

To the Guardians of the Poor of The WOLVERHAMPTON UNION, and to all Others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by the Act 11th and 12th Victoria, cap. 123, entitled "An Act to renew and amend an Act of the tenth year of Her present Majesty, for the more speedy removal of certain nuisances, and the prevention of contagious and epidemic diseases," and by virtue of an Order of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, bearing date the 27th day of March 1849, directing that the provisions of the said Act be continued in force throughout the whole of Great Britain, We, the General Board of Health, are authorized to issue such Directions and Regulations as the said Board shall think fit, for the prevention as far as possible, or mitigation of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases:

And whereas various parts and places within the Wolverhampton Union appear to be affected by formidable epidemic or endemic disease;

We, the General Board of Health, do hereby, in further exercise of the power vested in us as aforesaid, issue the Directions and Regulations hereinafter contained, to extend to the Wolverhampton Union:—

1. That three dispensaries be forthwith established within the Wolverhampton Parish of the said Union, with one duly qualified dispenser to each such dispensary, to distribute appropriate and suitable medicines to all who are attacked or threatened with Cholera, or any of its premonitory symptoms.

2. That the existing division of Wolverhampton into three medical districts be retained and continued.

3. That one night dispensary, conveniently situated, in the Wolverhampton Parish, be forthwith established for the various affected districts, and to which all applications for aid and medicine during the night may be made; and that a sufficient number of qualified medical men, in such equal proportions as may be practicable from each of the three wards, attend each night in rotation, and share the night duty among them.

4. That such a sufficient number of medical men be appointed for each of the three medical districts as will raise the whole number to four in each district; that is, twelve in all.

5. That a suitable Cholera Hospital be forthwith established, with an adequate number of proper attendance.

6. That three legally qualified medical men be appointed to carry out a regular system of house to house visitation in the affected districts, and to devote their whole time to the duty, carrying medicine and all other requisites with them.

7. That three legally qualified medical men be forthwith appointed for the performance of the same duties in the Willenhall Parish of the aforesaid Union.

8. That suitable and sufficient hospital accommodation be provided (with nurses, &c.) for those who may be attacked with Cholera in the said Parish of Willenhall.

9. That two legally qualified medical men be forthwith appointed to carry out a regular system of house to house visitation in the Parish of Bilston, in the aforesaid Union, and to devote their whole time thereto.

10. That suitable and sufficient hospital accommodation be forthwith prepared, with proper medical attendance, nurses, and other requisites, for the treatment of those who may be attacked by Cholera, or by any of its premonitory symptoms.

11. That the Medical Superintending Inspector who has been appointed for the whole Union, shall

take charge of the medical visitation of the said Union: that he shall make up the statistics of the disease, and locate the visitors in the localities most affected, and take such general charge of the preventive measures as may appear to him to be necessary.

12. That sufficient supplies of bedding be forthwith provided for the tents which have been sent down to the Wolverhampton Union.

13. That suitable notices, one for each of the affected districts of that Union, be drawn up and printed, and be freely circulated from house to house, furnishing Information and Directions where requisite aid in medicine, &c. may be most readily and speedily procured.

Given under our hands, and under the seal of the General Board of Health, this tenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

(Signed) ASHLEY.  
(L. S.) EDWIN CHADWICK.  
T. SOUTHWOOD SMITH.

To the Proprietors of the SAINT THOMAS' BURIAL GROUND, Golden Lane, Saint Luke's, Middlesex, and to all Others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by the Act 12th and 13th Victoria, cap. 3, intituled "An Act to amend the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848," it is provided, "that it shall be lawful in England or Wales for the General Board of Health to cause inquiry to be made by a Superintending Inspector, or by such other ways and means as the General Board of Health may deem fit to direct, into the state of the Burial Grounds in any part of England or Wales excepted from the powers of the Public Health Act, 1848, or in any populous city, town, or place in England or Wales to which for the time being the said Act has not been applied; and if it appear to the General Board of Health that any such Burial Ground is in such a state as to be dangerous to the health of the persons living in the neighbourhood thereof, it shall be lawful for the said General Board of Health in England and Wales, under the seal of the said Board, and under the hands of two or more Members thereof, to issue such Orders as the said Board may think fit for the application of such disinfecting substances, and for the adoption of such other measures of prevention in relation to the premises as may, in the opinion of the said Board, tend to lessen or remove the danger to health:

And whereas Gavin Milroy, Doctor of Medicine, Superintending Inspector to the said Board, has enquired into the state of the Burial Ground known as Saint Thomas' Burial Ground, Golden Lane, Saint Luke's, Middlesex, and has reported the said Burial Ground to be in a condition dangerous to the health of the persons living in the neighbourhood thereof,

We, the General Board of Health, being of opinion that, in order to lessen or remove the danger to health at present arising from the said Burial Ground, it is expedient that Interments should be discontinued therein for the present, do hereby order and require the proprietors and other persons having the care and control of the same, to cause the discontinuance of interments in the said Burial Ground until further order, and to make such provision for interment elsewhere, as to them may appear necessary under the Tenth Section of the Nuisances Amendment Act aforesaid, or otherwise.