

or vary all such rules and regulations, or to substitute any 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 by another Act, passed in the same second year of His present Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for altering and amending an Act passed in the present session of Parliament, for the prevention, as far as may be possible, of the disease called the cholera, or spasmodic, or Indian cholera, in Scotland," it is amongst other things enacted, "that all and every the expences which may be reasonably and properly incurred in carrying into effect any Order or Orders of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, so to be made as in the said before mentioned Act, provided or sanctioned after they are incurred by any such Order, shall, where the occasion of expence shall arise in any landward parish (or in the landward part of any parish containing any burgh, or part of a burgh), be levied by a special assessment, to be from time to time made by the heritors, or their special mandatories, of such parish, or landward part of a parish, upon the owners and occupants of the lands, houses, and other heritages within the said parish, or landward part of a parish," in the manner therein prescribed :

And whereas the said disease hath extended to different parts of Great Britain, and the parish of Duddingstone hath been affected with the said disease,

And whereas an Order in Council was issued by the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on the tenth day of March last past, empowering every Board of Health, constituted by virtue of an Order of His Majesty's Privy Council, to apply to 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 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 sessions of every landward parish, or landward part of a parish, and to apply to such meeting for the authority and powers therein mentioned, and for funds to defray the necessary expences thereof, of which the amount should be declared and fixed by the said meeting,

and further directing the proceedings to be taken at such meeting, and the course to be pursued by such Boards of Health consequent upon the determinations of such meetings :

And whereas it hath been shewn to the satisfaction of their Lordships, that application for authority and powers to carry into effect the purposes of the Acts above recited, and the measures of precaution in the said Order described, and to provide a certain sufficient sum of money for the discharge of all necessary expences incurred for sanitary purposes, amounting in the whole to a sum exceeding six hundred pounds, hath been made by the Board of Health of the parish of Duddingstone to the meeting of heritors, tenants, and kirk-sessions, and such meeting hath consented to confer the necessary powers and to provide for the expences aforesaid, when and as soon as the expenditure of their Boards of Health shall have received the sanction of the Lords of the Privy Council :

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), proper and expedient to sanction, by an Order of the Lords of the Privy Council, certain of the expences incurred by the Boards of Health for the parish of Duddingstone, and village of Portobello, in the said parish of Duddingstone, in taking measures for the prevention of the spread of the said disease, and in affording relief to persons suffering by, or likely to be affected with, the said disease, and for other sanitary purposes :

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 both the before recited Acts, and of all other powers, enabling them in that behalf, that so much of the Order of the tenth day of March last past as requires the amount of the sum to be defrayed in discharge of the necessary expences, to be fixed and declared by such meeting of heritors, tenants, and kirk-sessions as aforesaid, be and it is hereby revoked and altered, in so far as respects the said parish of Duddingstone, and the sum of six hundred pounds, and that the said Board of Health for the parish of Duddingstone shall and may, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to apply, by their chairman or secretary, to the heritors, or their special mandatories, of such parish to raise the said sum of six hundred pounds, by a spe-