

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 England or Wales, or any part thereof, or for the relief of any persons suffering under, or likely to be affected by, the said disease :

And whereas it is further enacted by the said Act, that all and every the expences, which may be reasonably or properly incurred, in carrying into effect any Order of the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, made as aforesaid, shall, under and by virtue of an order in writing of one justice of the peace, dwelling in or near the parish or division (and which said order any such justice is thereby empowered and directed to make), commanding the churchwardens, overseers, or guardians of the poor, for the time being, to pay a certain sufficient sum of money for such purpose, be defrayed out of the rates for the relief of the poor of the parishes or townships, or in extra parochial places, out of the poors' rate of the parish nearest adjoining :

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 by an Order made on the sixth day of March last past, by the Lords and others of His Majesty's Privy Council (of whom the Lord President of the Council was one), it was, amongst other things, ordered and directed, that every Board of Health, duly constituted by an Order of the Lords of the Privy Council, should and might apply to the select or parish vestry of the parish or place for authority and powers to carry into effect the purposes of the before recited Act, and the measures of precaution in such Order described, and to provide a certain sufficient sum of money for the discharge of the necessary expences thereof, of which the amount should be declared and fixed by such vestry :

And whereas by an Act, passed in the third year of the reign of His late Majesty, intituled "An Act for the employment, maintenance, and regulation of the poor of the city of Bristol, and for altering the mode of assessing the rates for the relief of the poor, and certain rates authorised to be raised and levied within the said city by certain Acts for improving the harbour there ; and for paving, pitching, cleansing, and lighting the same city ; and for the relief of the churchwardens and overseers from the collecting of such rates ; and for amending the Act for paving, pitching, cleansing, and lighting the said city ;" it is, amongst other things, enacted, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the said city and county of the city of Bristol for the time being, and the senior churchwardens for the time being of the several parishes within the said city and county, together with the several other persons theretofore elected guardians of the poor, under and by virtue of certain recited Acts, thereby then repealed, and their successors, to be elected and appointed in the manner thereafter expressed, should be, and they were thereby appointed, guardians of the poor of the said city and county, for the purposes of well governing, providing for, employing, and managing the said poor, and were made, and thereby declared to be one body politic and corporate, by the name of " the Governor,

Deputy Governor, Assistants, and Guardians of the Poor of the city of Bristol ;" and that such corporation shall have the care of, and provide for, the maintenance of the poor, and shall ascertain and set down what sum or sums of money will be requisite for the maintenance of the poor of the said city and county in every year, and shall be and are invested with, and are thereby required to exercise, all and every the powers and authorities with which churchwardens and overseers of the poor, or any of them, are invested :

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 carry into effect the purposes of the first before-recited Act, and of the Order of their Lordships before mentioned, in the most convenient manner, within the said city and county of the city of Bristol, that the Board of Health for such city and county should be empowered and authorised to apply for all the necessary powers and expences to the " Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants, and Guardians of the Poor" for such city and county, in lieu and stead of applying to the vestries of the several parishes and townships therein :

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), that the Board of Health, constituted for the said city and county of the city of Bristol, shall and may apply to the clerk of the said corporation to convene a general meeting of the said assistants and guardians of the poor for the said city and county (which court the said clerk is hereby commanded and directed forthwith to convene), and the said Board of Health, by their chairman or secretary, shall and may submit proposals, accounts, and estimates to such court, and apply for the necessary powers and authorities, and for a certain sum of money to defray the reasonable expences thereof, delivering their proposals to such assistants and guardians of the poor of the said city and county, in the place and stead of making any such application to the vestries of the several parishes as in the before recited Order mentioned ; and the said assistants and guardians of the poor for the said city and county shall and may, and they are hereby authorised and empowered (if they think proper so to do), to confer upon the Board of Health of the said city all or any of the powers and authorities mentioned in the said Order of their Lordships ; and the said assistants and guardians of the poor for the said city and county are further ordered and directed to ascertain and fix the amount of the sum to be allowed for carrying into effect the purposes of the first before recited Act, and of the Order of their Lordships before mentioned, in the place and in lieu and stead of the vestries in the before recited Order mentioned, and to use and exercise all other the functions and powers given by such Order of their Lordships to select or parish vestries :

And for all acts and deeds properly done by such assistants and guardians of the poor of the said city and county, in execution and furtherance of this, or of any other Order or Orders of the Lords and others in Council, this Order shall be their full and sufficient warrant.

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