

No. XIX.

An Act to make provision for the Inspection of PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS
INSPECTION.
Hospitals and other Institutions aided from
the Public Revenue. [22nd December, 1866.]

WHIEREAS it is necessary in certain cases in which sums of Preamble.
money are granted by Parliament in aid of Hospitals and
other Public Institutions to make provision for ensuring the proper
application of such grants to the purposes intended Be it therefore
enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice
and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of
New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the
same as follows :—

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice of the Inspectors of Public
Charities may be
appointed.
Executive Council to appoint an Inspector of Public Charities the
duty of which officer under the instructions of the Colonial Secretary
for the time being shall be to visit and inspect all hospitals infirma-
ries orphan schools and charitable institutions which are wholly or
in part supported by grants from the public revenue and to conduct
inquiries and examinations in respect to the management of the same
and also in special cases to appoint with such Inspector any other
person or persons to aid in the performance of the said duties
Provided that all such visits inspections inquiries and examinations
shall have reference and be directed solely to the proper appropriation
of the public grants in aid and the efficient conduct of such institu-
tions.

2. It shall be lawful for the Colonial Secretary to perform any Powers of Inspector
may be exercised
by the Colonial
Secretary.
of the duties and exercise any of the powers of visitation inspection
and inquiry by this Act conferred upon the Inspector of Public
Charities.

3. Every public institution that receives aid from the public Public institutions
to be subject to
inspection.
revenue shall at all times submit to the inspection and examination
of the Government as provided for in this Act or by any special
Board or Commission of Inquiry duly appointed And any director
trustee superintendent master or officer of such institution or any
other person resisting the inspection and inquiry so authorized by
wilfully refusing admission to premises withholding books or accounts
when applied for or by any other act shall be liable to a penalty not
exceeding for any one offence the sum of ten pounds.

4. The Inspector of Public Charities or other person perform- Annual report.
ing the duties of inspection as prescribed by the provisions of this Act
shall before the thirty-first day of January in each year lay before the
Governor and Executive Council a detailed report on the condition
and working of the several public institutions aforesaid and copies of
all such reports shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

5. The Governor with the advice of the Executive Council Persons may be
appointed to inspect
literary institu-
tions.
may appoint any magistrate or other person resident in any place
where a mechanics' institution school of arts public library literary
society or other similar institution is established with aid from the
public revenue to visit inspect and report upon the state and working
of such institution and the person so appointed shall as to such
institution possess all the powers of inspection and inquiry conferred
by the provisions of this Act on the Inspector of Public Charities.

Sydney Municipal Council Powers Extension.

Penalties how
recoverable.

6. All penalties imposed by this Act may be recovered in a summary way before any two or more Justices of the Peace.

Commencement of
Act.

7. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

Short title.

8. This Act shall be styled and may be cited for all purposes as the "Public Institutions Inspection Act of 1866."
