

## No. VIII.

An Act to amend the Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria intituled “ *An Act to define the “ qualifications of Medical Witnesses at Coroners’ Inquests and Inquiries held before Justices of the Peace in the Colony of New South Wales.*”  
[23rd August, 1844.]

MEDICAL WITNESSES  
AT INQUESTS.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the second year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria intituled “ *An Act to define the “ qualifications of Medical Witnesses at Coroners’ Inquests and Inquiries held before Justices of the Peace in the Colony of New South Wales*” it is enacted that no person from and after the first day of January then next ensuing shall for the purposes of a certain Act therein recited and passed in the same Session intituled “ *An Act to provide for the attendance of Medical Witnesses at Coroners’ Inquests and Inquiries held before Justices of the Peace*” be deemed a legally qualified Medical Practitioner unless such person should have proved to the satisfaction of the President and any other member of a Medical Board thereafter provided to be appointed that he is a Doctor or Bachelor of Medicine of some University or a Physician or Surgeon licensed or admitted as such by some College of Physicians or Surgeons in Great Britain or Ireland or a member of the Company of Apothecaries of London or who is or has been a Medical Officer duly appointed and confirmed of Her Majesty’s sea or land service and by the said Act it is further enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor

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Superintendent to appoint a Medical Board for the District of Port Phillip and remove all or any of them whenever he may think fit.

Persons desirous of being declared legally qualified Medical Practitioners for the district to submit their diplomas or other certificates for the approval of the Board.

Names of all such legally qualified Medical Practitioners to be entered in a book and also published in the *Government Gazette*.

Such persons to be deemed to be legally qualified throughout the Colony.

Governor or Acting Governor of the Colony of New South Wales for the time being to appoint a Committee consisting of at least three members being of the Medical profession one of whom should be nominated President together with a Secretary under the style and description of "The New South Wales Medical Board" with power for the said Governor or Acting Governor to remove the said members or any of them and to appoint others in their place and that any person desirous of being declared a "legally qualified Medical Practitioner" as aforesaid shall submit his degree diploma or other certificate or proof of his being so duly qualified for the examination and approval of the said Medical Board and shall obtain from the said Medical Board a certificate of his being so qualified and whereas a Medical Board has been appointed in Sydney under the said recited Act but considerable inconvenience has been experienced by persons residing in the District of Port Phillip desirous of submitting their diplomas or certificates to the said Board by reason of the distance from Sydney Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof That it shall and may be lawful for His Honor the Superintendent of Port Phillip for the time being to appoint at Melbourne in the District of Port Phillip a Committee consisting of at least three members being of the Medical profession one of whom shall be nominated President under the style and description of "The Medical Board for the District of Port Phillip" and it shall be lawful for the said Superintendent for the time being to remove the said members or any of them and upon the removal death or resignation of the said members to appoint such other person or persons as the said Superintendent shall think fit and that any person resident in the District of Port Phillip desirous of being declared a legally qualified Medical Practitioner as aforesaid shall submit his degree diploma or other certificate or proof of his being so duly qualified for the examination and approval of the said Medical Board and shall obtain from the said Medical Board a certificate of his being so qualified.

2. And be it enacted That the said Medical Board shall on or before the first day of January next cause the names of all persons declared by the Board to be legally qualified Medical Practitioners to be registered in a book to be kept by the said Board for that purpose and shall also cause all the names so registered to be published in the *New South Wales Government Gazette* on or about the said first day of January next and the same to be repeated on or about the first day of January annually for the information of Coroners Magistrates and the public.

3. And be it enacted That all persons declared to be legally qualified Medical Practitioners either by the Medical Board of New South Wales or by that of the District of Port Phillip shall be held and taken to be legally qualified Medical Practitioners throughout the whole Territory of New South Wales.