

*Penalties.*

V. Any person committing a breach of these Bye-laws, or of any of them, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding such a sum as, with the costs, will amount to five shillings for each offence, provided that all breaches by a parent in one and the same week shall be deemed one offence.

*Repeal of existing Bye-laws.*

VI. The Bye-laws made by the School Board on the 5th day of September, 1871, and sanctioned by Her Majesty on the 21st day of December, 1871, together with all other Bye-laws, if any, heretofore made by the said School Board, and sanctioned by Her Majesty, are hereby wholly revoked as from the day hereinafter specified in Bye-law 7.

*Date on which Bye-laws shall come into operation.*

VII. These Bye-laws shall take effect from and after the day on which the same shall be sanctioned by Order in Council.

Sealed with the Corporate Common Seal of the School Board of the District of Sunderland this 1st day of February, 1876.



*Richd. L. Pemberton, Chairman.*

*Tnos. C. McKenzie, Clerk.*

AT the Court at Windsor, the 17th day of May, 1876.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the School Board of Merriott appointed under "The Elementary Education Act, 1870," have, in virtue of the powers conferred upon them by the seventy-fourth section of that Act, with the approval of the Education Department, made certain Bye-laws, bearing date the tenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, numbered 624:

And whereas all the conditions in regard to the said Bye-laws, which are required to be fulfilled by the said Act, have been fulfilled, and the said Bye-laws have been submitted for the sanction of Her Majesty in Council: now, therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said Bye-laws (copy whereof is hereunto annexed) into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare, and doth hereby declare, Her sanction of the same.

*C. L. Peel.*

*Bye-laws referred to in the foregoing Order.*

No. DCXXIV.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT,  
1870.

*Parish of Merriott.*

BYE-LAWS OF THE MERRIOTT SCHOOL BOARD.

WHEREAS in pursuance of a requisition from the Education Department to the Clerk of the Chard Union, in the county of Somerset, a School Board for the district of the said parish was duly elected on the 11th day of March, 1875.

And whereas, by the Elementary Education Act, 1870, power is given to the School Board to

enact Bye-laws, subject to the approval of the Education Department.

Now, therefore, at a Meeting of the said Board, held at the Board-room of the said Board, in Merriott aforesaid, on the 10th day of March, 1876, at which said Meeting a quorum of such Board is present, the said Board do hereby enact the following Bye-laws:—

I. Subject to the provisions of the Elementary Education Acts, 1870-1873, and of these Bye-laws, the parent of every child not less than five years of age, nor more than thirteen years of age, residing within the district of the said School Board, shall cause such child (unless there is some reasonable excuse) to attend school. Any of the following reasons shall be a reasonable excuse, viz:—

- (a.) That such child is under efficient instruction in some other manner.
- (b.) That such child has been prevented from attending school by sickness or any unavoidable cause, or any cause deemed sufficient by the School Board.
- (c.) That there is no Public Elementary School which such child can attend within three miles (measured according to the nearest road) from the residence of such child.

II. Subject as last aforesaid, the time during which every child shall attend school shall be the whole time for which the school selected shall be open for the instruction of children of similar age, provided that nothing in the present Bye-laws

- (1.) Shall prevent the withdrawal of any child from any religious observance, or instruction in religious subjects.
- (2.) Shall require any child to attend school on any day exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which his parent belongs; or
- (3.) Shall have any force or effect in so far as it may be contrary to anything contained in any Act for regulating the education of children employed in labour.

III. In case one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools shall certify that any child between ten and thirteen years of age has reached the fourth standard of education mentioned in the Code of the Education Department in force at the date of such certificate, such child shall be totally exempt from the obligation to attend school, and any such child who has been so certified to have reached the third standard of education mentioned in the said Code, shall be exempt from the obligation to attend school more than half the time during which the school is open as aforesaid in any one week.

IV. If the parent of any child satisfies the School Board that he or she is unable, from poverty, to pay the school fees of such child, the School Board, in the case of a school provided by the Board, will remit the whole or such part of the fees, as in the opinion of the Board, the parent is unable to pay, for a renewable period, to be fixed by the Board, not exceeding six calendar months.

Provided that the School Board do not hereby undertake to remit any portion of the fees when the parent shall be an able-bodied person, unless such person shall be unable to pay through sickness, accident, or infirmity, such sickness, accident, or infirmity not having been produced by excess of drink, or unless such person shall be a widow, or a woman deserted by her husband.

V. Any person committing a breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall be subject to a