

Approved, GORMANSTON, Governor,

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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
**CUNNINGHAM & SANDY POINT**  
**H O S P I T A L S .**

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Framed under the Authority of the 12th Section  
Of the St. Christopher--Nevis Ordinance  
No. 13 of 1883.

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## MEDICAL OFFICERS.

1. The Medical Officers shall examine and enquire into all complaints against any officer, nurses or servant of the Institution for or against any inmate, reporting all important cases to the Governor.

2. The Medical Officers shall enforce as far as possible cleanliness, order, and economy within the Establishments.

3. The Medical Officers shall not perform any capital operation except in cases not admitting of delay without a previous consultation with some other Medical Man and they shall be assisted in all such operations by one or more duly qualified Medical Practitioners, when practicable.

4. The Medical Officers shall keep a Book in which they shall enter the name, age and occupation of each patient and the history of his disease with periodical reports of the Medicines used and such other circumstances as may tend to illustrate the nature of the case, stating also its termination either by recovery, relief or death.

5. The Medical Officers shall twice in each week at stated periods of which due notice is to be given from time to time prescribe for out-patients.

6. The Medical Officers may take pupils to witness the Medical and Surgical practice of the Hospitals and may permit such pupils to be employed as Dressers under the Assistant.

7. The Medical Officers shall see the inmates are treated with civility and tenderness and never suffer any degree of insolence or neglect towards them by others to pass unnoticed. They shall visit the wards every day and occasionally at uncertain periods at night. They shall see that the food and other articles supplied by the Contractors or otherwise procured are of good quality and sufficient quantity, and that the diet is properly distributed by the Matron. They shall take care that such of the inmates as are not patients confined to the wards, receive and use their food in a decent and orderly manner.

8. All the furniture, utensils, stores, &c, shall be in their charge, and they shall see that they are kept clean and in good order. The Medical Officers shall have made and keep an inventory of every thing under their care, and shall report their condition from time to time to the Governor.

9. The Medical Officers shall see that the Hospitals and premises attached thereto are neat and clean, and take such steps as shall prevent strong drink or improper articles from being introduced into the Hospital for the use of the inmates by their friends or visitors or any other unauthorized person, and they shall exercise their authority firmly, but gently, to put down any unruly conduct or insubordination among the inmates.

10. The Medical Officers shall see that a Journal is kept in which shall be entered the admission and departure of every patient, and all infringements of the rules by the servants or inmates. In every entry the day of the occurrence to which it refers must be noted.

11. The Medical Officer shall cause the rules relating to the conduct of the inmates, nurses and servants to be read in each ward once in every year and they shall see they are strictly observed and shall report any serious breach to the Governor.

## POOR LAW BOARD,

12. The Poor Law Boards appointed by the Governor shall visit the Hospitals the first Monday in every month and at such other times as the Governor may direct or the Boards may deem necessary and the said Boards shall report to the Governor at the expiration of every quarter, the state, condition and general management of the respective Hospitals.

13. The Assistants or Masters of the Hospitals shall be Clerks of the Boards and enter the minutes of their proceedings in books to be kept for that purpose. They shall submit for the inspection of the Boards the book of admissions or any other books of the Institution when required so to do.

14. All requisitions for provisions, clothing &c., for all branches of the Institution shall be submitted to the Boards for their approval and at their meetings and in cases of emergency to the Chairmen of the Boards; but no Officer of the Boards shall purchase any article or incur any expense on account of the Institutions without the sanction of the Boards or of the Chairmen.

15. All accounts for supplies &c., for the preceding month made up to the evening of the preceding day shall be laid before the Boards and if approved certified by the Chairman for payment.

16. All supplies of food, clothing, &c., (except drugs) shall if possible be procured by contract.

17. The Boards shall cause stock to be taken twice a year of all furniture, appliances, medicines, and all other articles belonging to the Institutions and may direct the sale of all surplus or condemned stores, medicines or drugs.

## THE ASSISTANT AND DISPENSER.

18. The Assistants or Dispensers shall dispense all the prescriptions of the Medical Officers and shall either administer the same to the patients or see that they are properly administered.

19. The Assistants and Dispensers shall keep in order the Surgical instruments and other appliances and take especial care that they are ready for any emergency.

20. The Assistants and Dispensers shall be responsible for the safe keeping of all medicines and drugs and shall make up under the directions of the Medical Officers all pharmaceutical preparations that may be required. They shall keep an inventory of everything committed to their charge and a book showing the consumption of each article.

21. The Assistants and Dispensers shall take care that the Dispensaries are kept neat and clean and free from intrusion.

22. The Assistants and Dispensers shall write on the head-board of each sleeping place the name, occupation, age and district of each inmate as soon after admission as possible.

23. The Assistants and Dispensers shall attend the Medical Officers in their visits to the Patients in order to receive and carry out their instructions.

24. The Assistants and Dispensers shall receive the food and other articles supplied by the Contractor and shall see that everything is of good quality and sufficient quantity. In conjunction with the Housekeeper they shall see to the proper distribution of the diet and shall take care that such of the inmates as are not patients confined to their wards receive and use their food in a decent and orderly manner.

