

the instruction of children. But the Board may, from time to time in any special case, grant exemption from attendance for some definite portion of the school hours.

*Section 74.*

"Provided always, that nothing contained in these Bye-laws shall prevent the withdrawal of any child from any religious observance or instruction in religious subjects, or 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 shall be of 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."

*Penalty for Breach of Bye-laws.*

4. Every parent who shall not observe, or shall neglect or violate these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall, upon conviction, be liable to a penalty not exceeding 5s., including costs, for each offence.

5. All Bye-laws heretofore made by the School Board, in pursuance of the powers given to them by s. 74 of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, are hereby wholly revoked.

In witness whereof we, the School Board for the said parish of Goldington, have hereunto set our Common Seal this 3rd day of May, 1876.

Sealed in the presence of



*Charles W. Talbot Ponsonby,*  
Chairman.

*Jno. C. Conquest,* Clerk.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 27th day of June, 1876.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the School Board of Minster-in-Sheppey, 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 fifteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, numbered 659 :

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. DCLIX.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT,  
1870.

BYE-LAWS OF THE MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY SCHOOL  
BOARD.

1. The parent of every child not less than five nor more than thirteen years of age, and residing within the district of the School Board, shall, in

default of reasonable excuse, cause such child to attend school.

Any of the following reasons shall be a reasonable excuse :

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

2. The time during which every child shall attend school shall be the whole time during which the school selected is open for the instruction of children of similar age, provided that nothing contained in these Bye-laws shall prevent the withdrawal of any child from any religious observance or instruction in religious subjects, or 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 shall be of 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.

3. In case one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools shall certify that any child has reached the fourth standard of education set out in the Code of Regulations of the Education Department, 1875, such child shall be exempt from the obligation to attend school; and any child who has been so certified to have reached the third standard of education set out in the said Code, shall be exempt from the obligation to attend school more than ten hours in any one week.

4. The School Board may, by their order for any period not exceeding six calendar months, pay or remit the whole or any part of the school fees payable at any Public Elementary School by any child resident in their district, whose parent may satisfy them that he or she is, from poverty, unable to pay the same; but no such payment shall be made or refused on condition of the child attending any Public Elementary School other than such as may be selected by the parent; such order may from time to time be renewed, for a period not exceeding six calendar months at any one time, on the parent again satisfying the Board that he or she is, from poverty, unable to pay such school fees.

Provided always, that no such school fees shall be paid or remitted in the case of any parent who is in the receipt of permanent relief from any Board of Guardians.

Provided also, that no such school fees shall be paid or remitted where such parent shall be an able-bodied person, except in some or one of the following cases, viz :—

- (a)—Where such parent shall be unable to pay such school fees on account of any sickness, accident, or bodily or mental infirmity affecting such parent or his wife or children.
- (b)—Where such parent shall be a widow, or woman deserted by her husband, or compelled to live separate from him on account of his cruelty or adultery, or shall be a woman earning her own living within the meaning of the first section of the Married Women's Property Act, 1870, or who may have obtained a protection order under 20 and 21 Vic, c. 85, or any Act amending the same, or shall be a woman whose husband is confined in any prison, gaol, or place for safe custody.