who shall produce or attempt to produce in any Person by Inoculation with Variolous Matter, or by wilful Exposure to Variolous Matter, or to any Matter, Article, or Thing impregnated with Variolous Matter, or wilfully by any other Means whatsoever produce the Disease of Small Pox in any Person, shall be liable to be proceeded against and convicted summarily before any Two or more Justices of the Peace in Petty Sessions: Be it enacted, That in any Case in which any Proceedings shall have been taken or instituted by or under the Directions

Directions of the Board of Guardians of any Union in *Ireland* under the said recited Provision, it shall be lawful for the Board of Guardians to pay the Costs of such Proceedings out of the Rates of the Union at large.

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