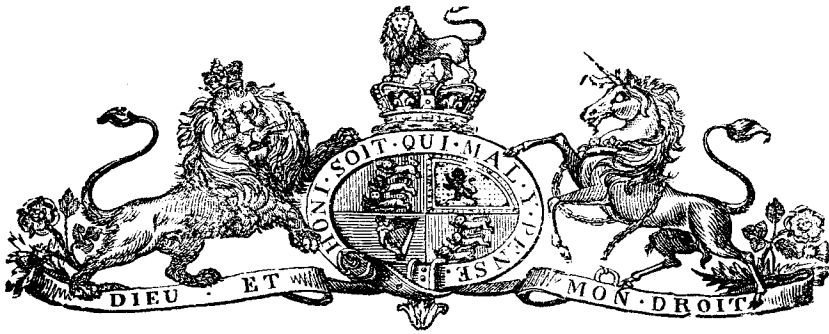


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1878.

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO-SECUNDO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ,

No. 15.



AN ACT to create a Board of Management A.D. 1878.
for the General Hospital at *Launceston*.

[9 November, 1878.]

WHEREAS there exists in the Town of *Launceston* an Institution PREAMBLE.
known as the General Hospital, and it is expedient that a Board
should be created and should have certain powers conferred upon it
for the better government of such Hospital :

Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of *Tasmania*,
by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and
House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows :—

1 This Act may be cited as “The *Launceston* General Hospital Act, Short Title.
1878.”

2 In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

“The Hospital” means the General Hospital at *Launceston* :

“Board” means the Board of Management of the General Hospital
at *Launceston* :

“Honorary Medical Officer” means a member of the Honorary
Medical Staff of the Hospital who is a legally qualified
Medical Practitioner.

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- A.D. 1878.**
Commencement of Act. **3** This Act shall come into operation on and after the Thirty-first day of *December*, 1878, which date is in this Act referred to as the commencement of this Act.
- Management of Hospital vested in Board.** **4** Upon the commencement of this Act the exclusive management and control of the Hospital shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be vested in a Board which shall be called "The Board of Management of the General Hospital at *Launceston*."
- Composition and appointment of Board.** **5** The Board shall be composed of Thirteen Members, of whom One shall be the Mayor of *Launceston* for the time being *ex officio*, and Three and no more shall be Honorary Medical Officers; and all the Members of the Board shall, in the first instance, be appointed by the Governor in Council, by Notice in the *Gazette*; and such members shall respectively hold their offices during pleasure.
- Chairman of Board.** **6** The members of the Board shall, at their first meeting after the commencement of this Act and afterwards, in the month of *December* in every year, and also when any vacancy occurs from death, resignation, refusal to act, or from any cause, elect by a majority of votes a Member of the Board to be the Chairman of the Board, and one other member to be the Vice-Chairman of the Board. Every Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be eligible for re-election.
- Chairman to preside at meetings of Board.** **7** At every meeting of the Board the Chairman, if present, shall preside; and in his absence the Vice-Chairman shall preside; and in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman a chairman shall be chosen by the members present, and shall preside.
- Questions to be decided by a majority of votes.** **8** All questions which come before the Board shall be decided by the majority of the members present, and the Chairman at any such meeting shall have a deliberative and a casting vote; and no question shall be decided at any meeting unless Four members at the least are present at the time of the decision; and all powers vested by this Act in the said Board may be exercised by any Four of such members at a meeting duly convened.
- Quorum.**
- Manner in which members to retire from office.** **9** The members of the Board shall retire from office in manner following:—
1. In the month of *December* in the year 1879 the Board shall determine by lot which Three members of the Board shall retire from office, and the members so determined upon shall retire accordingly; and in the month of *December* in the year 1880 it shall be determined by lot amongst those members who have been longest in office without re-election which of such members, to the number of Three, shall retire from office, and the members so determined upon shall retire accordingly; and, in the month of *December* in every subsequent year, Three members shall retire, and such Three members shall always be those who have been longest in office without re-election; and if in any such year Two or more members shall have been an equal period in office without re-election, then it shall be determined by such members by lot which of them shall retire, and the members so determined upon shall retire accordingly.

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This provision shall not apply to those members of the Board who are Honorary Medical Officers, or to the Mayor of *Launceston* for the time being. A.D. 1878.

2. In the month of *December* in the year 1880 the Honorary Medical Officers shall determine by lot amongst themselves which one of such officers shall retire from office, and the officer so determined upon shall retire from office; and in the month of *December* in the year 1882 it shall be determined by lot amongst those Honorary Medical Officers who have been longest in office without re-election which one of such officers shall retire from office, and the officer so chosen shall retire from office; and afterwards, in every second year, an officer shall retire, and such officer shall always be the one who has been longest in office without re-election; and if more than one officer shall have been an equal period in office without re-election, then it shall be determined by such officers amongst themselves by lot which of such officers shall retire, and the officer so chosen shall retire from office.

10 Every member of the Board shall, upon his retirement from office, be eligible for re-appointment as a member of the Board.

Retiring Members eligible for re-appointment.

11 After the first appointment by the Governor in Council of the members of the Board, when any member thereof shall retire under the provisions of this Act, or if any member thereof shall die, resign, or be absent from the meetings of the Board for Four consecutive months, his office shall become vacant, and the surviving or continuing members of the Board shall, within Thirty days from the happening of such vacancy, nominate some other person to fill such vacancy, and the Governor in Council may appoint the person so nominated to fill such vacancy: Provided that, if the Board neglect to nominate such person as aforesaid, the Governor in Council may forthwith appoint some person to fill such vacancy; and until such vacancy shall be filled in manner aforesaid it shall be lawful for the surviving or continuing members of the Board to act in all respects as if no such vacancy had occurred.

How vacancies in Board may be filled.

12 The Board shall apply such sum or sums of money as may from time to time be voted by Parliament for the use, maintenance, enlargement, or improvement of the Hospital in such manner as shall be approved from time to time in that behalf by the Governor in Council.

Board to apply moneys voted by Parliament.

13 The Board may from time to time appoint any of its members to be a committee or committees to examine into, consider, and report upon any matter or thing appertaining to the Hospital.

Appointment of committees.

14 The Board may from time to time, as occasion may require, nominate, and the Governor in Council appoint, fit and competent persons to be honorary or paid Medical Officers; and the Board may in its discretion suspend from the exercise of their functions, and with the sanction of the Governor in Council dismiss, any of the officers above mentioned, and may in its discretion appoint and dismiss any other officer or servant of the Hospital, not being a Member of the Board.

Appointment, suspension, and dismissal of officers.

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Board may frame
Rules.

15 It shall be lawful for the Board from time to time to frame Rules as to the following matters:—

The time and manner of the meetings of the Board :

The mode in which persons shall be nominated to fill vacancies in the Board :

The mode in which the Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be annually elected :

For the guidance of the officers and servants of the Hospital in the discharge of their respective duties :

For the admission and discharge of patients : and

Generally for the good order and management of the Hospital :

the Board may from time to time make any new Rules, and may alter, change, and repeal all or any Rules, theretofore made by the Board : Provided, nevertheless, that such Rules shall not nor shall any alteration, change, or repeal thereof be of any force or validity if repugnant to this Act or to the laws in force in this Colony, nor until the same shall have been submitted to and approved by the Governor in Council.