

*Hospitals and Charitable Institutions.*

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(c.) May pay the actual cost of the fare by road, railway, or water conveyance incurred by any member of the Board (other than the Chairman) in going to or returning from any meeting of the Board when duly summoned, or in making any official visit of inspection to any institution when appointed to do so by the Board.

(2.) Before any member is paid any money for travelling-expenses under paragraph (c) of this section he shall deliver to the Chairman of the Board a statutory declaration, made and signed by him, that he has not been paid and is not entitled to receive any sum in respect of the same travelling-expenses from any other Board or Corporation under any other Act or otherwise.

Declaration before payment of travelling-expenses.

(3.) No person being the holder of a free pass on a railway shall be paid any money in respect of expenses for travelling on such railway.

Holders of free passes not to be paid railway expenses.

26. The Board may from time to time by resolution make rules for regulating its own proceedings and the general conduct of business, and for calling special or general meetings of the Board or of the Committee, or of the contributors to any institution.

Board to regulate its own proceedings.

27. The Board may enter into any contract with any person for doing anything that the Board is authorised to do, or that is necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Board may enter into contracts.

28. (1.) Any contract that, if made between private persons,—

Contracts, how made.

(a.) Must be by deed, then, if made by the Board, shall be in writing under the seal of the Board :

(b.) Must be in writing signed by the parties thereto, then, if made by the Board, shall be in writing signed by two members of the Board on its behalf and by its direction :

(c.) May be made verbally without writing, then, if made by the Board, may be similarly made by the Board or by any two members thereof on its behalf or by its direction.

(2.) All such contracts may be varied and discharged in the same manner respectively.

(3.) No contract the amount whereof exceeds ten pounds shall, except in case of urgent necessity, be made except after public tender, of which due public notice shall be given, but the Board shall not be obliged to accept the lowest or any tender.

Contracts above £10 to be by public tender.

29. The Board may compound with any person for such sum of money or other recompense as it thinks fit in respect of the breach of any contract, or any penalty incurred thereunder, or of any debt or money due to the Board, whether before or after action brought for the recovery thereof.

Composition upon breach of contracts.

*Finance.*

30. For every district there shall be a Hospital and Charitable Aid Fund, consisting of—

Moneys constituting Hospital Fund.

(a.) The rents and profits of lands and endowments vested in the Board, or set apart for the benefit of any institution the control whereof is vested in the Board ;

(b.) Voluntary contributions, including donations and bequests ;

(c.) Grants from contributing local authorities ;