

of misery and calamity which a single instance of improvidently neglecting any of these regulations may bring upon our loving subjects, to cause the severest penalties which the law has provided or may provide to be inflicted upon all those who may be guilty of any offence against the same: and whereas it is also necessary to take the utmost precaution to prevent the spreading of infection, in case the said malignant disease (which God in his mercy avert) should unhappily manifest itself in any part of Our United Kingdom, notwithstanding the precautions taken to guard against the introduction thereof; We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our said Council, to take measures for the establishment of a board of health, to consist of men able, learned, eminent, and experienced in the study and practice of medicine, together with persons most capable, from their knowledge of the ports of Our kingdom, to afford assistance in the forming of regulations respectively applicable to the local circumstances of the said ports, such board to be authorised and directed to prepare and digest the best rules and regulations for the speedy and effectual adoption of the most approved methods of guarding against the introduction and spreading of infection, and for purifying any ship, or house, or any place, in which any contagious disorder may have manifested itself, and to communicate the same to all magistrates, medical persons, and others of Our loving subjects who may be desirous and may apply to be made acquainted therewith: And We most strictly enjoin and command all magistrates and persons in authority, all medical persons, and others Our loving subjects, especially those within the maritime counties, to give immediate notice to Us, through Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, or Our Privy Council, in case any person or persons should be attacked with any disease attended with new and uncommon symptoms, such as to afford ground for apprehension that such disease is of the same nature as the disorder called Cholera Morbus, prevailing in several parts of Russia, and elsewhere, in order that the most immediate and effectual measures may be taken, as well for affording due and necessary assistance and re-

lief to those afflicted with the same, as for preventing the contagion from spreading amongst Our loving subject.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the twentieth day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, and in the first year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

Council-Office, Whitehall, June 21, 1831.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to establish a Board of Health, to prepare and digest rules and regulations for the most speedy and effectual mode of guarding against the introduction and spreading of infection, and for purifying any ship or house in case any contagious disorder should unhappily manifest itself in any part of the United Kingdom, notwithstanding the precautions taken to guard against the introduction thereof, and to communicate the same to all magistrates, medical persons, and others, His Majesty's subjects, who may be desirous and may apply to be made acquainted therewith.

The said Board hold their meetings at the Royal College of Physicians, and is composed of the following persons, viz.

Sir Henry Hallford, President of the Royal College of Physicians, President.

Dr. Holland, Dr. Maton, Dr. Turner, Dr. Warren, Dr. Macmichael, Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians.

Sir T. Byam Martin, Comptroller of His Majesty's Navy.

Honourable Edward Stewart, Deputy Chairman of Board of Customs.

Sir James M'Gregor, Director-General of Army Hospitals.

Sir William Burnet, Commissioner of Victualling Office.

Sir William Pym, Superintendent-General of Quarantine.

Dr. Seymour, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, to be Secretary to the said Board.