

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland*, passed in the year 1849.

12 Victoria – Chapter 16

**An Act to extend the practice of Vaccination to the Outports of this Colony. (Passed 23d April, 1849.)**

Whereas it is expedient to extend the practice of Vaccination in this Colony:

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, that from and after the passing of this Act, the Governor, for the time being, is authorized from time to time, as occasion may require, to procure, or cause to be procured, from some Vaccination Institution in London, such quantity of Vaccine Matter as may be sufficient to supply the Stipendiary Justices of the Peace, or others engaged in the relief of the Poor in the several Outport Districts of this Colony, for the Vaccination of all Persons resident within the same; and that such Vaccine Matter shall be distributed under such rules and regulations as the Governor and Council may make and issue for that purpose; and that the said Stipendiary Justices, and others engaged in the relief of the Poor, shall conform to all such rules and regulations, and cause the same to be strictly observed within their respective Districts, and shall transmit, when and so often, and in the manner required, a report to the Governor of the number of Persons successfully Vaccinated in their respective Districts aforesaid.

II. And be it enacted, That any Person who shall, from and after the passing of this Act, produce, or attempt to produce, in any Person, by Inoculation with Variolous Matter, or by wilful exposure to Variolous Matter, or to any Matter, Article, or Thing impregnated with Variolous Matter, or wilfully, by any means whatsoever, produce the disease of Small Pox in any Person in this Colony, shall be liable to be proceeded against and convicted summarily before two or more Justices of the Peace; and for every such offence shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned in the common Gaol for any term not exceeding One Month.

III. And be it enacted, That after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Governor for the time being, when he shall see fit, to cause to be issued throughout this Island a Proclamation inviting all Persons to avail themselves of the benefit of Vaccination, and warning them against the penal consequences of violating the law by the practice of Inoculation.