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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LUNACY ACT, 1903-1954.

No. 15 of 1903.

(Affected by Acts No. 9 of 1917, No. 16 of 1919, No. 13 of 1927, No. 40 of 1940, No. 6 of 1941.)

[As amended by Acts:

No. 47 of 1912 assented to 24th December, 1912;

No. 28 of 19151 assented to 2nd March, 1915;

No. 42 of 1920 assented to 11th January, 1921;

No. 46 of 1926 assented to 23rd December, 1926;

No. 13 of 1927 assented to 23rd November, 1927;

No. 26 of 1941² assented to 8th December, 1941;

No. 74 of 1950 assented to 5th January, 1951;

No. 73 of 1954 assented to 14th January, 1955;

and by Regulation published in the Gazette on the 28th January, 1921;

and reprinted pursuant to the Amendments Incorporation Act, 1938.1

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to the Insane.

[Assented to 31st December, 1903.]

RE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty. by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

PART I.—PRELIMINARY.

1. This Act may be cited as the Lunacy Act, Short Title 1903-1954, and shall come into operation on the first mencement. day of January, One thousand nine hundred and No. 73 of 1954, four.

¹ Amendments made by No. 28 of 1915 have effect as from 1/1/1904. See No. 28 of 1915, s. 9.

² Came into operation on 1st July, 1942. See Gazette of 26/6/42.

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2. This Act is divided into Parts as follows:—

PART I.—PRELIMINARY, ss. 1-4.

- PART II.—PROCEEDINGS BY WHICH PERSONS OF UNSOUND MIND MAY BE PLACED UNDER RESTRAINT, ss. 5-20.
- PART III.—PROCEEDINGS BY WHICH PERSONS OF UNSOUND MIND MAY BE REMOVED TO AND FROM ANOTHER STATE, ss. 21-25.
- [PART IV.—(HABITUAL DRUNKARDS) Repealed by No. 47 of 1912, s. 20.]
- PART V.—HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE, ss. 33-39.
- PART VI.—LICENSED HOUSES, ss. 40-61.
 - 1. For the reception of the insane, ss. 40-58.
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 - 1. Inspection of patients, ss. 85-95.
 - 2. Transfer of patients, ss. 96-100.
 - 3. Discharge of patients, ss. 101-108.
- PART X.—PROCEEDINGS FOR DECLARING PERSONS INSANE OR INCAPABLE AND FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES OF THEIR ESTATES, ETC., ss. 109-122.

PART XI.—ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGE-MENT OF THE ESTATES OF INSANE PERSONS AND PATIENTS, ss. 123-165.

- 1. General powers and duties of Master, ss. 123-130.
- 2. Powers and duties of Master in respect to estates of insane patients, ss. 131-146.
- 3. Management of the estates of insane persons, ss. 147-165.

PART XII.—COURT VISITOR, S. 166.

PART XIII.-MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ss. 167-190.

3. The Lunacy Act of 1871 is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

All persons appointed by virtue of the provisions thereof and holding office at the passing of this Act shall be deemed to have been appointed under this Act.

All rules of Court and regulations made under the authority thereof, and being in force at the passing of this Act, shall be deemed to have been made under the authority of this Act.

In this Act and in the Schedules thereto, the Interpretafollowing terms shall, if not inconsistent with the Amended by Subject-matter or context, have the respective 8.2; No. 13 of 1927, 8.8; of 1927, 8.8; meanings hereby assigned to them (that is to say)— $\frac{\text{of }1927, 8.8;}{\text{No. }74 \text{ of }1950,}$

"Board of Visitors" or "Board" means a board [42 of 1920. of visitors constituted under this Act.

- "Court."—The Supreme Court of Western Australia.
- "Incapable person."—Any person who is proved to the satisfaction of the Court, under this Act, to be incapable through mental infirmity, arising from disease or age, of managing his affairs.

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[13 of 1927, s. 8.]

- "Insane patient" and "patient."—Any person detained at the commencement of this Act in any establishment in Western Australia for the reception of the insane, and any person hereafter received into and detained in any hospital, licensed house, or other place respectively appointed or licensed under the provisions of this Act for the reception of the insane; and any such person, while absent from a hospital or licensed house in a specified place for the benefit of his health, or upon trial, under the provisions of section ninety-eight, or boarded out under the provisions of section ninety-nine, and also any person subject to the provisions of section twenty-three to the extent therein mentioned.
- "Insane person."—Any person who has been found or declared, whether by inquisition or under this Act, or under any Act hereby repealed, to be insane or of unsound mind and incapable of managing himself or his affairs.
- "Inspector General."—The Inspector General of the Insane, and shall include the Deputy Inspector General.

[43 of 1920, a. 2.]

- "Institution" means any hospital for the insane, hospital for the criminal insane, licensed house, reception house, or other place where insane patients are detained.
- "Judge."—Any Judge of the Supreme Court.
- "Justice."—Justice of the Peace.
- "Master."—The Master of the Supreme Court, and shall include the Deputy Master.

[42 of 1920, s. 2.] "Medical Officer" includes the medical practitioner resident in or visiting any licensed house pursuant to the requisitions of this Act.

- "Medical practitioner."—A legally qualified medical practitioner within the meaning of any law relating to the registration of medical practitioners.
- "Minister."—The responsible Minister of the Crown charged for the time being with the administration of this Act.
- "Police officer."—Any constable or officer of police.
- "Prison."—Includes police gaol.
- "Public hospital."—Such portion of any hospital or infirmary for the care and treatment of the sick, or of any benevolent asylum, as is set apart and declared to be for the temporary reception of the insane.
- "restraint" means restraint upon movement by [74 of 1950, the use on the patient of a mechanical appliance, other than a medical or surgical appliance whilst being used in the proper treatment of physical disease or injury;

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- "seclusion" means detention between the hours [74 of 1950, of 8.0 a.m. and 7.0 p.m. in a single room other than—
 - (a) a room in or of an observation ward in which a nurse is continuously on duty; or
 - (b) for the purpose only of treatment of a physical illness or of comfort during such illness.
- "Ship."—Any vessel used in navigation not propelled by oars.
- "Stock" shall comprehend any share or other interest in any company, society, or association established or to be established,

and any fund, annuity, or security transferable in books, kept by any company, society, or association established or to be established, or transferable by deed alone, or by deed accompanied by other formalities, and any money payable for the discharge or redemption thereof and any share or interest therein respectively.

"Superintendent" shall include the deputy superintendent of any hospital for the insane, licensed house, or reception house.

PART II.—PROCEEDINGS BY WHICH PERSONS OF UNSOUND MIND MAY BE PLACED UNDER RESTRAINT.

Arrest of insane persons. Original section repealed and new section substituted by No. 28 of 1915, s. 2.

- 5. (1) Upon complaint on oath before a Justice that a person is insane and—
 - (a) is without sufficient means of support; or
 - (b) is wandering at large; or
 - (c) has been discovered under circumstances that denote a purpose of committing some offence against the law; or
- (d) is not under proper care and control, such Justice may by warrant require a police officer to arrest such person and bring him before two justices.
- (2) If any police officer shall discover any person whom he shall, on reasonable grounds, believe to be insane—
 - (a) wandering at large; or
 - (b) without apparent sufficient means of support; or

¹ By Section 5 of the Lunacy Act Amendment Act, 1914 (No. 28 of 1915), it is enacted as follows:—

All orders heretofore made or signed by any justice or justices authorising or purporting to authorise the reception, detention, or treatment of any person in any hospital for the insane or licensed house, on the ground of his insanity, shall be deemed to be and to have been as from the making thereof valid and effectual in law notwithstanding that there is not mentioned therein any ground for such reception, detention, or treatment, other than the insanity of such person, or that there is or was any formal error, defect, or omission therein, or in any medical certificate or other document mentioned therein or connected therewith, or in the proceedings in which the order was made.

- (c) under circumstances that denote a purpose of committing some offence against the law: or
- (d) appearing to be not under proper care and control.

he may arrest such person without warrant and take him before two Justices.

- Any police officer who has knowledge that Persons any person deemed or whom he on reasonable insane not grounds believes to be insane—
 - (a) Is not under proper care and control; or
 - (b) Is cruelly treated or cruelly neglected by any relative or other person having or assuming the care or charge of him.

shall forthwith make complaint thereof upon oath to a Justice.

The Justice upon such complaint or upon the complaint upon oath of any person whomsoever to the like effect shall either himself visit and examine such person and make inquiry into the case, or by an order under his hand direct and authorise a medical practitioner to visit and examine such person and make inquiry and report in writing to such Justice his opinion thereon.

If upon such personal visit, examination, and inquiry by the Justice, or upon the report of the medical practitioner, it appears to the Justice that such person is insane and not under proper care and control, or is cruelly treated or cruelly neglected by any relative or other person having or assuming the care or charge of him, the Justice may by order under his hand require any police officer to bring such person before two or more Justices.

7. (1) The Justices before whom any such course to be person is brought shall call to their assistance any examined such person apart from each other and support is separately signed certificates in the support is Schedule One.

deemed to be taken care of or cruelly

Amended by No. 28 of 1915, s. 3.

pursued when the Justices. First Schedule. Amended by No. 28 of 1915. If upon examination of such person and such medical practitioners and upon other proof (if any) such Justices are satisfied that the person is insane and—

- (a) Is without sufficient means of support; or
- (b) Was wandering at large; or
- (c) Was discovered under circumstances that denote a purpose of committing some offence against the law; or
- (d) Is not under proper care and control; or
- (e) Is cruelly treated or neglected by any person having or assuming the charge of him;

Second Schedule. Fourth Schedule. and is a proper person to be taken charge of and detained under care and treatment, the said Justices may by an order under their hands in the form of Schedule Two, with the particulars contained in Schedule Four, direct such person to be removed into a hospital for the insane or licensed house to be named in such order, and such person shall be forthwith conveyed to, and upon production of such order, statement, and medical certificates shall be received into and detained in the hospital or licensed house accordingly.

The Justices may examine the person deemed to be insane and any witness in the matter at any convenient place, and proceed in all respects as if such person were brought before them at a Court of petty sessions.

New paragraph inserted by No. 28 of 1915, s. 4. It shall not be necessary that the medical practitioners shall attend personally before the Justices unless they are specially ordered by the Justices so to do, or unless so required by or on behalf of the alleged insane person, and the Justices shall be deemed to have called such medical practitioners to their assistance, within the meaning of this section, if they have the certificates of such practitioners before them.

In cases of emergency Justices may act on one medical certificate. (2) Where it appears to the Justices that they cannot call to their assistance two medical practitioners without causing delay prejudicial to

such person, they may by order under their hands, but upon the certificate and examination of one medical practitioner alone, direct such person to be removed to the hospital for the insane or licensed house mentioned in the order:

But in every such case a certificate, in the form sixth schedule, of Schedule Six, shall be made by such Justices, and appended to such order, directing the reception of such person into a reception house, public hospital, or prison for immediate treatment, pending his removal to the hospital for the insane or licensed house.

Such person shall be forthwith conveyed to the reception house, public hospital, or prison, and treated therein accordingly, and before such person shall be received into the hospital for the insane or licensed house, one other medical certificate lodged with be obtained or bv superintendent or officer in charge of the reception house, public hospital, or prison, and be by him transmitted, together with the order and statement of the Justices and the original medical certificate, to the superintendent or officer in charge of the hospital for the insane or licensed house, with the patient.

(3) The Justices may suspend the execution of suspensions any such order for any period not exceeding fourteen days, and in the meantime give directions or make arrangements for the proper care and control of such person as they consider necessary.

- (4) If the medical practitioners, or one of them, by whom such person is examined, certifies in writing that he is not in a fit state to be removed, the removal of such person shall be suspended until the same or some other medical practitioner certify in writing that such person is fit to be removed.
- (5) Any relative or friend may retain or take Relative's such person under his own care, if he satisfies the right to Justices before whom such person is brought that such person will be properly taken care of, anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Report to be made by Justices in certain cases. (6) Whenever any examination is had at any other place than a public police office, the Justices shall, within ten days, report to the Minister the name, residence, and other particulars pertaining to such person.

Option to Justices in respect of remands. 8. The Justices before whom any person is brought to be dealt with under the preceding section may, in lieu of a remand to the places provided by the Justices Act, 1902, but in the same manner as provided thereby, remand such person to any reception house or public hospital, unless it appears that such person has been previously detained in any prison on conviction for any offence.

Power to
Justices to
order payment of
fees to
medical
practitioners
and expenses
of conveyance to
hospital.

Justices causing any person to be examined by any medical practitioners may grant a certificate for the payment of remuneration to medical practitioners, and of all other expenses in or about the examination of such person, and the bringing him before Justices and of conveying him to a hospital for the insane, licensed house, reception house, or other place, or for his proper care and control, as in the seventh section mentioned, as to such Justices may seem proper, and such expenses, where they cannot be obtained from the estate of the person examined, shall be defrayed out of any moneys appropriated by Parliament for the purposes:

Provided that the remuneration and expenses so awarded or sanctioned shall in every case be subject to the approval of the Minister.

Any person to be received into hospital upon a request in writing together with statement and two medical certificates. Third Schedule. Fourth Schedule. First Schedule.

- 10. Any person may be received and detained as a patient in a hospital for the insane, or a licensed house, on the authority of a request under the hand of some person, in the form of Schedule Three, authenticated by a Justice, together with—
 - (1) The particulars contained in Schedule Four:

(2) Two medical certificates, each of which shall be in the form and containing the the particulars required in Schedule One. and be signed by a medical practitioner, who has, separately from the medical practitioner who has signed or shall thereafter sign the other of such certificates, personally examined the person to whom such certificate relates, not more than ten clear days previously to the reception of such person into the hospital or licensed house.

Such request may be signed before or after the date of such medical certificates, or either of them.

11. Every medical practitioner who signs any certificate under or for the purpose of this Act shall specify therein the facts upon which he has formed his opinion that the person to whom such been formed.

Medical certificates to specify facts upon which opinion of insanity has been formed. certificate relates is insane, and shall distinguish in such certificate facts observed by himself from facts communicated to him by others.

No person shall be received into any hospital for the insane, licensed house, reception house, public hospital, or prison, under any certificate which purports to be founded only upon facts communicated by others.

A medical practitioner shall not sign a Medical certificate for the reception of a patient into a shall not sign hospital for the insane, reception house, or licensed certificates in curus targets. house in any of the following circumstances:—

- (a) Where he has signed the order or request for the reception of that patient into that hospital, reception house, or licensed house.
- (b) Where his wife, father or father-in-law, mother or mother-in-law, son or son-inlaw, daughter or daughter-in-law, brother or brother-in-law, sister or sister-in-law, partner, or assistant has signed the order,

- request, certificate, or one of the certificates for the reception of that patient into that hospital, reception house, or licensed house.
- (c) Where the said medical practitioner, or his father, brother, son, partner, or assistant is the superintendent or medical officer of that hospital for the insane, reception house, or licensed house, or a regular professional attendant in that licensed house, or wholly or in part the proprietor, mortagee, or lessee of that licensed house, or receives a percentage on or is otherwise interested in the payments to be made by or on account of any patient received into that hospital, reception house, or licensed house.

Medical practitioner signing certificate shall not board or attend insane patient.

- 13. If a medical practitioner, or his father, brother, son, partner, or assistant has signed one of the certificates for the reception of a person into a licensed house, such medical practitioner shall not—
 - (a) By himself or by his servants or agents, receive, or board or lodge, or take the charge of that person in the said licensed house;
 - (b) Be the regular professional attendant on that person while under care or charge under such certificate.

No certificate to be granted without examination.

14. If a medical practitioner grants any such certificate without having seen and carefully examined the person to whom it relates, at the time and in the manner specified in such certificate, for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of such person to the best of his knowledge and power, he shall, for every such offence, be liable to a penalty not exceeding Fifty pounds.

If any such practitioner wilfully and falsely certifies in writing that any person is insane, knowing him not to be insane, the practitioner so certifying is guilty of a misdemeanour.

15. No order for the reception of a patient into Duration of a hospital for the insane or licensed house shall reception into remain in force after twenty-eight days from the hospital. date of the medical certificates which have been given under the provisions of this Act in respect of such patient or the date of the last of them.

16. (1) Any order, request, medical certificate, Orders and medical ceror other document, by virtue of which any person tificates may be amended. has been received into a hospital for the insane, or licensed house, and which is incorrect or defective in any particular, may, with the approval of the Minister, be amended by the person who has signed the same; and the order, request, medical certificate or other document so amended shall thereupon be deemed to have operated and to operate from its original date.

- (2) If the order, request, certificate, or document is not so amended, the Minister may order the discharge of the person so received, and that person thereupon shall be discharged accordingly; or he may direct the superintendent of the hospital or licensed house to obtain a new order, request, certificate, or document, which shall be as effectual for all purposes as if it had been obtained, made, and executed previously to the reception of such person.
- (1) Whenever on any application to the Power of Court to Supreme Court having for its direct or indirect object the release of any person confined in a hospital for the insane or licensed house, the validity or effect of any warrant, order, request, certificate or document under which such person is held or which is relied on as justifying or purports to authorise his detention is questioned, the Court may make any such amendments therein as shall be in accordance with the facts existing when such order, request, certificate, or document was made or signed and as may be necessary to give due validity thereto for the purpose of this Act, and the document so amended shall have effect and be deemed to have had effect as if granted, made, or signed in the amended form.

requests and other documents. New section inserted by No. 28 of 1915. Effect to be given to orders and other documents as if proper amendments made therein. (2) Whenever any action is brought in any Court against any person for the detention of any person in a hospital for the insane, licensed house, or reception house, all such amendments shall be deemed to have been made in any warrant, order, request, certificate, or other document relied upon as justifying or purporting to justify the detention which might have been made therein if the validity or effect of such document had been questioned in such a proceeding as is mentioned in the last preceding subsection, and such document may be pleaded and relied on as a defence in the action accordingly.

Court may make order for restraint of person actually insane who applies for release.

- (3) Whenever any application is made to the Supreme Court having for its direct or indirect object the release of any person confined in a hospital for the insane or licensed house, and the Court considers that apart from this section the application should be granted, but is satisfied that such person is in fact insane, and that it is desirable that he be kept under restraint either for his own protection or benefit or the protection of any other person or the public, then the Court may, instead of granting his application, make such order for his restraint and proper care and control as the Court shall deem proper, and may (if it appears to the Court to be right to validate any detention prior to the date of the order) declare as from what date such order shall have effect, and the order shall have effect accordingly.
- (4) "Supreme Court" in this section includes any judge thereof.

Lost documents. New section inserted by No. 28 of 1915, 8. 5. 16B. Whenever it appears to any Court, Judge, or Magistrate that any order, warrant, request, certificate, or other document issued, signed, or given under this Act has been lost or mislaid, the Court, Judge, or Magistrate may order that any document purporting to be a copy of such document or to be a certificate of the contents thereof, and verified by such evidence as shall appear sufficient to such Court, Judge, or Magistrate, shall be

received and be available in lieu of the original, in any proceeding before such Judge, Court, or Magistrate.

17. Where any person has been found insane by Reception of any proceeding in the Court, an order signed by a found insane by persons any proceeding in the Court, an order signed by a found insane by proceeding ings before the Court, ings before the Court. and having thereto annexed an office copy of the order appointing such committee, shall be sufficient authority for the reception of such person into any hospital for the insane, or licensed house, without any further order, or any such medical certificate as hereinbefore mentioned.

Every person who receives any person into Penalty for receiving any hospital for the insane, reception house, licensed person into house, or other place appointed under this Act, without the requisite without such order, statement, and medical certifi- documents, cates, or other proper authority, as in such case is required under the provisions of this Act, is guilty of a misdemeanour.

Every person lawfully received into any Persons received into hospital for the insane, reception house, licensed house, or other place appointed under this Act shall retained, and on escape rebe detained therein until he be removed or captured discharged in the manner authorised by this Act, and in case of escape therefrom may be retaken at any time by the superintendent of such hospital, reception house, licensed house, or other place, or by any other officer, or any servant belonging thereto, or by any police officer, or by any other person authorised in that behalf by such superintendent, and may be conveyed to, and received, and detained in such hospital, reception house, licensed house, or other place.

20. The superintendent of a hospital for the voluntary insane, or the proprietor of a licensed house, with Amended by the written consent of two Justices, may receive and 5.4. lodge as a boarder, for the time specified in the

consent, any person who is desirous of voluntarily submitting to treatment, but after such time (unless extended by further consent) such boarder must be discharged. The intending boarder must himself apply to the Justices for their consent. A boarder may leave a hospital for the insane or a licensed house by giving twenty-four hours' notice to the superintendent or proprietor of his intention to do so.

A person under the age of twenty-one years may, on the application of his parent or guardian in the prescribed form, supported by a certificate from a duly qualified medical practitioner in private practice stating that it would be in the best interests of such person, and with the written consent of two justices, be received and lodged as a boarder under this section for the period specified in the consent, and on his behalf his parent or guardian may give any further consent or notice under this section.

PART III.—PROCEEDINGS BY WHICH PERSONS OF UNSOUND MIND MAY BE REMOVED TO AND FROM ANOTHER STATE.

Conventions with Governments of other States. 21. The Minister may, on behalf of the Government, from time to time, by convention or otherwise, agree with the Government of any other State for the apprehension, care, treatment, maintenance, and burial, and for the payment of the expenses, under the Lunacy statutes of that other State, of persons set at large in that State under the provisions of this Act; and for the care, treatment, and maintenance under those statutes of persons admitted from Western Australia, at the request of relations or friends, into lunatic asylums of the other States.

Justices may send persons found by them to be insane for treatment to another State. 22. (1) In any matter or proceeding under section seven of this Act, the Justices, on proof to their satisfaction of the matters in that section mentioned, and that it is for the benefit of the person found by them to be insane that he should be sent

for care, treatment, or maintenance to another State, with the Government of which an agreement has been made as aforesaid, may, by order in the form of Schedule Five, direct some person named in the order schedule, to take such person to such place as may be agreed upon by the said convention or otherwise, and as may be named in the order, and there to set him at large, and thereupon to identify him to some police officer nominated by the Government of such other State and named in the order, so that the police may apprehend such person in due course, under the provisions of the Lunacy statutes of such other State. to be dealt with thereunder.

The order shall be subject to the provisions of section seven of this Act, and shall be a sufficient authority to all persons for anything done in pursuance of the same.

- (2) The Justices shall forward the order, together with all certificates and evidence upon which the same has been made, to the police officer named in the order, and shall also forthwith forward to the Minister a true copy of the order and of the certificates and evidence.
- 23. Any person for whose care, treatment, or such persons to be deemed maintenance the Government has made provision insane insane. under any agreement made with the Government of cortain another State shall, so long as he remains an inmate of any lunatic asylum in that State, and so long as the first-mentioned Government is responsible for the payment of his maintenance therein, be deemed, with regard to the management and disposition of his property in Western Australia, and the liability of his relations residing therein to pay for or contribute to his maintenance, clothing, medicine, and care, to be an insane patient within the meaning of this Act.

patients for

24. Any right of action that may accrue to the Right of action Government against relations or friends of any vested in the Minister. person, for the payment of whose maintenance the Government has become responsible, shall be vested in the Minister.

Removal of patient to hospital in this State.

25. If at any time it is deemed expedient to remove any person, for the payment of whose care, treatment, and maintenance the Government is responsible, from any lunatic asylum in another State to any hospital for the insane in Western Australia, the Minister may order the removal of that person accordingly. The order of the Minister under his hand shall be a sufficient authority to any person named therein to apply to the proper authorities in such other State for the discharge of the first-mentioned person to his care, and to convey him to any hospital for the insane in Western Australia, and shall be a sufficient authority to the medical superintendent of the hospital for the insane to which that person is sent to receive him.

[PART IV.—Sections 26 to 32 repealed by No. 47 of 1912, S. 20.]

PART V.—HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE.

Governor may appoint hospitals for the insane. Amended by No. 74 of 1950, s. 5. 33. The Governor may, by notification published in the *Government Gazette*, appoint any place to be a hospital for the insane, and in and by such notification may assign a name to such hospital.

Any such appointment may be revoked in like manner.

All places appointed, or deemed to have been appointed to be lunatic asylums or hospitals for the insane under any former Act, where such appointment has not been revoked and is in force at the passing of this Act, shall be deemed to have been appointed and to be hospitals for the insane under this Act.

[74 of 1950 s. 5.] In respect of any institution or hospital under this Act or under any Act of which this Act is the principal Act, the Minister may establish out-patient clinics for the treatment of nervous or mental disorder. Any person voluntarily attending at any such clinic who appears to the medical superintendent of the hospital to be in need of in-patient treatment of short duration may, at such person's request or with

his consent, be admitted to the hospital as an inpatient for a period not exceeding two days without other formality.

The Governor may appoint for every hospital superintenda superintendent, who shall be a medical practitioner, and a deputy superintendent, and such other for each hospital. officers as he may deem necessary and may appoint Amended by welfare officers whose duties shall include the So. 74 of 1950, s. 6. making of reports upon the welfare and comfort of patients including out-patients to the Minister and the Inspector General.

Immediately on the admission of any person Aregister of attent into a hospital, an entry with respect be kept. as a patient into a hospital, an entry with respect to such patient shall be made in a book to be kept for that purpose, to be called the register of patients, in the form and containing the particulars specified in Schedule Eight, except as to the form of disorder, Eighth Schedule. the entry as to which shall be supplied by the superintendent of the hospital within one month after the admission of the patient, and except as to the discharge, removal, or death of the patient, the entry as to which shall be made when the same happens.

The Minister may direct the register to be kept in such other form, or to contain such other particulars as he may think fit.

36. After the second and before the end of the Notice of seventh clear day from the day of admission of any person as insane into a hospital, a notice of such admission shall be transmitted to the Minister in the form of Schedule Nine, with a copy of the Ninth Schedule, order, statement, and certificates, or other proper authority, on which such patient has been received. together with a statement to be made and signed by the superintendent of such hospital not sooner than two clear days after such admission, in the form of Schedule Ten.

Medical journal.

- 37. In every hospital the superintendent shall—
 - (1) Once at least in every week enter, or cause to be entered, in a book to be called the medical journal, a statement in the form of Schedule Ten; and

Tenth Schedule.

Case book.

- (2) Enter, or cause to be entered, in a book to be called the case book, as soon as may be after the admission of any patient, the mental state and bodily condition of every patient at the time of his admission, and the history of his case whilst he continues in such hospital; and
- (3) In case of death enter, or cause to be entered, in a book to be kept for the purpose, an exact account of the autopsy (if any) of the patient.

Entries to be made of deaths, discharges, removals, escapes, and recaptures, and notice given to the Minister. Eleventh Schedule. Twelfth Schedule. 38. Within forty-eight hours after the discharge, removal, escape, or recapture of any patient, a written notice thereof, in the form of Schedule Eleven, shall be transmitted to the Minister, and within forty-eight hours after the death, discharge, or removal of any patient an entry thereof shall be made in the said register of patients, and also in a book to be kept for the purpose, in the form and containing the particulars in Schedule Twelve.

Notice of death of patient to be transmitted to the Minister and to relations of patients. Thirteenth Schedule.

39. In case of the death of any patient in any hospital, a notice and statement, in the form of Schedule Thirteen, respecting the death and cause of the death of such patient, shall be drawn up and signed by the superintendent and transmitted (in addition to any notice of such death required by any law for the time being in force relating to the registration of deaths) within forty-eight hours after such death to the Minister, and also to a relation named in the statement subjoined to the order or request for admission of such patient, or to the person who signed such request, or to the committee, if any, who signed an order under section seventeen.

PART VI-LICENSED HOUSES.

- 1. For the reception of the insane.
- 40. The Governor may, subject to the provisions Governor in Council may hereinafter contained, by writing under his hand in the form or to the effect of Schedule Fourteen, for houses grant to any person or to two or more persons the insanc. jointly, a license, for any period not exceeding Fourteents. three years, to keep a house for the reception of a certain number of insane patients to be mentioned in such license, and may renew or revoke such license, and such grant, renewal, or revocation shall be, without delay, notified in the Government Gazette: Provided that there shall also be published in the Government Gazette, once in every year, as may be provided by regulation, a list of all licensed houses then subsisting.

(1) The person who desires to obtain a license intended for a house for the reception of insane patients shall application for and plan of licensed of licensed give a notice to the Minister containing-

house to be given to the Minister.

- (a) The name in full, place of abode, and occupation of such person; and
- (b) A true and full descrpition of his estate or interest in such house.
- (2) Such notice, when given for any house which has not been previously licensed, shall be accompanied by-
 - (a) A plan of the house, to be drawn upon a scale of not less than one-eight of an inch to a foot, with a description of the situation thereof, and the length, breadth, and height of, and a reference by a figure or letter to, every room or apartment therein;
 - (b) A statement of the quantity of land not covered by any building annexed to such house, and to be appropriated to the exclusive use, exercise, and recreation of the patients proposed to be received therein; and

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- (c) A statement of the number of patients proposed to be received into such house, and whether the license so applied for is for the reception of male or female patients, or both, and if for the reception of both, of the number of each sex proposed to be received into such house, and of the means by which one sex may be kept distinct and apart from the other.
- (d) A statement of the provision made for protection against fire.

What may be included in one license.

42. Any one license to be granted for the reception of insane patients may include two or more houses belonging to one proprietor or two or more joint proprietors:

Provided that no one of such houses be separated from the other or others of them otherwise than by land in the occupation of such proprietor or proprietors, and by a road, or by either of such modes; and all houses, buildings, and lands intended to be included in any license shall be specified, delineated, and described in the plan hereinbefore required.

Notice of all additions and alterations to be given to the Minister. 43. No addition or alteration shall be made to, in, or about any licensed house or the appurtenances thereof, unless previous notice in writing of such proposed addition or alteration, accompanied by a plan of such addition or alteration to be drawn upon the scale aforesaid, and to be accompanied by such description as aforesaid, has been given by the licensee to the Minister, and the consent in writing of such Minister has been previously given.

Every person applying for the renewal of a license to furnish a statement as to the patients then detained. 44. Any person applying for the renewal of a license shall, with such application, transmit to the Minister a statement signed by the person so applying, contained the names and number of the patients of either sex then detained in such house.

45. If any licensee by sickness, or for other Provision in sufficient reason, becomes incapable of keeping the incapacity of the person licensed house, or dies before the expiration of the licensed license, the Minister may, by writing indorsed on such license, transfer the said license, with all the privileges and obligations annexed thereto, for the term then unexpired, to such person as he may approve.

In the meantime such license shall remain in force and have the same effect as if granted to such person.

In case a license has been or is granted to two or more persons, and before the expiration thereof any of such persons dies leaving the other or others surviving, such license shall remain in force and have the same effect as if granted to such survivors or survivor.

If any licensed house is pulled down or Incase of a occupied under the provisions of any Act, or is house being rendered by fire, tempest, or other accident unfit for public purthe accommodation of insane patients, or if the accidentally rendered unperson keeping such house desires to transfer the patients to another house, the Minister may grant to the licensee of such house a license to keep patients to a new house. another house for the reception of insane patients. for any time not exceeding the period for which the current license is then held:

fit, or of the keeper wish-ing to trans-

Provided that a like notice, accompanied by a like plan, statement, and description shall be given as to such intended new house as is hereby required when application is first made for a license for any house, and shall be accompanied by a statement in writing of the cause of such change of house.

Before the revocation of any license, notice Notice of in writing shall, seven clear days previously, be licenses. given to the licensee, or shall be left at the licensed house.

Penalty for detention of patients after expiration or revocation of license. 48. If, after a lapse of two months from the expiration of any license for the use of any house for the reception of the insane which has not been renewed, or if after the revocation of any such license there is in any such house any insane patient, every person keeping such house or having the care and charge of such patient shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding One hundred pounds, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, not exceeding six months.

No unauthorised person to take charge of any patient for profit. 49. No person (unless he is a person who derives no profit from the charge, or a committee, or person appointed by the Court, or otherwise authorised under this Act) shall receive to board or lodge in any house, or take the care or charge of, any patient.

Any person offending against this provision shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding One hundred pounds or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, not exceeding six months.

Resident medical practitioner. 50. (1) Every licensed house containing more than twenty-five patients shall have at all times a medical practitioner resident therein, whose name in full shall be given in the notice of application for the license, and such medical practitioner, whether he is the licensee or proprietor or not, shall be the superintendent thereof.

The licensee of such house may remove such medical practitioner and appoint some other medical practitioner, giving a notice containing the name in full of such medical practitioner to the Minister.

Visiting medical practitioner. (2) Every licensed house containing over ten patients shall be visited daily by a medical practitioner.

- (3) Every licensed house containing ten or less than ten patients shall be visited twice a week by a medical practitioner.
- (4) In all cases where a medical practitioner is not appointed as superintendent, the licensee shall be the superintendent of the house named in the license.
- (5) When any house is licensed to contain less than ten patients, the Minister may permit such house to be visited by a medical practitioner less frequently than twice in every week.
- No license shall be of any validity unless the superintendent of the state of the s superintendent of the house licensed resides therein and the house is visited by a medical practitioner as and at such times as hereinbefore mentioned. and each medical practitioner shall, on the occasion of each visit, examine and sign the medical journal and the medical case book.

Every superintendent of a licensed house superintendshall, within two days after the reception of a any patient patient, make an entry with respect to such patient into a licensed house to make an entry with purpose to be called entry thereof the register of patients, in the form and containing form. the particulars required in Schedule Eight of this Behedule. Act, or such other form and containing such other particulars as the Minister mandirect (except as to the form of the mental disorder, and except also as to the discharge, removal, or death of the patient, the entry as to which latter shall be made and signed by such superintendent when the same happens).

Every superintendent who does not make such Penalty. entries within or at the times aforesaid shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Ten pounds.

Form of patient's disorder to be entered in the register of the patients by medical officer. 53. The form of the mental disorder of every patient received into any licensed house shall, within seven days after his reception, be entered in the said register of patients by the medical officer of such house. Every medical officer who omits to make and sign any such entry within the time aforesaid shall, for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding Ten pounds.

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Notice of admission, with statement concerning mental disorder, to be sent to Minister.

Amended by No. 28 of 1915, s. 6.

54. The superintendent of every licensed house shall, within twenty-four hours after the admission of any patient, transmit to the Minister a notice of such admission in the form of Schedule Nine of this Act, with a copy of the order, statement, and medical certificates, or other proper authority, on which such person has been received; and after two clear days and before seven clear days after such admission shall transmit to the Minister a statement to be made and signed by the medical officer of such licensed house, not sooner than two clear days after such admission, in the form of Schedule Nine.

Every superintendent who neglects to transmit such copy, notice, or statement to the Minister shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding One hundred pounds, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, not exceeding six months.

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55. Every superintendent of a licensed house shall, once in every week, enter and sign in a book to be kept at such house for that purpose, to be called the medical journal, a statement in the form of Schedule Ten.

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Penalty.

Every such superintendent who omits to enter such report as aforesaid shall, for every such omission, be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty pounds.

A medical case-book to be kept. 56. There shall be kept in every licensed house a book to be called the medical case-book, in the form and manner directed by the Minister, in which

the superintendent shall make, or cause to be made, entries of the mental state and bodily condition of each patient, together with a correct description of the medicine and other remedies prescribed for the treatment of his disorder.

The Minister may require the superintendent to transmit to him a correct copy of the entries in such medical case-book relative to the case of any patient who is or has been confined in any such licensed house.

Every such superintendent who neglects to keep Penalty. the said medical case-book, or to keep the same according to the form directed, or to transmit a copy of the entries pursuant to such direction or requisition, shall, for every such offence, be liable to a penalty not exceding Ten pounds.

57. Whenever any patient escapes from any Notices to be licensed house, the superintendent shall, within of the escape two clear days next after such escape, transmit a patient and of his being brought back.

Such notice shall state the name in full of the patient who has so escaped, and his then state of mind, and also the circumstances connected with such escape.

If the patient is brought back to the house, the superintendent shall, within two clear days next thereafter, transmit a written notice thereof to the Minister; and such notice shall state when such person was so brought back and the circumstances connected with his bringing back, and whether with or without a fresh order and certificates or certificate.

Every superintendent omitting to transmit such Penalty. notice, whether of escape or return, shall, for every such omission, be liable to a penalty not exceeding Ten pounds.

Entry to be made and notice given in case of the death, discharge, or removal of any patient. 58. Whenever any patient is removed or discharged from any licensed house, or dies therein, the superintendent shall, within two clear days next after such removal, discharge, or death,—

Thirteenth Schedule.

- (1) Make and sign an entry thereof in a book to be kept for that purpose, in the form and stating the particulars in Schedule Thirteen; and
- (2) In the case of a death, within two days after such death, transmit to the Minister (in addition to any notice of such death required by any law now or hereafter to be in force relating to the registration of deaths) a written notice of the death of such patient, and of the cause thereof, in the form of Schedule Thirteen of this Act; and
- (3) In the case of the removal or discharge of such patient, transmit to the Minister a written notice of such removal or discharge, in the form of Schedule Eleven.

Eleventh Schedule.

The superintendent shall also, in the case of death, transmit a copy of such notice to one of the relations named in the statement subjoined to the order or request for admission, or to the person who signed such request, or to the committee, if any, who signed an order for admission under section seventeen hereof.

Every superintendent who neglects to make and sign such entry, or transmit such notice or notices, shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding One hundred pounds, or to imprisonment with or without hard labour, not exceeding six months.

2. For the reception of a single patient.

Minister may grant licenses for houses for the reception of a single insane patient. 59. (1) The Minister may grant to any person, or to two or more persons jointly, a license to keep a house for the reception of a single insane patient, and from time to time may renew or revoke such license.

(2) No person licensed under this section shall But no perreceive to board or lodge in any such licensed house for reward, or shall take the care or charge of any patient without the like order, statement, and as are required on rerespect of such patient as in hereinbefore required for the on the recention of a national interpretation in the interpretation in the interpretation in the interpretation into an interpretation interpretation into an int medical certificates, or other proper authority, in on the reception of a patient into a hospital for the insane.

ensed to take patients without such

(3) Every person licensed under this section shall, within twenty-four hours after receiving a patient, transmit to the Minister a notice of such admission in the form of Schedule Nine, together with copies of the order, statement, and medical certificates, or other proper authority on which such patient has been so received; and shall also, after the second and before the end of the seventh clear day from such admission, cause each patient to be visited by a medical practitioner, and forthwith transmit to the Minister a statement in the form of Schedule Nine, to be made and signed by such medical practitioner so visiting such patient after such admission.

Ninth Schedule.

(1) Every such patient shall, after the Patient to be second and before the end of the seventh clear day medical practitioner. after his admission, and thereafter at least once every two weeks, be visited by a medical practitioner not himself deriving, and not having a partner, father, son, brother, or other relative who derives any profit from the care and charge of such patient; and such medical practitioner shall enter and sign in a book to be kept for that purpose, to be called the medical journal (regulations as to Medical journal. the form of which and the particulars to be entered therein shall be made by the Minister).—

- (a) The date of each of his visits;
- (b) A statement of the condition of the patient's health, both mental and bodily, and of the condition of the house in which the patient is.

(2) Such book shall be produced to the Inspector General on every visit, and shall be signed by him as having been so produced; and the person by whom the care or charge of such patient has been taken, or into whose house he has been received as aforesaid, shall transmit to the like persons the like notices and statements of the death, removal, escape, and recapture of such patient, and within the like periods as are hereinbefore required in the case of the death, removal, escape, or recapture of a patient received into a licensed house.

Every person who fails to comply with the regulations made as aforesaid shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding One hundred pounds or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, not exceeding six months.

Minister may order examination of patient in private houses. 61. (1) If any occupier or inmate of any private house keeps or detains therein any person who is insane, although he is a relative of such occupier or inmate, beyond the period of a year after the malady has become apparent and confirmed, and where the case has been such as to require, during any part of such period, coercion or restraint, such occupier or inmate, or the medical practitioner attending such person so detained, shall intimate such detention to the Minister and shall transmit to the Minister a written certificate signed by a medical practitioner of the condition of the person so detained, and shall state the reasons which rendered it desirable that such person should remain under private care.

The Minister may thereupon, or without such intimation, authorise the Inspector General or a Justice (such Justice to be accompanied by a medical practitioner) to visit and inspect such person, and to make such inquiry respecting his treatment as to such Inspector General or Justice and medical practitioner may seem fit.

- (2) If upon such inquiry it appears that such person is insane, and has been so for a space exceeding a year, and that restraint or coercion of any kind has been resorted to, and that the circumstances are such as to render the removal of such person to a hospital for the insane or licensed house necessary or expedient, the Minister may order the removal of such person accordingly; and the order of the Minister under his hand shall be sufficient authority to the superintendent of such hospital or licensed house to which such person is sent to receive him accordingly.
- (3) Any person who keeps, harbours, conceals, or Penalty. aids in keeping, harbouring, or concealing, beyond such period as aforesaid, any such person as insane without such intimation thereof to the Minister, and any medical practitioner attending on such person kept or detained as insane beyond such period who wilfully neglects to disclose the condition of such person so kept or detained to the Minister, shall severally, for every such offence, be liable to a penalty not exceeding Two hundred pounds or to imprisonment for any period not exceeding three months.

PART VII.—RECEPTION-HOUSES, ETC., FOR THE TEMPORARY TREATMENT OF THE INSANE.

62. The Governor may, by notification in the Governor may appoint Government Gazette, appoint such houses and reception-houses for premises as he may think expedient for the reception and temporary treatment of the insane, and every such house and premises shall be a reception-house for the insane; and any such appointment may be revoked in like manner.

Every reception-house appointed or deemed to have been appointed under any former Act, where such appointment has not been revoked, and is in force at the passing of this Act, shall be deemed to have been appointed under this Act.

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Governor to appoint superintendent and medical officer. Amended by No. 42 of 1920,

63. The Governor may appoint a superintendent and a medical officer for every such reception-house.

One person may be appointed both medical officer and superintendent of any such reception-house.

Minister to make regulations. 64. The Minister shall make regulations for the government of reception-houses.

Wards in pubic hospitals for temporary reception of insane. 65. The Governor may, by notification in the Government Gazette, declare wards of any hospital or infirmary for the care and treatment of the sick or of any benevolent asylum, which may be set apart for such purpose by the committee, or the persons in whose hands is vested the management of such hospital, infirmary, or benevolent asylum, to be wards for the temporary reception of the insane; and thereupon the Minister shall make regulations for the dietary treatment and inspection of patients in such wards.

Justice may order the detention of an insane person in receptionhouse, etc. Seventh Schedule. 66. Any Justice may, by order under his hand in the form of Schedule Seven hereto, direct the reception and detention of any person (for whose reception into an hospital for the insane or licensed house the necessary order, medical certificates, and statement, or other proper authority has been signed and remains in force) in any such reception-house, or in any prison, or in any hospital for immediate treatment.

No person to be detained in any receptionhouse, etc., longer than fourteen days. 67. No insane patient shall be detained in any reception-house, prison, or public hospital beyond a period of fourteen days unless the medical officer thereof certifies, in writing, that such person is not in a fit state to be removed therefrom, or would be benefited by remaining therein, and in such case the removal of such patient shall be suspended until the visiting medical officer certifies that such person is fit to be removed.

68. [Repealed by No. 42 of 1920, s. 4.]

PART VIII.-HOSPITALS FOR THE CRIMINAL INSANE.

69. The Governor may, by notification published in the Government Gazette, declare that any hospital for the insane, prison, or place, or part of any such the criminal hospital, prison, or place, provided for or appropriated for that purpose shall be a hospital for the criminal insane, and any such appointment may be revoked in like manner.

Governor mav appoint hospital for insane.

70. The Governor may appoint for every hospital Governor for the criminal insane a superintendent, a medical superintendent officer, and such other officers as he may deem officers. necessary.

Amended by No. 42 of 1920,

The offices of superintendent and medical officer may be held by one person.

71. The Minister shall make regulations for the Minister to government and management of hospitals for the regulations. criminal insane.

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Immediately on the admission of any person Register of as a patient in a hospital for the criminal insane. an entry with respect to such patient shall be made in a book to be kept for that purpose, to be called the register of patients, in the form and containing the particulars specified in Schedule Eight of this Eighth Schedule. Act, except as to the form of disorder, the entry as to which is to be supplied by the medical officer of the hospital within one month after admission of the patient, and except as to the discharge, removal, or death of the patient, the entry as to which is to be made when the same happens.

patients to be kept.

The Minister may direct the register to be kept in such other form or to contain such other particulars as he may think fit.

Medical journal.

- 73. In every hospital for the criminal insane the superintendent thereof shall—
 - (1) Once at least in every week enter, or cause to be entered, in a book to be called the medical journal, a statement in the form in Schedule Ten of this Act. and

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Case book.

- (2) Enter, or cause to be entered, in a book to be called the case book, as soon as may be after the admission of any patient, the mental state and bodily condition of every patient at the time of his admission, and the history of his case whilst he continues in such hospital, and
- (3) In case of death enter, or cause to be entered, in a book to be kept for the purpose an exact account of the autopsy (if any) of the patient.

Entries to be made of deaths, discharges, removals, escapes, and recaptures, and notice given to the Minister. Eleventh Schedule. Thirteenth Schedule. Twelfth Schedule.

74. Within forty-eight hours after the death, discharge, removal, escape, or recapture of any patient, a written notice thereof in the form of Schedules Eleven and Thirteen respectively shall be transmitted to the Minister, and within forty-eight hours after the death, discharge, or removal of any patient an entry thereof shall be made in the said register of patients, and also in a book to be kept for the purpose in the form and containing the particulars in Schedule Twelve.

Persons found to be insane before trial to be sent to hospital for the criminal insane.

Amended by No. 42 of 1920, s. 6.

Sixteenth Schedule.

75. (1) When any person committed to take his trial for any offence is certified by two medical practitioners in the form of Schedule One of this Act to be insane, or is upon arraignment found by verdict to be insane, the Minister may direct, by order under his hand in the form of Schedule Sixteen of this Act, that such person be removed to a hospital for the criminal insane, and detained in such hospital until he is certified by the medical officer. or the Inspector General or a majority (which shall include a medical practitioner) of the board of visitors to be of sound mind, whereupon

the Minister shall order his removal to the prison from whence he came, in order to be tried for such offence.

- (2) Such detention for any period shall not operate as a bar to his subsequent indictment and trial for such offence.
- 76. If any person while detained in any prison Procedure in for debt, or in any prison, reformatory, industrial school, or other place of confinement, in detention consequence of any summary conviction or order appearing insane. by any Justice or in default of bail, appears to be insane, the Minister may, upon the receipt of certificates by two medical practitioners in the form of Schedule One of this Act, accompanied by First Schedule. a statement of particulars in the form of Schedule Four of this Act, direct, by order under his hand, schedule. that such person be removed to and kept in such hospital for the insane or for the criminal insane as he may judge proper and appoint, until it is duly certified by the superintendent of such hospital and by the Inpector General, or by the superintendent and two official visitors, that such person has become of sound mind, whereupon the Minister shall, if such person remains subject to be continued in custody, issue his order to the superintendent of such hospital, directing that such person be removed to the prison, reformatory, industrial school, or other place from whence he has been taken, or to some other prison or place of confinement, or, if the period of detention or custody has expired, that he be discharged.

If any person while imprisoned in any Procedure on certain prison, or penal establishment, under any sentence prisoners of hard labour or imprisonment imposed otherwise appearing to be insane. than on the conviction or order of Justices appears to be insane, the Inspector General of prisons shall direct that such prisoner be placed under observation as in section eighty-four of this Act mentioned. and the Minister may, upon the receipt of certificates by two medical practitioners in the form of

reference to certain persons under

First Schedule. Fifteenth Schedule.

Sixteenth Schedule. Schedule One of this Act, accompanied by a statement of particulars in the form of Schedule Fifteen of this Act, direct, by order under his hand in the form of Schedule Sixteen of this Act, that such person be removed to and kept in a hospital for the criminal insane, until it is duly certified by the medical officer of such hospital, and by the Inspector General, or by the said medical officer and two official visitors that such person has become of sound mind, whereupon the Minister shall, if such person remains subject continued in custody, issue his order to the superintendent of such hospital, directing that such person be removed to the prison or penal establishment from whence he has been taken, or to some other prison or penal establishment, or, if the period of his imprisonment has expired, that he be discharged.

Procedure on prisoner under sentence of death appearing insane. 78. If it is made to appear to the Minister by any means whatsoever that there is good reason to believe that any prisoner in confinement under sentence of death is then insane, the Minister may appoint two or more medical practitioners to inquire into the insanity of such prisoner.

If on such inquiry such prisoner is found to be then insane, the fact shall be certified in writing by such practitioners to the Minister.

On receipt of such certificate the said Minister may, by order under his hand, direct that such prisoner be removed to and kept in a hospital for the criminal insane or other proper place for the reception of insane prisoners, until it is duly certified by the medical officer of such hospital or place and by the Inspector General, or by the said medical officer and two official visitors, that such person has become of sound mind, whereupon the Minister shall issue his order that such person be removed to any prison or other place of confinement to undergo his sentence of death or to be dealt with according to law, as if no such order for his removal to a hospital for the criminal insane had been issued.

79. When by reason of the expiration of his Minister to term of imprisonment, or otherwise, any person confined in any hospital for the criminal insane would, if duly certified to be of sound mind, be sentence, insantly still certified to be of sound mind, be confined in any hospital for the criminal insane on expiration of sentence, insantly still certified to be of sound mind, be considered to the confined many functions and the confined many functions are confined in any hospital for the criminal insane or confined in any hospital fo entitled to his discharge, the Minister may (upon existing. the certificate of the medical officer of such hospital that the person is still insane), by writing under his hand, order his discharge and removal to some other hospital for the insane, not being a hospital for the criminal insane, or that he be otherwise subjected to the same care and treatment, and be dealt with in all respects as an insane patient, not being a criminal:

Provided that when such insane patient is certified by such medical officer to suffer from homicidal propensities, or from insanity of such a kind as hospital for the criminal renders it advisable that he should be detained in insane. a hospital for the criminal insane, the Minister may order such detention after the expiration of his sentence.

Patient when dangerous may be detained in

80. When any person detained in a hospital for the criminal insane whose sentence is unexpired, is certified by the medical officer and the Inspector may be removed. General, or by the medical officer and two official visitors, to be demented and not dangerous, the Minister may direct his removal therefrom to any other hospital for the insane not being a hospital for the criminal insane.

Insane patient becoming demented

81. When any person is ordered to be kept in custody during the Governor's pleasure, any order made by the Governor in relation to the custody of such person may be renewed and varied from time to time.

Governor may liberate on conditions.

The Governor may permit any person confined in any hospital for the criminal insane, not being a person under conviction and sentence, to be liberated from custody or confinement, upon such terms and conditions as he may think fit. On the breach of any such conditions, such person may be retaken and dealt with as hereinafter enacted in case of an escape.

Escaped insane patient may be recaptured.

82. In case of the escape of any person confined in any hospital for the criminal insane, he may be retaken at any time by the superintendent of such hospital, or any officer or servant belonging thereto, or any police officer, or any person assisting such superintendent, officer, servant, or police officer, or any other person authorised by the Minister or such superintendent, and shall be conveyed to and received and detained in such hospital.

Persons attempting to commit suicide and found insane not to be subsequently tried for the offence.

First Schedule.

83. Any person committed to take his trial for having attempted to commit suicide who is certified by two medical practitioners, in the form of Schedule One hereto, to be insane shall forthwith be sent to a hospital for the insane other than a hospital for the criminal insane, and such person, when certified by the medical officer and the Inspector General, or by the medical officer and an official visitor, to be of sound mind, shall be discharged from such hospital, and shall not be put upon his trial or be liable to any charge or indictment for having attempted such act of suicide.

Governor to appoint wards or cells for observing supposed insane persons in prisons. 84. The Governor may, by notification published in the Government Gazette, set apart a ward or cells in any prison or penal establishment for the detention of any prisoner who may be supposed to be insane or who from mental imbecility may be supposed to be unfit for penal discipline, in order that he may be there placed under observation until it is certified by two medical practitioners, one of whom shall be either the Inspector General or the superintendent or medical officer of a hospital for the insane, that he is of sound mind or is insane and a fit subject for detention in a hospital for the criminal insane.

PART IX.-INSPECTION, TRANSFER, AND DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS.

1. Inspection of patients.

(1) The Governor may appoint an Inspector Power to General, and during the absence from the State of Inspector General at the Inspector General, or his inability to act from deputy. illness or other cause, a Deputy Inspector General, who shall, until such appointment is revoked, have all the powers and duties of the Inspector General.

General and

- (2) The office of Inspector General may, for such time as the Governor thinks fit, be held together with the office of superintendent of any hospital for the insane.
- (1) Institutions 86. under this Act and hospitals established and wards and receptionhouses constituted under any Act of which this Act is the principal Act—

Inspector General to visit by No. 74 of 1950, s. 7.

- (a) shall, once at least in every year, be thoroughly inspected by the Inspector General, who shall then see the patients therein and shall fully report to the Minister thereon, on the patients therein, the buildings and grounds thereof and the appurtenances thereto, and on matters referred to him by the Ministers:
- (b) may, and any patients therein and the records thereof, be inspected by Inspector General when and for as long as he thinks fit.

and it shall be the duty of the staff thereof to afford such assistance to the Inspector General on any inspection as he may require.

(2) Whenever the Minister in writing directs the Inspector General to inspect any institution or place wherein any insane patient, or person represented to be insane or to be under restraint as insane is confined, or alleged to be confined, the Inspector General shall, and is hereby authorised to inspect and inquire into, or cause to be inspected and inquired into, the state of that institution or place and the patient or person referred to in this subsection, and shall report to the Minister the result of that inspection and inquiry.

(3) A copy of every report made by the Inspector General to the Minister under this section, in so far as it concerns any institution, hospital, ward or reception house, shall be forwarded to the superintendent thereof by the Inspector General.

Inquiries to be made by Inspector General. Amended by No. 74 of 1950, s. 8

- 87. (1) The Inspector General, on his several visitations to every such institution, ward, hospital, reception-house, and licensed house, and to every such ward or cells as aforesaid, shall inquire as to the care, treatment, and mental and bodily health of the patients therein, and the arrangements for their maintenance and comfort—
 - (a) As to whether any patient is under restraint or in seclusion, and why;
 - (b) As to whether and at what times and to what number of patients Divine Service is performed;
 - (c) As to what occupations or amusements are provided for the patients;
 - (d) As to the classification and dietary of the patients and the number of attendants and nurses;
 - (e) As to the moneys paid for the maintenance of any insane patient;

with all such other inquiries as to such Inspector General may seem fit.

(2) The Inspector General shall examine the several books by this Act required to be kept, and sign the said books as having been produced to him, and shall inspect the order and certificates for the reception of every patient who has been received

into such hospital, licensed house, reception house, or other place since the last visit of the Inspector General thereto.

88. The Inspector General shall, once at least in Inspector General to every six months, and may, at all reasonable times, visit houses licensed for visit every house licensed under this Act for the a single reception of one insane patient only, and shall to report. inquire as to the treatment and state of health, both mental and bodily, of such patient, and as to the moneys paid to the superintendent or licensee on account of such patient, and report thereon to the Minister.

89. The Inspector General shall, early in every year, make a report in writing to the Minister of to make an the state and condition of the several hospitals. to Minister. licensed houses, reception houses, and other places visited by him during the preceding year, and of the care of the patients therein, and of such other particulars as he shall think deserving of notice, and a true copy of such report shall forthwith be laid before both Houses of Parliament if then in session, or if not then in session, within twenty-one days after the commencement of the next session of Parliament.

Inspector General

The Inspector General shall have no interest. directly or indirectly, in any licensed house for the have no insane, and shall not sign any certificate for the licensed admission of any patient into any hospital or admission of any patient into any hospital or sign licensed house, except for the admission of persons except in the except in the case of the of unsound mind undergoing sentence in some case of the prison or penal establishment into any hospital for the criminal insane.

Inspector General to interest in house nor insane.

91. All plans for building, or enlarging, or Plans, etc. improving any hospital for the insane or the to be submitted to criminal insane, reception house, public hospital, or ward, or cells for the insane in any prison, shall be submitted to the Inspector General, who shall

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report thereon in writing to the Minister, and no plan shall be carried into effect without such report as aforesaid.

Plans of houses proposed to be licensed and of additions and alterations to be submitted to Inspector General.

92. All plans of houses for which a license for the reception of insane patients is sought to be obtained under this Act, and for additions to or alterations to, in, or about those already licensed, shall be submitted to the Inspector General, who shall report thereon in writing to the Minister and no license shall be granted for the reception of insane patients, and no addition or alteration to, in, or about such house already licensed shall be undertaken without such report as aforesaid.

Plan of hospital or house, and Inspector General's book to be kept.

93. There shall be hung up in some conspicuous part of every hospital, whether for the insane or for the criminal insane, reception house, or licensed house, a copy of the plan of such hospital, reception house, or licensed house, and there shall be kept in every such hospital, reception house, and licensed house a copy of this Act bound up in a book to be called the Inspector General's book, and the Inspector General shall, at the time of visitations, enter therein the result of his inspection and inquiries hereinbefore directed or authorised to be made by him, with such observations (if any) as he thinks proper.

Board of Visitors. Substituted by No. 42 of 1920, s. 7,1

- 94. (1) There shall be a board of visitors for every institution.
- (2) Such board shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor. One of such members shall be a legal practitioner in actual practice, two shall be medical practitioners, the remaining two members shall belong neither to the legal nor to the medical profession, and one of them shall be a woman.

- (3) A member shall hold office for three years and no longer, but he may within that period resign or be removed from office by the Governor. He shall be deemed to have vacated his position if he becomes incapable of discharging the duties of his office. A person who has been a member shall, if capable of acting, be eligible for re-appointment.
- (4) The members for the time being of any board may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body.
- (5) There shall be a chairman, who shall be a member appointed by the board, of every board, and if any chairman dies or declines or becomes incapable to act as chairman or ceases to be a member of the board, then the board may appoint some other member to be chairman. If the chairman is absent from any meeting, the majority of the members present at the meeting may elect a chairman for the meeting.
- (6) Meetings of a board may be summoned by the chairman or any three members. Three shall form a quorum at any meeting, and subject to this Act questions shall be decided by a majority of votes. The chairman of a meeting shall have a vote, and in the event of equality of votes he shall have a casting vote.
- (7) One board may be appointed for two or more institutions, and any person may be a member of two or more boards.
- (8) Members of a board shall receive, out of moneys appropriated by Parliament, such fees as may be prescribed by regulation.
- (9) No person who is directly or indirectly interested in any institution shall be or act as a member of the board thereof, or sign any certificate for the admission of any person thereinto, and no

medical practitioner shall professionally attend on any patient in any licensed house if he is a member of the board thereof.

- (10) A board may make regulations for prescribing the procedure and method to be followed and observed in the transaction and performance of the board's business and duties.
- (11) No person in the service of the Crown or of any department or agency of the Crown shall be eligible for appointment as a member of a board.

Powers and duties of Board. Substituted by No. 74 of 1950, s. 9.1

- 95. (1) The Board of any institution or a majority of the Board shall—
 - (a) visit such institution with or without any previous notice and at such hours of the day or night and for such length of time as it may think fit at least once in every month and also at such other times as the Minister may direct;
 - (b) inspect at least once in every three months every part of such institution where patients are accommodated or employed and such other parts of the institution as appertain to the welfare of the patients and shall give to patients every reasonable opportunity of complaint;
 - (c) be present at least once in each and every month for the purpose of interviewing such of the patients as may desire to see the Board and for receiving complaints in so far as the welfare of the patients is concerned;
 - (d) inspect and consider, so far as may be deemed necessary, the orders, requests, and certificates relating to the patients;
 - (e) make such enquiries, examinations and inspections as it may from time to time deem necessary in the interests and welfare of the patients with particular

¹S. 95 formerly repealed and re-enacted by No. 42 of 1920, s. 7.

- regard to the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of section eighty-seven of this Act;
- (f) enter in its minutes a record of the proceedings and transactions of each meeting of the Board and transmit a copy of such minutes to the Minister and to the Inspector General.
- (2) The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, and shall when required so to do by the Minister, make recommendations to the Minister regarding the administration of this Act in so far as the welfare of the patients is concerned, except in regard to medical treatment.
- (3) At each monthly visit the Board shall include in its minutes a statement of the numbers of patients at the institution compared with the numbers at its last previous visitation and at each quarterly meeting shall include a report of its inspection under paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section.
- (4) The Board may at any time make a special investigation of any case, and visit and report to the Minister upon the mental and bodily condition and treatment of any patient in any such institution as aforesaid.
- (5) The Board shall from time to time make reports to the Minister upon the management of the institution, and the observance of the regulations concerning the welfare and conduct of patients and may make recommendations with regard to the management, and amendments to regulations generally.

Copies of all such reports and recommendations shall, as soon as conveniently may be, be laid before both House of Parliament.

(6) (a) The Board may order any patient to be examined by a psychiatrist selected by it, and the psychiatrist is authorised to carry out the examination;

(b) So soon as reasonably may be after the completion of the examination, the psychiatrist shall furnish a report on the result of the examination to the Board and shall furnish a copy of the report to the Minister and to the Inspector General.

2. Transfer of patients.

Minister may order transfer of patients. 96. (1) The Minister may direct, by an order in writing, the removal of any patient from any hospital for the insane or licensed house to any other such hospital or licensed house.

Every such order shall be in duplicate, and one copy shall be delivered to the superintendent of the hospital or licensed house from which the patient is ordered to be removed, and the other shall be delivered to the superintendent of the hospital or licensed house into which the patient is ordered to be removed.

Such order for removal shall be a sufficient authority for the removal of such patient and also for his reception into the hospital or licensed house into which he is ordered to be removed and for his detention therein or thereby.

(2) A copy of the order, statement, or other proper authority with which such patient was received into the hospital or licensed house from which he is removed, together with an abstract of his treatment and progress certified by the superintendent of such hospital or licensed house (or in the case of a house licensed under section fifty-nine of this Act of the licensee thereof) shall be delivered with one copy of the said order of removal to the superintendent of the hospital or licensed house to which such patient is removed.

Insane
persons or
patients may
be taken out
of Western
Australia by
order of the
Court.

97. (1) If it is made to appear to the Court that any insane person or patient has relations or friends in any place beyond Western Australia who are willing to undertake the care and charge of such insane person or patient, and that it would be for his benefit if he were to be removed to such place,

the Court may order such insane person or patient to be removed from Western Australia, and make such further or other order authorising or directing his removal and touching his safe custody and maintenance as to such Court seems fit, and may order that security be given for the safe custody and maintenance of such insane person or patient in any such place beyond Western Australia.

- (2) No order shall be made for the removal of any such insane person or patient until after fourteen days' notice of the intention to apply for such an order has been given to the superintendent of the hospital or licensed house in which such insane person or patient is confined, or to the person in whose care or custody such insane person or patient is, unless such superintendent or person is himself the person applying for such an order.
- 98. (1) The superintendent of any hospital for the insane or licensed house may, with the consent of the inspector of the inspector General, send or take General may send as under proper control any patient to any specified place for any definite time for the benefit of his or permit health, and also permit any patient to be absent his absence from any such hospital or licensed house upon trial for such period as may be thought fit:

Provided always that before giving any such consent the Inspector General may require the approval in writing of the person who signed the request, or of the committee who signed the order for the reception of such patient, or of the person by whom the last payment on account of such patient has been made.

(2) In case any person so allowed to be absent for the benefit of his health or on trial for any period does not return at the expiration thereof, and a medical certificate as to his state of mind certifying that his detention as an insane patient is no longer necessary is not sent to the superintendent or licensee of such hospital or licensed house, such person may at any time after the expiration of the same period be retaken as in the case of an escape.

Boarding-out of harmless patients. 99. Where the superintendent of a hospital for the insane certifies that the patient named in the certificate is harmless and is free from any symptoms which would indicate any tendency of a character dangerous either to the patient himself or to others, the Inspector General may, by order indorsed by him upon the certificate, commit such patient to the care of a person to be named in the order, to reside and board with him in accordance with and subject to regulations to be made under this Act.

Order for conveyance of patient.

100. The person in charge of an insane patient during conveyance to any hospital for the insane, or licensed house, or to a place in another State under the provisions of Part III. of this Act, shall have an order in writing by the Justices who have examined the patient, or by the Minister, or a request under section ten of this Act duly signed and authenticated by a Justice, and shall produce the same when required to do so by any Justice.

3. Discharge of patients.

Patient to be discharged by direction of person who signed the order or request for his admission.

101. When any person who signed the request or the committee who signed the order on which any patient was received into any hospital or licensed house, whether or not such patient has since been removed under any order made under this Act or otherwise to any other hospital or licensed house, directs by writing under his hand that such patient be discharged, such patient shall forthwith be discharged.

102. If such person or committee as last aforesaid Provision is dead or is incapable by reason of insanity, absence who signed the original ways and the signed who signed signed from Western Australia, or otherwise of giving such request for direction for the discharge of such patient, then-

where person the order or reception is dead or incapable of acting.

- (a) The person who made the last payment on behalf of such patient; or
- (b) The husband or wife of such patient: or if there is no husband or wife, or if the husband or wife is incapable as aforesaid,
- (c) The father; or if there is no father, or the father is incapable as aforesaid, then
 - (d) The mother:

or if there is no mother, or the mother is incapable as aforesaid, then

(e) Any one of the nearest of kin for the time being of such patient

may, in writing, give such direction as aforesaid for the discharge of such patient, and such patient shall be forthwith discharged accordingly.

No patient shall be discharged under Patients not 103. either of the two last preceding sections if the discharged superintendent of the hospital or the medical officer certified to be dangerous of the licensed house in which such patient is or unfit from detained certifies in writing that in the opinion of without Inspector such superintendent or medical officer such person General's consent. is dangerous and unfit to be at large, or unfit from Amended by No. 42 of 1920, bodily health to be removed, together with the s.s. grounds on which such opinion is founded, unless the Inspector General, or a majority (which shall include a medical practitioner) of the board after such certificate has been produced to him or them give his or their consent that such patient shall be discharged.

bodily health

104 (1) The superintendent or a majority of the board of any hospital for the insane, or reception patients. house, or the medical officer or a majority of the by No. 42 of 1920, s. 9.

Power to discharge

board of any licensed house may order the discharge of any person detained therein or permitted to be absent therefrom under the provisions of section ninety-eight hereof.

- (2) The Inspector General may order the discharge of any such person from any hospital for the insane, reception house, or licensed house.
- (3) Such discharge may be ordered whether the person is recovered or not.
- (4) No majority of a board shall be deemed sufficient for the exercise of any power under this section unless such majority includes a medical practitioner.
- (5) If in any case a discharge is ordered under this section of which the superintendent disapproves. he shall forward to the Inspector General a statement in writing of the reasons for such disapproval, and the Inspector General shall record such statement in his book.
- (6) In this section "reception house" includes any place appointed or set apart for the temporary detention of the insane under Part VII. of this Act.

Insane on friends or relatives undertaking that they shall be Amended by No. 42 of 1920, s. 10,

105. Where application is made to the Inspector patients may be discharged General or the board of visitors of any hospital for the insane or licensed house by any relative or friend of an insane patient confined therein, taken care of. requiring that he may be delivered over to the care and custody of such relative or friend, such Inspector General or board, with the advice in writing of the superintendent of such hospital or the medical officer of such licensed house, and upon the undertaking in writing of such relative or friend that such insane patient will be properly taken care of, and will be prevented from doing injury to himself or others, may discharge such insane patient.

106. (1) In cases where the relatives or friends Allowance to be made to of any insane patient are willing to take care of friends for such patient, but are unable, owing to indigent of patients. circumstances, to maintain him, the Minister may, No. 42 of 1920. on the recommendation of the board of visitors. 8.11. on the recommendation of the board of visitors, grant an allowance for maintenance to such relative or friend on such insane patient being discharged in the manner set forth in the last preceding section.

maintenance

In all such cases the allowance for maintenance Seventeenth shall be paid once in every three months, upon the receipt of a certificate from some medical practitioner in the form of Schedule Seventeen of this Act.

Schedule.

- (2) If it appears to such medical practitioner that the insane patient so discharged is not properly cared for by his friends, or that his mental state is such as to render it advisable that he should be no longer entrusted to their care, he shall report the same to the Inspector General, who may thereupon direct that such insane patient be returned to the hospital from whence he was discharged without any further certificate or statement, and he shall be received therein accordingly.
- 107. If a Judge receives information upon oath, A Judge may order persons or has reason to suspect that any person of sound confined as insane to be mind is confined in any hospital for the insane, brought reception house or licensed house, the Judge may reception house or licensed house, which the confined by non-dead by non-dead by No. 42 of 1920, s. 12. before him for examination at a time to be specified in the order.

before him

If upon the examination of the confined person, and of the superintendent, and of any medical or other witnesses, it is made to appear to the discharge satisfaction of the Judge that the confined person is of sound mind, the Judge may direct that the No. 42 of 1920. confined person be immediately discharged from the s. 12. confined person be immediately discharged from the custody of the superintendent of such hospital, reception house or licensed house, unless he detained therein for some other cause by due process of law.

And if found to be of sound mind them from confinement. [42 of 1920, s. 12.] Except where a person has been declared of unsound mind under Part X. and the question was determined by a jury, the judge may, if he thinks fit, on the application of the person so brought before him, order that the question whether such person is of unsound mind be determined by a jury, and in such case the provisions of section one hundred and fifteen shall apply.

108. [S. 108 repealed by No. 42 of 1920, s. 13.]

PART X.—PROCEEDINGS FOR DECLARING PERSONS INSANE OR INCAPABLE AND FOR THE APPOINT-MENT OF COMMITTEES OF THEIR ESTATES, ETC.

Constitution of Court.

109. The Court shall, except on appeal as hereinafter provided, be holden by a Judge of the Supreme Court sitting in open court:

Provided that any such Judge may sit in chambers to determine all such matters as in his opinion may advantageously and with propriety be heard in chambers; and such Judge when so sitting shall have the same powers and jurisdiction as in open court.

Application to Supreme Court in lieu of Commission de lunatico inquirendo. 110. Where it is proved to the satisfaction of the Court that a person is of unsound mind and incapable of managing his affairs, the Court may make a declaration to that effect, and may direct a reference to the Master to make inquiries concerning the property of such person, and may make all proper orders for rendering the property of such person, or the income thereof, available for the payment of his debts and for the maintenance or benefit of himself and his family, and for carrying on his trade or business (if any), and may, if necessary, appoint a committee of his estate, and also, when desirable, a committee of his person.

111. (1) Where it is proved to the satisfaction of Persons the Court that any person is, through mental managing their affairs. infirmity arising from disease or age, incapable of managing his affairs, the Court mav-

- (a) Make all proper orders for rendering the property and income of the said person available for the payment of his debts and for the maintenance and benefit of himself and his family; and
- (b) Make orders for the care and management of his property in all respects as if he were an insane person; and
- (c) If necessary, appoint any person, either with or without security, to undertake the care and management of his property under the order and direction of the Court.
- (2) The person so appointed shall, subject to the said orders and directions and to the rules of Court, have the same powers and be subject to the same obligations and control as a committee of the estate of an insane person, and the powers and provisions contained in this Act relating to the management and administration of the estates of insane persons shall apply to the estates of incapable persons.
- 112. Whenever it is proved to the satisfaction of superseding orders, etc., the Court that any insane person has recovered his when person has sanity and is capable of managing his affairs, the recovered. Court may make a declaration to that effect, and may make all proper orders to give effect to such declaration, and to release the estate of such person from the control of the Court and to discharge the committee of his estate and person.

Applications under the last three preceding Mode of application. sections respectively shall be made, and evidence by affidavit given in support thereof in such manner as is prescribed by rules of Court:

Crossexamination on affidavit, Provided that every deponent may be cross-examined upon his affidavit either at the hearing or at such time and place as the Court may direct, and at such hearing the Court may receive or require the oral evidence of witnesses and such other proofs as may be deemed necessary.

Process to be served.

- 114. (1) Notice of any application under sections one hundred and ten and one hundred and eleven, and of the evidence by affidavit to be used in support thereof, shall be given to the alleged insane or incapable person, and of any application under section one hundred and twelve, and of the evidence by affidavit to be used in support thereof, to the person upon whose application the insane person was found or declared to be insane, or to the committee of such insane person, in such manner and within such time as is prescribed by rules of Court.
- (2) Where personal service cannot be effected or is inexpedient, then substituted service may be effected in such manner as may be prescribed by rules of Court, or as may be ordered by the Court.

Court may order inquiry before a jury.

115. The Court in instead any case, determining whether or not the person whose sanity is the subject of inquiry is of unsound mind and incapable of managing his affairs, may order that question to be determined by a jury; and in such order shall direct whether such jury shall be a common or special jury, and thereupon the like proceedings for procuring the return of such jury shall be had and taken as provided by any law for the time being in force for the return of juries in the Supreme Court, and in every inquiry or proceeding before a jury the number of the jury shall be four, unless the Court orders a jury of twelve.

Jury to be four unless the Court order twelve.

Inquiries before jury. 116. When any such inquiry before a jury is ordered, the Court shall direct the question to be tried before a Judge or the Master, or a commissioner

specially appointed, who shall, while so acting, have for the purposes of the inquiry all the powers of the Supreme Court: and the trial of every such question and the verdict thereon shall be had and dealt with in all respects in accordance with any law for the time being in force relating to the trial of issues out of the Supreme Court.

117. When the verdict of the jury has been After verdict, returned, unless a new trial is granted, the Court make make declaration. may make such declaration and orders as hereinbefore are respectively mentioned, as the case may be.

On the hearing of any application under section one hundred and ten, the person whose sanity is in question shall be examined by the Court; and person. on the trial of any such question as above mentioned there shall be a like examination by the jury before they consult as to their verdict, and every such examination shall take place in open court or in private, as may be deemed expedient:

Examination of the alleged insane

Provided that, if it appears to the Court to be unnecessary or inexpedient that such person should be examined by the Court, or the jury, the Court may, in lieu of the examination aforesaid, direct the Master to personally examine the said person and report on such examination, or may dispense with any examination whatever.

119. Where in any Act or rule of Court or instrument reference is made to a commission of lunacy, or a writ in the nature of a writ de lunatico inquirendo, or to any inquisition thereon, or to a supersedeas of any inquisition traverse or commission, the application and declaration thereon in the one hundred and tenth and one hundred and twelfth sections respectively mentioned, as the case may be, shall be taken to be intended by or comprehended in such reference.

The word commission shall apply to petition

Persons found insane in places beyond the State.

120. When the Court is satisfied that any person has been found of unsound mind and incapable of managing himself and his affairs by any commission. or other legal inquiry, in any other State or in the United Kingdom, or in any dependency thereof, the Court may direct a copy of the inquisition or finding of such commission or inquiry, duly certified by the proper officer of the Court into which such inquisition or finding shall have been returned, to be filed of record in the Court; and may thereupon appoint a committee of such person's estate or person, or both, and may give such other orders in respect of the management of his estate or person as it may deem expedient. Such committee shall have the same duties, powers, and liabilities as if he were the committee of an insane person under this Act.

Court may order costs.

121. The Court may make such order as to the costs, charges, and expenses of and incidental to any proceeding authorised by this Act as the Court thinks proper, and may direct the same to be paid out of the estate of the insane person.

Appeal.

122. There shall be an appeal to the Full Court from every order made under this Act before or by a Judge in such manner as may be prescribed by rules of Court.

PART XI.—ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ESTATES OF INSANE PERSONS AND PATIENTS.

- 1. General powers and duties of Master.
- 123. Subject to rules of Court, the jurisdiction and powers of the Court in respect of the administration and management of the estates of all insane and incapable persons may be exercised by the Master.

Every order made by the Master under the authority hereby conferred shall take effect, unless rescinded or varied by the Court.

In administering the estates of certain persons the Master to have jurisdiction of the Court. Amended by No. 26 of 1941, s. 3.

The Master shall have and execute all the powers and duties hereby or under the authority hereof vested in and imposed upon him; and, subject to and in accordance with the regulations of the Governor and the rules of Court and to any special order of the Court, the Master shall-

- (1) Undertake the general care, protection, and management, or supervision of the management, of the estates of all insane persons:
- (2) Supervise and enforce the performance of the obligations and duties of all committees of insane persons; and
- (3) [Paragraph (3) deleted by No. 26 of 1941, S.31.
- 124. All expenses incurred by or on behalf of Expenses incurred to the Government in the care, protection, and be paid out of estate.
 management, or in the supervision of the management, under this Act, of the estate of any insane so 3.3. person, shall be charged by the Master against and shall be paid out of and recoverable from such estate.

125. All expenses incurred with the authority of Expenses the Court or of the Minister by the Master in accounts of Master. carrying this Act into execution, and whether Amended by No. 26 of 1941, not, shall be defrayed and paid out of such public moneys as may be appropriated by Parliament for that purpose.

All expenses so chargeable as aforesaid shall be repaid by the Master out of any money of the insane person that comes to his hands, or may be recovered by him on summary application to the Court, or whether such insane person is dead, or whether a superseding order has been made under this Act or not.

The general accounts of the Master shall be reviewed and audited in the manner provided and by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred by any law for the time being in force relating to the audit of the public accounts.

Percentage and fees. Amended by No. 26 of 1941, s. 3. 126. There shall be paid to the Master a percentage at a rate not exceeding Five pounds per centum per annum on the clear annual income of every insane or incapable person.

The said percentage and fees shall be charged upon and payable out of the estates of such insane or incapable persons as aforesaid, although before payment the insane or incapable person dies or a superseding order is made under this Act.

Master to have all necessary powers of inquiry, taking evidence, etc. Amended by No. 26 of 1941, s. 3. 127. The Master may, in the execution of his powers, duties, and authorities, and also in the prosecution of all inquiries and matters which may be referred to him under this Act, summon persons before him and administer oaths and take evidence, either orally or by affidavit or partly orally and partly by affidavit, and take recognisances and require the production of books, papers, accounts, and documents.

The Court may by any order (general or particular) refer to the Master any inquiries under the provisions of this Act relating to the person and estate of any insane person.

Witnesses may be crossexamined orally.

- 128. Every person giving evidence by affidavit—
 - (1) Shall be liable to oral cross-examination by or before the Master upon his affidavit, and after cross-examination may be re-examined orally by or on behalf of the person filing the affidavit; and
 - (2) Shall be bound to attend before the Master to be so cross-examined and re-examined upon receiving due and proper notice and

payment or tender of his reasonable expenses in like manner as if he had been duly served with a writ of subpoena ad testificandum before the Master.

expenses attending on such crossexamination and re-examination shall be paid in such manner and by such person as the Master directs

How expenses to be paid.

The Master may cause to be issued such Master may advertisements as may to him seem expedient with advertisereference to the subject matter of a proposed Amended by No. 26 of 1941, commission or inquiry or with a view to the efficient \$3.3. discharge of his duties as Master under this Act with regard to the estate and property of insane persons.

130. The Master shall approve, on behalf of His Master to Majesty, of the security to be given by the committee of the estate of any insane person under security to order of the Court, and it shall be the duty of the committee Master to see that the conditions of all bonds and recognisances heretofore or hereafter to be given or entered into by the committee of the estate, or other persons in the matter of the estate, shall be faithfully and regularly observed and performed, and immediately report to a Judge any breach or non-performance of any of such conditions; and thereupon such Judge may cause such bond or recognisance to be forfeited or estreated, and such forfeiture or estreat shall be enforced and effected in the manner provided by any law now or hereafter to be in force relating to the estreat of recognisances entered into to His Majesty.

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2. Powers and duties of Master in respect to estates of insane patients.

Sections 131 to 146 repealed by No. 26 of 1941, S.3].

3. Management of the estates of insane persons.

Power to raise money for certain purposes.

- 147. (1) The Court may order that any property of an insane person, whether present or future, be sold, charged, mortgaged, dealt with, or disposed of as the Court thinks most expedient for the purpose of raising or securing or repaying, with or without interest, money which is to be or which has been applied to all or any of the purposes following:—
 - (a) Payment of the insane person's debts or engagements;
 - (b) Discharge of any incumbrance on his property;
 - (c) Payment of any debt or expenditure incurred for the insane person's maintenance or otherwise for his benefit;
 - (d) Payment of or provision for the expenses of his future maintenance;
 - (e) Payment of the costs of any proceeding under this Act, or of any sale or other disposition made under this Act.
- (2) In case of a charge or mortgage being made under this Act for the expenses of future maintenance, the Court may direct the same to be payable, either contingently if the interest charged is a contingent or future one, or upon the happening of the event if the interest is depending on an event which must happen, and either in a gross sum or in annual or other periodical sums, and at such times and in such manner as the Court thinks expedient.

Powers exercisable by committee under order of Court.

- 148. The Court may, by order, authorise and direct the committee of the estate of an insane person to do all or any of the following things:—
 - (a) Sell any property belonging to the insane person;
 - (b) Make exchange or partition of any property belonging to the insane person, or in which he is interested, and give or receive any money for equality of exchange or partition;

- (c) Carry on any trade or business of the insane person;
- (d) Grant leases of any property of the insane person for building, agricultural, or other purposes;
- (e) Surrender any lease and accept a new lease;
- (f) Accept a surrender of any lease and grant a new lease:
- (g) Execute any power of leasing vested in an insane person having a limited estate only in the property over which the power extends:
- (h) Perform any contract relating to the property of the insane person entered into by the insane person before he became an insane person:
- (i) Surrender, assign, or otherwise dispose of, with or without consideration, any onerous property belonging to the insane person;
- (j) Exercise any power or give any consent required for the exercise of any power where the power is vested in the insane person for his own benefit, or the power of consent is in the nature of a beneficial interest in the insane person;
- (k) Sequestrate the estate of the insane person under the provisions of the bankruptcy laws:
- (1) Bring lands under the provisions of the Transfer of Land Act, 1893, or any Act passed or to be passed amending or consolidating the same:
- (m) Bring and defend actions, suits, and other proceedings on behalf of the insane person.

149. Any property taken in exchange, and any person under the powers of this Act, shall be to the same uses and be subject to the same trusts renewed lease accepted on behalf of an insane same uses and be subject to the same trusts, charges, incumbrances, dispositions, devises, and

conditions as the property given in exchange or the surrendered lease was, or would, but for the exchange or surrender, have been subject to.

Extent of leasing power.

- 150. (1) The power to authorise leases of an insane person's property under this Act shall extend to property of which the insane person is tenant in tail, and every lease granted pursuant to any order under this Act shall bind the issue of the insane person, and all persons entitled in remainder and reversion expectant upon the estate tail of the insane person, and every person to whom from time to time the reversion expectant upon the lease belongs upon the death of the insane person, shall have the same rights and remedies against the lessee, his executors, administrators, and assigns as the insane person or his committee would have had.
- (2) Leases authorised to be granted and accepted by or on behalf of an insane person under this Act may be for such number of lives or such term of years at such rent and subject to such reservations, covenants, and conditions as the Court may order.
- (3) Fines or other payments on the renewal of leases may be paid out of the estate of the insane person, or charged with interest on the leasehold property, as the Court may order.

Insane person's interest in property not to be altered. 151. (1) The insane or incapable person, his heirs, next of kin, devisees, legatees, executors, administrators, and assigns shall have the same interest in any moneys arising from any sale, mortgage, charge, or other disposition of land under the powers of this Act, which may not have been applied under such powers as he or they would have had in the property the subject of the sale, mortgage, charge, or disposition, if no sale, mortgage, charge, or disposition had been made, and the surplus moneys shall be of the same nature as the property sold, mortgaged, charged, or disposed of.

Lunacy.

- (2) Moneys received for equality of partition and exchange, and all fines, premiums, and sums of money received upon the grant or renewal of a lease where the property, the subject of the partition, exchange, or lease was real estate of the insane or incapable person shall, subject to the application thereof for any purposes authorised by this Act, be considered as real estate, except in the case of fines, premiums, and sums of money received upon the grant or renewal of leases of which the insane person was tenant for life, in which case the fines. premiums, and sums of money shall be personal estate of the insane person.
- (3) In order to give effect to the foregoing provisions of this Act the Court may make such orders and direct such conveyances, deeds, and things to be executed and done as it thinks fit.
- (1) The Court may order that the whole or Expenses of any part of any moneys expended or to be expended under its order for the permanent improvement, improvement, improvement, improvement, on estate. security, or advantage of the property of the insane person, or of any part thereof, shall with interest be a charge upon the improved property or any other property of the insane person, but so that no right of sale or foreclosure during the lifetime of the insane person be conferred by the charge, and the interest shall be kept down during his lifetime out of the income of his general estate as far as the same is sufficient to bear it.

- (2) The charge may be made either to some person advancing the money, or, if the money is paid out of the insane person's general estate, to some person as a trustee for him as part of his personal estate.
- 153. Where the net estimated value of the property of any insane person does not exceed the sum of Five hundred pounds, the Court—
 - (1) May, by an order made on the application committee or of the Inspector General, vest such property for insane in the Inspector General, who thereupon person's maintenance. may exercise all the powers of a committee of the estate of the insane person; or

Where property small Inspector General may exercise

- (2) May order such property or the produce thereof, when realised, to be paid or transferred to the Inspector General or any other person to be applied in or towards the maintenance of the insane person, at his discretion, or in such manner and subject to such control as the Court may direct, and for the purpose of giving effect to any such order the Court may order any real estate or other property whatsoever of the insane person to be sold, and a valid conveyance or transfer thereof to be executed or made by the Inspector General or such other person as it shall direct.
- (3) May order such sum by way of remuneration to be paid out of the estate of the insane person to the Inspector General or such other person as the Court may think fit.

Where insanity temporary the Court may apply cash arising from income for temporary maintenance.

(1) Where it appears to the Court that there is reason to believe that the unsoundness of mind of any insane person is in its nature temporary, and will probably be soon removed, and that it is expedient that temporary provision should be made for the maintenance of such insane person and the members of his immediate family who are dependent upon him for maintenance, and that any sum of money arising from or being in the nature of income, or of ready money belonging to the insane person, and standing to his account with a banker or agent, or being in the hands of any person for his use, is readily available, and may be safely and properly applied in that behalf, the Court may allow thereout such amount as it may think proper for the temporary maintenance of the insane person and the members of his immediate family who are dependent upon him for maintenance, and may order the payment of any such sum of money as aforesaid, or any part thereof, to some fit person, and may direct the same to be paid to such person accordingly, and when received to be applied, and the same shall accordingly be applied in or towards such temporary maintenance as aforesaid.

- (2) The receipt in writing of the person named in the order to whom payment is to be made for any moneys payable to him by virtue thereof shall effectually discharge the banker, agent, or other person paying the same from the moneys therein respectively expressed to be received.
- (3) The person so receiving any moneys by virtue of this present provision shall pass an account thereof before the Master when required.
- 155. The committee of the estate, or such person Power to as the Court approves, shall, in the name and on into effect. behalf of the insane person, execute, make, and do all such conveyances, deeds, transfers, and things for giving effect to any order under this Act as the Court directs; and every such conveyance, deed, transfer, and thing shall be valid and effectual, and shall take effect accordingly, subject only to any prior charge to which the property affected thereby at the date of the order is subject.

156. Where by the order of the Court any real Conveyance estate is ordered to be sold, mortgaged, or charged, of interest of married woman. an effectual conveyance, mortgage, or charge may be made of any interest of a married woman in such estate, being an insane person, without any acknowledgment by her.

157. Where a power is vested in an insane person committee in the character of a trustee or guardian, or the consent of an insane person to the exercise of a power is necessary in the like character or as a check upon the undue exercise of the power, and it appears to the Court to be expedient that the power should be exercised or the consent given (as the case may be), the committee of the estate, in the name and on behalf of the insane person, under an order of the Court made upon the application of any person interested in the exercise of the power.

may exercise power vested in character of guardian.

may exercise the power or give the consent (as in the case may be) in such manner as the order may direct.

Appointment of new trustees under power to have effect of appointments by Court, and like orders may be made as under any law relating to trusts.

Where under this Act the committee of the 158. estate, under order of the Court, exercises in the name and on behalf of the insane person a power appointing new trustees vested in him, the persons who shall after and in consequence of the exercise of the power be the trustees shall have all the same rights and powers as they would have had if the order had also been made by the Supreme Court under any law for the time being in force relating to trusts; and the Court may in such case where it seems to be expedient make any such order respecting the property, subject to the trust, as might have been made in the same case under the provisions of any such law as aforesaid on the appointment thereunder of new trustees.

Temporary provision for maintenance of insane person. 159. In any case where, pending the appointment of a committee, it appears to the Master desirable that temporary provision should be made for the expenses of the maintenance or other necessary purposes or requirements of the insane person, or any member of his family, out of any cash or available securities belonging to him in the hands of his bankers, or of any other person, the Master may, by certificate, authorise such banker or other person to pay to the person to be named in such certificate such sum as he certifies to be proper; and may, by such certificate, give any directions as to the proper application thereof for the insane person's benefit by that person, who shall be accountable for the same, as the Master directs.

Stock belonging to insane person may be ordered to be transferred. 160. Where any stock is standing in the name of or is vested in an insane person beneficially entitled thereto, or is standing in the name of or vested in a committee of the estate of an insane person in trust for the insane person or as part of his

property, and the committee dies intestate or himself becomes insane or is out of the jurisdiction, or it is uncertain whether the committee is living or dead, or he neglects or refuses to transfer the stock, and to receive and pay over the dividends thereof to a new committee, as he directs for the space of fourteen days after a request in writing for that purpose made by a new committee, then the Court may order some fit person to transfer the stock to or into the name of a new committee or otherwise, and also to receive and pay over the dividends thereof, or such sums of money, and in such manner as the Court directs.

161. Where any stock is standing in the name of. or vested in, a person residing out of Western Australia, the Court, upon proof to its satisfaction residing out that such person has been declared idiot, lunatic, or of unsound mind, and that his of unsound mind, and that his personal estate has ordered to be been vested in a curator or other person appointed for the management thereof, according to the laws of the place where he is residing, may order some fit person to make such transfer of the stock to or into the name of the curator or other person appointed as aforesaid or otherwise, and also to receive and pay over the dividends thereof as the Court thinks fit.

Stock in name of insane

162. Where an order is made under this Act for the transfer of stock, the person to be named in transfer. the order for making the transfer shall be some proper officer of the company or society in whose books the transfer is to be made.

Who shall be

163. The Court may order the costs and expenses costs and of and relating to the petitions, applications, tion may be paid out of orders, directions, conveyances, and transfers to be estate, presented or made in pursuance of this part of this Act to be paid and raised out of or from the property, or the rents, income, or profits in respect of which the same respectively shall be presented or made in such manner as it may think proper: and the Court may order such sum by way of

remuneration to be paid out of the estate to the committee of any insane person as the Court may think fit.

All deeds, transfers, payments, etc., made in pursance of this Act, to be valid and binding. 164. Every conveyance, lease, surrender, transfer, charge, or other disposition made or accepted or executed and every payment made under this Act shall be valid to all intents and binding upon all persons whomsoever; and this Act shall be a full indemnity and discharge to all persons for all acts and things done or permitted to be done in pursuance thereof, or of any order of the Court made or purporting to be made under this Act.

Act not to subject insane person's property to debts. 165. Nothing in this Act contained shall subject any part of the property of an insane person to the debts or demands of his creditors, further or otherwise than as the same is now subject thereto by due course of law.

PART XII.—COURT VISITOR.

Court may order insane person to be visited. 166. The Court may, by general rule or special order—

- (a) Direct any fit person to visit any insane person and to make a report in writing to the Court or a Judge of the state of mind and bodily health and general condition, and also of the care and treatment of the person visited;
- (b) Direct that such information as may be deemed necessary be given to the person making the visit as to the nature and extent of the fortune of the person visited, and as to the orders of the Court made in respect thereof;
- (c) Order that any expenses connected with the visit be paid out of the estate of the person visited.

PART XIII.—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

The Inspector General in respect of any Agreements with institution or the medical superintendent of any relatives, institution in respect of that institution may agree substituted with any relative, guardian or friend of any patient by No. 74 of 1950, s. 10. detained in an institution that the relative, guardian or friend, as the case may be, may provide special nursing attention for the patient, and such relative, guardian shall be \mathbf{or} friend entitled reimbursed all necessary sums expended in the provision of such special nursing attention out of the real and personal property of the patient.

etc.

(1) If any health officer, or the Commis- owner, sioner of Police, certifies to the Inspector General, agent, or master of after the arrival of any ship at any port in Western ship liable Australia, that any person arriving by that ship is maintenance Australia, that any person arriving by that ship is of any insane, imbecile, or idiotic, it shall be lawful for the passenger or seaman being seaman being Inspector General thereupon to require the owner, insane and charge upon charterer, agent, or master of that ship to execute, the public. with two sufficient sureties, jointly and severally, a bond to His Majesty in such sum as the Inspector General may determine, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, conditioned to pay to the Inspector General the maintenance of that passenger or seaman in such reception house or hospital at such rate and for such term as may be determined by the Inspector General; or, at the option of the owner, charterer, agent, or master of the ship, subject to the approval of the Inspector General, to return such person to the place whence he was shipped.

for

- (2) No bond shall be required when such person is, at the date of the arrival of the ship, domiciled in Western Australia; but the onus of proving such domicile as aforesaid shall be upon the said owner. charterer, agent, or master of the ship.
- If the said owner, charterer, agent, or Penalty if master of the ship neglects or refuses to execute the bond as aforesaid within seven days after being so master required, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding

owner, charterer. agent, or neglects or Five hundred pounds, to be recovered summarily before a Resident or Police Magistrate; and the said ship shall not be cleared out until the bond is executed as aforesaid.

Justices
may make
an order
upon
relations of
patient for
his support.

- (1) If it appears to two Justices, on application by or on behalf of the Inspector General, that any patient has not an estate or any sufficient estate applicable to the maintenance of such patient, and that any person related to such patient in the manner hereinafter specified, is of ability maintain or contribute to the maintenance of such patient, such Justices may make application in writing to the father, mother, husband, wife, child, or children, being of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, of such patient, or any of them, for the payment to the Inspector General of a reasonable sum weekly, or monthly, or otherwise in such manner as such Justices shall direct, for or towards the maintenance, clothing, medicine, and care of such patient.
- (2) If the sum referred to in such application is not paid pursuant thereto, the Justices shall, on complaint made by or on behalf of the Inspector General, issue a summons to be served on any person so applied to and failing to pay as aforesaid, to answer such complaint, and upon return of such summons the Justices may, upon being satisfied as to the matters aforesaid, make an order on such person for the payment of a reasonable sum weekly, or monthly, or otherwise in such manner as such Justices direct, for or towards the maintenance, clothing, medicine, and care of such patient.
- (3) No wife of an insane patient shall be liable under the provisions of this section except in respect of her separate estate.
- (4) Payments made pursuant to any such application or order shall be sufficient discharges for such payments.

171. (1) Upon application being made to Justices Application under the last preceding section of this Act, there maintenance to be shall be lodged with the Justices the affidavit amdavit. or statutory declaration hereinafter mentioned. together with a true copy of the same.

- (2) The affidavit or declaration shall be made by the Inspector General or some other person on his behalf, setting forth among other things the following facts to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief:—
 - (a) The degree of relationship of the person sought to be charged to the patient;
 - (b) That such person is of ability to pay for or towards the maintenance of the patient:
 - (c) The particulars of the patient's property (if any) and that the same is not sufficient for his maintenance, clothing, medicine, and care.
- 172. Upon complaint being made under section Proceedings one hundred and seventy of this Act, the copy of made. the affidavit or declaration lodged with the Justices as abovementioned shall be served with the summons; and the affidavit or declaration, or the copy served as aforesaid shall, at the hearing of the complaint, be evidence of the matters therein stated.

173. The Justices may, on complaint made by Justices may or on behalf of the Inspector General under the for payment provisions of section one hundred and seventy of maintenance. this Act, order payment of a reasonable sum for or towards the past maintenance of a patient, and for or in respect of money expended on his clothing, medicine, and care; and such order may be made notwithstanding the patient has been discharged or is dead.

If the amount mentioned in an order made Procedure if by Justices under the provisions of section one mentioned in hundred and seventy, or of the last preceding section remains

of this Act, remains unpaid, the Inspector General may apply, on notice to the person named in such order as aforesaid, to the Court for an order directing payment of the amount due; and upon the hearing of that application the Court may make such order in the premises as may seem just for payment of the amount found to be due as aforesaid, together with the costs of the application:

Provided that nothing herein contained shall affect any other remedies which the Inspector General may have for enforcing the order of the Justices.

Maintenance. Discretion of Inspector General to forego arrears or to accept a smaller sum in satisfaction.

- 175. Where it appears to the Inspector General that payments agreed to be made under this Act for the maintenance of or otherwise on behalf of an insane person or patient have fallen into arrears through circumstances beyond the control of the person agreeing as aforesaid, the Inspector General may, in his discretion:—
 - (a) Forego altogether the payment of such arrears; or
 - (b) Accept a smaller sum in satisfaction thereof; or
 - (c) Make such other agreement as he may think just and reasonable.

Power to Judges of Supreme Court to make general orders. 176. (1) The Judges, or any two of them, may make general orders and rules for regulating, in all cases, the form and mode of proceeding before the Court, and before and by the Master, for carrying into effect the several objects of Parts X. and XI. of this Act, so far as the same relate to the powers or duties of the Court or of the Master, and for regulating the practice and forms in all matters of lunacy, and the amount of percentage, and of the fees payable in proceedings relating to insane persons and patients and their estates, and the mode in which the same shall be ascertained and paid:

- (2) A copy of every such rule shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days from the publication thereof, if Parliament is then in session, or otherwise within fourteen days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.
- 177. The Governor may make regulations for Governor carrying into effect the purposes and provisions of this Act in all respects other than as hereinbefore provided for, and in particular for the classification, care, and maintenance of patients while boarded-out and the inspection of those patients and of the houses and premises where they may reside, and may impose any penalty not exceeding Twenty pounds for any breach of those regulations; and all regulations when made and published in the Government Gazette shall have the force of law, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament without delay. Such regulations, so far as they directly concern the welfare and conduct patients, shall be plainly printed and displayed on the walls of every hospital for the insane.

178. In any proceeding taken against a superintendent of a hospital for the insane or for the
may plead
the general criminal insane, licensed house, or reception house, issue. or other person authorised by this Act to take etc., a bar to proceedings. charge of any person as insane, or against any assistant or servant of any such superintendent or person authorised as aforesaid for taking, confining, detaining or retaking any person as an insane person or patient, the party complained of may plead the general issue, and may under that plea give in evidence the order, request, and certificates or certificate mentioned in Parts II. to IX. (inclusive) of this Act in his defence; and the certificate or certificates and the request or the certificate or certificates and the order (as the case may be) shall be a justification for taking, confining, detaining, or retaking that insane person or patient.

No action to lie against person who has acted in good faith, etc. Amended by No. 73 of 1954, ss. 5 and 8. 179. (1) No action shall lie against any person for or on account of any act, matter, or thing done or commanded to be done by him, and purporting to be done for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, unless it is proved that such act was done or commanded to be done maliciously and without reasonable and probable cause.

[Subsections (2), (3) and (4) repealed by No. 73 of 1954, ss. 5 & 8.]

Security for

(5) The Court may at any time after the commencement of such action order security for costs to be given by the plaintiff, and direct all proceedings in the action to be stayed until such order is complied with.

Penalties on officers or servants illtreating the insane. Amended by No. 74 of 1950, s. 11.

180. Any superintendent, officer, servant, or other person, employed in any hospital for the insane, licensed house, reception-house, hospital for criminal insane, public hospital, or prison, who assaults, wounds, illtreats, or wilfully neglects any insane patient confined or detained therein shall, for every such offence, be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty pounds, or to imprisonment for any period not exceeding six months:

Provided that nothing in this section contained shall prejudice or affect the civil or criminal responsibility (if any) of the offender at common law or under any statute.

Penalty for defilement of the insane. Amended by No. 42 of 1920, s. 14.

181. If any person having the care or charge of any patient in any institution or any attendant therein has, or attempts to have, carnal knowledge of any female patient, he shall be guilty of a crime, and on conviction shall be liable to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding five years, with or without whipping, and the consent of such patient shall be no defence to the charge.

182. If any superintendent, officer, servant, or Penalty on other person employed in any institution through allowing patients to wilful neglect or connivance, permits any insane esclepe or be patient to escape from any such institution or to without be at large without such order as in this Act Amended by mentioned (save in the case of temporary absence s. 15. mentioned (save in the case of temporary absence authorised under the provisions aforesaid), secretes, or abets, or connives at the escape of any such person, he shall, for every such offence, be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty pounds.

officers, etc., at large

- (1) Every superintendent of a hospital for Reports to be the insane-
 - (a) Shall forward to the Master and to the Public Trustee, within fourteen days from No. 42 of 1920, the reception of any nations into any matter. the reception of any patient into any such 1941, s. 3. hospital. the name of such patient. together with and particular a. true account, so far as the same is known or can be ascertained, of his property, and of the names and residences of his relatives known, or supposed, to be able to maintain or contribute to the maintenance of such patient: and
 - (b) Shall from time to time, without any unnecessary delay, forward to the Master a report in writing of the death, discharge, removal, absence on trial or for the benefit of his health, return, escape, and recapture of every patient in the said hospital.
- (2) Every superintendent and every visitor shall communicate to the Master all particulars that may come to his knowledge respecting the property of any patient in any hospital for the insane, reception house, or public hospital, and if any such superintendent, or visitor has reason to believe that the property of any such patient is not duly protected, or that the income thereof is not duly applied for his maintenance, such superintendent. or visitor shall report thereon to the Minister, as well as to the Master.

made to the Master and in certain cases to the Minister.

houses to show anow Inspector General and official visitors the whole of house and answer inquirles. Amended by No. 42 of 1920, s. 17.

- Superintend-ents of hospitals and hospital, reception house, licensed house, or other place officially visited under this Act, shall show to the Inspector General and visitors visiting the same, every part thereof respectively, and every person detained therein, and shall give full and true answers to the best of his knowledge to all questions which the Inspector General or visitors shall ask in reference to the said hospital, reception house, licensed house, or other place, and the patients confined therein, and shall produce to the Inspector General and visitors respectively the several books by this Act required to be kept, and shall furnish all such returns as may be required by the Inspector General or official visitors.
 - (2) Every such superintendent or other officer, and every servant of any such superintendent or other officer who—
 - (a) Conceals or attempts to conceal, or refuses or wilfully neglects to show any part of such hospital or house or other place. any building or appurtenances belonging thereto, or any person detained or being therein from or to the Inspector General or any member of the board of visitors: or
 - (b) Does not give true and full answers to the best of his knowledge to all questions which the Inspector General or member of the board of visitors asks in reference to the matters aforesaid; or
 - (c) Neglects or refuses to furnish such returns as aforesaid, or to produce to the Inspector General or visitors—
 - (i) The several books by this Act required to be kept; and also
 - (ii) All orders and certificates relating to patients admitted since the last visitation of the Inspector General or visitors: and

- (iii) In the case of a licensed house, the license then in force for such house: and
- (iv) Such other documents and papers relating to any of the patients at any time received into such hospital. licensed house, reception-house, or other place as the Inspector General or visitors shall require to produced to him or them:

shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty exceeding One hundred pounds. imprisonment not exceeding six months.

185. (1) Every letter written by a patient in Letters of any such hospital, licensed house, reception house, be forwarded, or other place officially visited under this Act and be laid before addressed to the Inspector General or any visitor General or shall be forthwith forwarded unopened.

Inspector official Amended by No. 42 of 1920, s. 18.

- (2) Every letter written by any such patient and addressed to any person other than the Inspector General or a visitor shall be forwarded to the person to whom it is addressed, unless the superintendent of such institution or in the case of a single patient the person having charge of him shall upon reading the same prohibit the forwarding of such letter by indorsement to that effect under his hand on the letter, and in such case he shall lay the letter so indorsed before the Inspector General or the board of visitors, on his or their next visit, and no such letter if unsent shall be destroyed until it has been submitted to the Inspector General.
- (3) Any such superintendent or any such person Penalty. in charge as aforesaid who fails to comply with any of the requirements of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Ten pounds in respect of every such offence.

Misdemeanour. Medical practitioner—untrue entry untrue statement.

- 186. Every person who for the purposes of this Act—
 - (a) Signs or describes himself in any statement or certificate as a medical practitioner, not being such within the meaning of this Act; or
 - (b) Wilfully makes or is privy to the making of an untrue entry in any of the books required by this Act to be kept; or
 - (c) Wilfully makes an untrue statement in any report, or with reference to anything by this Act required to be made or done;

shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding One hundred pounds, or to imprisonment not exceeding six months.

Unlawfully entering or bringing prohibited thing into a hospital for insane.

- 187. Every person who, contrary to the regulations,—
 - (1) Enters, or attempts to enter, any hospital for the insane; or
 - (2) Communicates, or attempts to communicate, with any insane patient; or
 - (3) Places in, or brings, or attempts by any means whatever to introduce into any hospital for the insane any prohibited thing; or
 - (4) Secretes or leaves at any place any thing for the purpose of being found or received by any insane patient;

shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding Fifty pounds or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any period not exceeding six months.

187a. (1) If it shall be proved to the satisfaction Power of Inspector of the Inspector General that any attendant or General to employee in any hospital for the insane, hospital for misconduct the criminal insane, or reception house has been or petence of

- (a) guilty of any wilful disobedience disregard of any lawful order made or given Amended by by any person having authority to give such So. 2. Amended by So. 2. order: or
- (b) negligent or careless in the discharge of his duties: or
- (c) inefficient or incompetent; or
- (d) using intoxicating beverages to excess; or
- (e) guilty of any disgraceful or improper conduct.

then it shall be lawful for the Inspector General to dismiss such attendant or employee or reduce him to a lower class or grade or fine him a sum not exceeding ten pounds.

- (2) If the superintendent of any such institution suspension. as aforesaid or other officer having authority over the attendant or employee concerned shall have reason to believe that any such offence or matter as is hereinbefore described can be imputed to any attendant or employee, he may formally charge the attendant or employee in respect thereof by written notice given to the Inspector General, and shall forthwith serve a copy of the notice on the attendant or employee, and may suspend him pending the hearing of the charge. If the charge is found not to be proven, the suspension shall be immediately removed, and the attendant or employee shall receive arrears of salary in full from the date of the suspension.
- (3) If any attendant or employee who has been Appeal. permanently employed in any such institution as aforesaid is fined or reduced to a lower class or grade or dismissed, he may appeal in the prescribed manner and within the prescribed time, to an Appeal Board.

Provided that such attendant or employee shall have the right to be represented at such appeal by any person not being a legal practitioner whom he may appoint.

{46 of 1926, s. 2.] Provided also that the Inspector General or the institution shall not be represented at such appeal by a legal practitioner.

[46 of 1926, s. 2.]

- (3a) The Appeal Board shall be constituted as follows:—One member shall be appointed by the Governor and shall be the chairman; one member shall be appointed by the Inspector General; and the third member shall be elected by ballot from time to time and in the manner prescribed by regulations under this Act by the attendants and employees to whom this section applies.
- (4) The Appeal Board may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision appealed from, and may give such decision as in the opinion of the board ought to have been given in the first instance. The decision of the Board or of any two members thereof shall be final.

[46 of 1926, s. 2.]

- (4b) The Appeal Board may regulate its own procedure, and may summon and examine witnesses on oath, and call for the production of papers and documents.
- (5) No person shall be deemed to have been permanently employed within the meaning of this section unless he has been continuously employed for at least one year immediately prior to the Inspector General having found the charge proven against him.
- (6) This section does not apply to any attendant or employee who is subject to the Public Service Act, 1904.
- (7) Nothing in this section shall abridge the power of making any necessary classification or reduction of or in the staff of an institution.

¹ Now Public Service Act, 1904-1956.

(1) The Inspector General or the board of visitors of any institution may require, by summons according to the form in the eighteenth schedule, any person to appear before him or them to testify on oath touching any of the matters respecting which the Inspector General or board is or are by this Act authorised to inquire, and to produce for the inspection of the Inspector General or board any document in his possession, custody, or power relating to any of the matters aforesaid.

Inspector General or Board to summon witnesses. 18th Schedule. S. 188 substituted by 42 of 1920. s. 20.

- (2) Every person who does not appear pursuant to such summons (having had his reasonable expenses paid or tendered to him at the time of service of such summons) and does not assign some reasonable excuse for not so appearing or appears and refuses to be sworn or examined or to produce any such document when required so to do, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.
- (3) The Inspector General or board may also examine on oath any person appearing as a witness or present at the time of any inquiry touching any of the matters aforesaid, although no such summons aforesaid may have been served upon him.
- Penalties may, except where otherwise provided under this Act, be recovered summarily before any two Justices of the Peace in petty sessions.
- 189A. | Section 189A Inserted by No. 28 of 1915, Penalties. S.8. Repealed by No. 42 of 1920, S.21.

190. Whenever any amendment is made in this Printing of Act, all copies thereof printed by the Government Printer after the amendment shall be so printed as to set forth the actual provisions of the Act after omitting all repealed provisions or words, and embodying all newly enacted or substituted provisions or words.

amendments.

Regulations.1 Power to alter forms.

¹ By section 23 of Act No. 42 of 1920 it is enacted as follows:--

^{23.} The Governor may by regulation after any of the forms in the schedules to the principal Act, in such manner as is necessitated by the amendments made in the said Act since the passing thereof, and any reprints of the said Act and its amendments may embody any alterations made in the said forms.

SCHEDULES.

Secs. 7, 10, 75, 76, 77, 83.

SCHEDULE ONE.

FORM OF MEDICAL CERTIFICATES TO ACCOMPANY ORDER OR REQUEST FOR RECEPTION INTO A HOSPITAL OR LICENSED HOUSE.

I, the undersigned, being a medical practitioner, hereby certify that I, on the day of , One thousand nine hundred and , at [here insert the particulars of the place of examination, as the street, number of the house, or other particulars] separately from any other medical practitioner, personally examined , of [insert residence, and profession or occupation, if any] and that the said is [insane or an idiot] and a proper person to be taken charge of and detained under care and treatment, and that I have formed this opinion upon the following grounds, viz.:—

- (1) Facts indicating insanity observed by myself [here state the facts].
- (2) Other facts (if any) indicating insanity communicated to me by others [here state the information and from whom].

(Signed)

Place of abode.

Sec. 7.

SCHEDULE TWO.

ORDER FOR RECEPTION INTO HOSPITAL OR LICENSED HOUSE.

Schedule Two substituted by Regulation published in Gazette of 28/1/21, p. 101. (See No. 42 of 1920, s.23.)

We, the undersigned Justices, having called to our assistance and , medical practitioners. and having examined A.B. [insert residence and occupation if any |, who has been brought before us as being deemed to be insane, and also the said medical practitioners [or. and also having the prescribed certificates of the said medical practitioners before us, the said medical practitioners themselves not having attended personally before us and not having been specially ordered by us or required by the said A.B. so to do], and having made such inquiry relative to the said A.B. as we have deemed necessary and being upon such examination [if other evidence of the insanity add "with other proof"] satisfied that the said A.B. is insane and is without sufficient means of support.

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[or was wandering at large,

or was discovered under circumstances that denoted a purpose of committing some offence against the law,

or is not under proper care and control,

or is cruelly treated or neglected by X.Y., a relative or person having or assuming the care or charge of himl.

and that he is a proper person to be taken charge of and detained under care and treatment, do hereby direct you, the Superintendent of [here name the hospital or licensed house], at to receive into the said hospital [or licensed house] the said

Note—When the case is one of emergency and a certificate is signed in the form in Schedule Six, this form must be altered so as to refer to one medical practitioner.

SCHEDULE THREE.

Sec. 10.

I, the undersigned, hereby request you to receive, a person certified to be insane, into the hospital [or licensed house] of which you are the superintendent. Subjoined is a statement respecting the said

Name the person signing the request-

Occupation [if any] of that person—

Place of his abode-

Degree of relationship [if any] or other circumstances of connection of the person signing the request with the person so certified to be insane—

Dated this day of One thousand nine hundred and

(Signed)

To superintendent of the hospital [or licensed house] of at

SCHEDULE FOUR.

Secs. 7, 10, 76.

STATEMENT.

If any particulars in this statement be not known, the fact is to be so stated.

Name in full?

Age?

Married, single, or widowed?

Age of youngest child?
Previous occupation?
Native place?
Late residence?
Religious persuasion?
Supposed cause of insanity?
How long has the attack lasted?
Has been insane before?
State the number of attacks?

Age [if known] at first attack?
Has any insane relations?

Has ever been an inmate of any institution

for the insane?

Is subject to fits?

Is suicidal?

Number of children?

Is dangerous to others?

Name and address of nearest relations or friends?

Special circumstances [if any] preventing the patient being examined before admission separately by two medical practitioners.

(Signed)

(Address)

When the person signing the statement is not the person who signs the order or request for the admission of the insane person, the following particulars concerning the person signing the statement are to be added, viz.:—

Occupation [if any]? Place of abode?

Degree of relationship [if any] or other circumstances of connection with the patient?

Sec. 22.

SCHEDULE FIVE.

ORDER TO CONVEY AN INSANE PATIENT TO ANOTHER STATE.

We, the undersigned Justices, having called to our assistance medical practitioners, and and finsert residence and having examined of occupation, if any], who has been brought before us as being deemed to be insane, as also the said medical practitioners: and having made such inquiry relative to the said as we have deemed necessary, and being upon such examination [if other evidence of the insanity, add "with other proof" satisfied that the said is insane and in indigent circumstances, or is insane and was wandering at large, or is insane and was discovered under circumstances that denoted a purpose of committing some offence against the law, or is insane and is not under proper care and control, or is insane and is cruelly treated or neglected by , a relative or a person having the care or charge of him, and that he is a proper person to be taken charge of and detained under care and treatment and that it is for his benefit that he should be sent for care, treatment, and maintenance to the State of [here insert name of State], do hereby direct you [person to convey insane patient to another State] to convey him to [place in another State agreed upon] and there to set him at large, and thereupon to identify him to [name of a police officer of the other State] so that the said may apprehend him in due course pursuant to the lunacy statutes of the said State to be dealt with thereunder.

Given under our hands and seals this day of One thousand nine hundred and

(Signed)

J.P. J.P.

SCHEDULE SIX.

Sec. 7.

CERTIFICATE OF EMERGENCY.

We, the undersigned Justices, certify that we cannot call to our assistance two medical practitioners without causing delay prejudicial to ______, a person certified by one medical practitioner to be insane, and do direct his reception into a reception house, prison, or public hospital for immediate treatment pending his removal to a hospital for the insane or licensed house.

Dated this hundred and

day of

One thousand nine

(Signed)

J.P.

SCHEDULE SEVEN.

Sec. 86.

I, the undersigned Justice, do direct that , a person for whose reception into a hospital for the insane or licensed house the proper authority has been signed and remains in force, be received into a reception house, public hospital, or prison for immediate treatment, pending his removal to a hospital for the insane or licensed house.

Dated this

day of

One thousand nine

hundred

. . .

(Signed)

J.P.

SCHEDULE EIGHT.

REGISTER OF PATIENTS AND ADMISSION BOOK.

Date of last pre-vious admission (if any) No. on Register No. for the year Date of admission Name at length Bex 펗 Age Social con-dition Married Single Widowed No. of children Occupation Nativity Residence Profession of re-ligion How sent Date of medical certificates and by whom signed Form of mental disorder Supposed ca of insanity CAUSES Insane relations No. of previous Duration existing Years Months Weeks Age at first attack Date of discharge Recovered Relieved Not improved Died Time in hospital Observations

SCHEDULE NINE.

Secs. 36, 59.

NOTICE OF ADMISSION.

I hereby give you notice that [A.B.] was admitted into the hospital for the insane (or licensed house) on the day of , and I hereby transmit a copy of the order and statement and medical certificates on which he was received. Subjoined is a statement with respect to the mental and bodily condition of the above-named patient.

Dated the hundred and

day of

, One thousand nine

(Signed)

Superintendent of the hospital (or licensed house).

Statement.

I have this day seen and examined [A.B.], the patient mentioned in the above notice, and hereby certify that with respect to mental state he (or she) and that with respect to bodily health and condition he (or she)

Dated the hundred and

day of

, One thousand nine

(Signed)

Superintendent (or medical officer) of hospital (or licensed house).

SCHEDULE TEN.

Secs. 36, 37, 54, 55, 73.

FORM OF MEDICAL JOURNAL.

Date	Number of patients		Patients who are or since the last entry have been under restraint or in seclusion, when and for what period and reasons, and in cases of restraint by what means Hestraint Seclusion				Number of patients under medical treatment		Deaths, injuries, and violence to patients since the last entry	General obser- vations
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females		
	1									

Secs. 38, 58, 74.

SCHEDULE ELEVEN.

FORM OF NOTICE OF DISCHARGE, OR REMOVAL. OR ESCAPE, OR RECAPTURE.

I hereby give you notice that , a patient admitted into this hospital (or licensed house) on the was discharged therefrom day of recovered (or relieved, or not improved) [or was removed to (mentioning the place to which removed) relieved (or not improved)] by the authority of [or escaped therefrom] [or was recaptured] on the day of

Dated the hundred and

day of

One thousand nine

(Signed)

Superintendent of the hospital (or licensed house).

Secs. 38, 74.

SCHEDULE TWELVE.

REGISTER OF DISCHARGES, REMOVALS, AND DEATHS.

Date of discharge, removal, or death Date of last admission No. in register of patients Christian and Surname at length	Discharge Re- cov- lieved	other b	d to some cospital or d house Not im- proved	ned cause of death		Age at death		Observations	
Date of moval, on Date of No. In reg	d. F. M F.	М. Г.	м. г.	M. F.	M. F.	Assigned	м.	F.	Obse

Secs. 39, 58,

SCHEDULE THIRTEEN.

FORM OF NOTICE OF DEATH.

I, the undersigned, hereby give you notice that a patient admitted into this hospital (or licensed house) on , died therein on the the day of , and I, the undersigned superintendent. day of certify that the apparent cause of such death [as ascertained by post-mortem examination (if so)] was Dated the

hundred and

day of , One thousand nine

(Signed)

Superintendent of the hospital (or licensed house).

Lunacy.

SCHEDULE FOURTEEN.

Sec. 40.

FORM OF LICENSE TO KEEP A LICENSED HOUSE.

I do hereby, in pursuance of the Lunacy Act, 1903, grant to of a license to be in force for three years from the date hereof to keep for the reception of insane persons of the male (or female) sex (or of both sexes) the house, the particulars of which appear in the notice given on the day of to the Colonial Secretary.

Witness my hand this thousand nine hundred and

day of

One

Governor.

SCHEDULE FIFTEEN.

Sec. 77.

STATEMENT RESPECTING THE CRIMINAL INSANE.

(It any particulars in this statement be not known, the tact is to be so stated.)

> Name in full? Age? Married, single or widowed? Number of children? Age of youngest child? Previous occupation? Native place? From whence brought? Religious persuasion? Supposed cause of insanity? How long has the attack lasted? Has been insane before? State number of attacks. Age (if known) at first attack? Has

any insane relations?

ever been an inmate of any institution Has

for the insane?

Is subject to fits?

Is dangerous to others?

Crime or offence? Verdict of jury? Sentence?

Name and address of nearest relations and friends?

SCHEDULE SIXTEEN.

Secs. 75, 77.

Whereas it has been duly certified under section seventyfive of the Lunacy Act, 1903, that [A.B.], a prisoner in prison, is insane, I hereby order the said [A.B.] to be removed to the hospital for the criminal insane at , there to remain until he has become of sound mind or until he be otherwise discharged by due course of

Dated this

day of

One thousand nine

hundred and

Colonial Secretary.

SCHEDULE SEVENTEEN.

Sec. 106.

I [A.B.], a medical practitioner, have this day examined [C.D.], residing at , and hereby certify that he is still insane, and that he appears to be kindly treated by the persons under whose care he is living.

(Signed)

(Address)

Dated this hundred and

day of

, One thousand nine

SCHEDULE EIGHTEEN.

Sec. 188. Schedule Eighteen substituted by No. 42 of 1920, s. 22.

	nspector General of the Insane [or the Board of
	here specify the Institution] hereby summon(s) re(s) you personally to appear before him [or
them] at	on the day
of	19 at the hour of
examined the matte	the

And you are required to have and produce at the time and place aforesaid for the inspection of the Inspector General [or the Board] all documents in your possession, custody or power relating to the matter aforesaid and particularly [here specify the document].

And take notice that if you disobey this summons you will be liable to a penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds.

> Inspector General, [or Chairman of the Board.]