

poverty to pay the school fees of such child, the School Board will, at any school provided by the Board, 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.

Penalty for Breach of Bye-laws.

8. Any person committing a breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding two shillings and sixpence, and no penalty imposed for the breach of any Bye-law shall exceed such a sum as with the costs will amount to five shillings for each offence.

Date on which Bye-laws shall come into operation.

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

Sealed with the Common Seal of the School Board of the United District of Beal, this 5th day of October, 1876.



Saml. Hirst, Chairman.
Sealed in the presence of
Thomas Mollett, Clerk.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 9th day of *December*, 1876.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the School Board of the United District of Welford-on-Avon, 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 twenty-first of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, numbered 743:

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. DCCXLIII.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT,
1870.

BYE-LAWS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE
UNITED DISTRICT OF WELFORD-ON-AVON.

WHEREAS in pursuance of a requisition sent by the Education Department to the Clerk of the Stratford-on-Avon Union, in the counties of Warwick, Worcester, and Gloucester, a School Board for the United District of Welford, in the counties of Warwick and Gloucester, was duly elected on the 25th day of November, 1873.

Now, at a Meeting of the School Board for the said district, duly convened and held at the School Room, Welford, this 21st day of September, 1876, at which Meeting a quorum of the Members of such Board are present; the said Board do hereby,

and in pursuance of the power given by the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and subject to the approval of the Education Department, make the following Bye-laws:—

The parent of every child residing in the school district of the United District of Welford, shall cause such child, not being less than five years nor more than thirteen years of age, to attend a Public Elementary School, unless there be a reasonable excuse for non-attendance.

I. Any of the following shall be a reasonable excuse, viz.:—

- (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 an unavoidable cause, or a cause that to the School Board shall seem to be sufficient.
- (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.
- (d.) That 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.

II. Subject to the provisions of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and these Bye-laws, the time during which children shall so attend school, shall be the whole time the school selected is open for the instruction of children of similar age.

Provided (a.) That nothing herein contained shall prevent the withdrawal of any child from any religious observance or instruction in religious subjects.

(b.) That no child shall be required to attend school on any day exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which the parent belongs.

III. Nothing in the present Bye-laws 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.

IV. Every parent committing a breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them shall, upon conviction, be liable to a penalty not exceeding, with the costs, five shillings for each offence.

V. 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 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.

VI. In these Bye-laws the term "United District" means the parishes of Welford, Weston-on-Avon, and Dorsington.

The term "School" or "Public Elementary School" means a Public Elementary School as defined by the said Act.

The term "Parent" includes a guardian and every person who is liable to maintain or has the actual custody of any child, but does not include the mother of a child when the father is living and is residing within the Welford United School District.

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

As witness the Common Seal of the School Board, and the signatures of the Chairman and