

"sible, of the disease, called the cholera, or spasmodic, or Indian cholera, in Scotland," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Lords and others of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, or any two or more of them (of whom the Lord President of the Council, or one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the time being, shall always be one), by any Order or Orders to be by them from time to time made, to establish, and again, from time to time, by any such Order or Orders, to revoke, renew, alter, or vary all such new rules and regulations as to them may appear necessary or expedient for the prevention, as far as may be possible, of the spreading of the said disease, called the cholera, or spasmodic, or Indian cholera, in Scotland, or any part thereof, or for the relief of any persons suffering under, or likely to be affected by, the said disease :

And whereas the said disease hath extended to different parts of Great Britain, and other parts thereof may be affected by the same :

And whereas it doth appear to the Lords and others of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council (of whom the Lord President of the Council is one) necessary and expedient, in order to promote, under certain restrictions, the separation of persons infected, or likely to be infected, with the said disease, from other classes of His Majesty's subjects, and to provide accommodation for the reception and relief of persons suffering under, or likely to be affected by, the said disease, that the burgh magistrates, and commissioners of police in all cities, burghs, and towns having local establishments of police, and the burgh magistrates, together with the members of the Kirk sessions, and resident householders, occupying houses rated to the house duty at twelve pounds, or upwards, of yearly value, in all other burghs, and the resident heritors and agents for non-resident heritors, together with the tenants paying fifty pounds, or upwards, of yearly rent, and the members of the Kirk session of every landward, parish, or landward, part of a parish, in Scotland, now affected with, or which may be in immediate danger of being affected with, the said disease, should be permitted and suffered, where they think fit so to do, to invest and instruct their respective Boards of Health established for such parishes or places, and constituted by an Order of the Lords and others of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, with sufficient powers and authority to provide temporary hospitals, with all necessary articles for the reception and cure of persons affected with the said disease, and also houses of observation for the reception of persons whom it may be necessary or proper to remove from communication with infected persons; it is, therefore, ordered by the Lords and others of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council (of whom the Lord President of the Council is one), in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in them by the before-recited Act, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, that every Board of Health which now is, or hereafter shall be, constituted by virtue of any Order or Orders of His Majesty's Privy Council, certified under the hand of one of the Clerks in Ordinary of the Privy Council, shall and may, by their chairman or secretary, apply to, re-

quest, and desire, the acting chief magistrate of any burgh, or the minister, or any three of the resident heritors of any parish for which Boards of Health are appointed, to convene a meeting of the different persons above enumerated in such burghs or parishes, as the case may be, which said meetings shall accordingly be summoned and convened by the proper officers as early as can conveniently be done, after intimation of the time and place of holding the same; and at such meetings respectively every such Board of Health shall and may submit to such meeting proposals for their permission and consent that such Boards of Health should be empowered and enabled to contract for, engage, and hire, and by themselves, their servants, or others, to possess, hold, and occupy any house or other suitable building, and to erect any temporary buildings upon land belonging to the parish, or where there is no land belonging to the parish conveniently situate for the site of such buildings, to contract for the use and occupation of land for such purpose of erecting temporary buildings thereon, and to establish all and every such houses, buildings, and temporary erections, so hired or constructed as aforesaid, as cholera hospitals, or as houses of observation for the reception of persons not at the time affected with the said disease, but whom it may be necessary or proper to remove from communication with infected persons; also to procure and purchase a sufficient and necessary supply of beds, food, clothing, fuel, and medicine, and to engage medical assistance, and nurses, and other necessary attendants; and if such meetings in burghs or parishes shall consent and agree, by a majority of the votes of the members or inhabitants then present, taken in the usual and ordinary manner of voting at such meetings, that it is salutary and expedient to confer such authority and powers upon the Board of Health appointed for such parish or place, then it shall and may be lawful for such Boards of Health, and they are hereby empowered and authorised to undertake, enter upon, do, and perform all the acts, deeds, matters, and things required of them in the execution of such their trusts, under the authority and by virtue of this Order of the Lords and others of the Privy Council (of whom the Lord President of the Council is one), with power to remove and convey, or cause to be conveyed, to any such cholera hospital, so established as aforesaid, any person infected with the said disease, and consenting to be removed from his or her habitation, and to place in any such house of observation as aforesaid, any person or persons whom, in the opinion of two medical practitioners, signified by a certificate in writing under their hands, it may be necessary or proper to remove from communication with infected persons, or from confined and crowded situations, but if such meetings shall not agree and determine by a majority of the votes of the members then present, taken in the usual and ordinary manner of voting at such meetings, that it is salutary and expedient to confer such powers upon the Boards of Health appointed for such parishes or burghs respectively, then it is ordered and enjoined, that no such authority or powers shall be claimed or exercised by any Board of Health in any parish or place, except when such, and any other authority and powers shall, upon due consideration of the premises, be conferred and given to