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AT the Council-Chamber, *Whitehall*, the 4th day of *August* 1832,

By the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the second year of the reign of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the prevention, as far as may be possible, of the disease, called the cholera, or spasmodic, or Indian cholera, in England," 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 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 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 expenses which may be reasonably and 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 some 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 parish, township, or extra parochial place maintaining its own poor, in which the same shall be incurred, and in other extra parochial places, out of the poors' rate of the parish nearest adjoining:

And whereas the said disease hath extended to various parts of Great Britain, and the city of London hath been, and still is, afflicted by the said disease:

And whereas by an Order, made on the sixth day of March last past, by the Lords of the Privy Council, it was, amongst other things, ordered and directed, that every Board of Health, constituted by an Order of the Privy Council, for cities, towns, districts, or divisions of England and Wales, should and might apply to the select or parish vestry of every parish or place, for authority and powers to carry into effect

the purposes of the Act before recited, and the measures of precaution in the said Order described :

And whereas it hath been represented to the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, that the various expences incurred in providing hospitals for the reception and cure of persons affected with the said disease in the city of London, and the several parishes within the said city, and the liberties thereof, and in purchasing a sufficient and necessary supply of beds, food, clothing, fuel, and medicine, and in engaging medical assistance, and nurses, and other necessary attendants, for the relief of the sick and destitute of the said city, and the different parishes within the said city and liberties thereof, together with the necessary incidental expences of the Board of Health, nominated and constituted for the same, have been hitherto wholly defrayed and borne by the corporate funds of the said city ; and whereas it has been represented to the Lords of the Privy Council, that the corporation of the said city are minded and desirous to continue to supply the necessary expences for the prevention and mitigation of the said disease, but in the event of the continuance or spreading of the same, it may become necessary, and is strictly just and proper, that a proportion of the expences necessarily incurred for such sanitary purposes, should be discharged out of the rates levied for the relief of the poor of the different parishes within the said city and liberties thereof :

And whereas it doth appear to the Lords and others of His Majesty's Privy Council (of whom the Lord President of the Council is one) proper and expedient, in order to carry into effect the purposes of the before recited Act, and of the Order of their Lordships founded thereon, in the most convenient manner within the said city of London, that the Board of Health for the said city should be empowered and enabled to apply for a certain ascertained proportion of such necessary expences to the court of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the said city, in Common Council assembled, in lieu and stead of applying to the vestries of the several parishes thereof ; it is therefore ordered, by the Lords and others of His Majesty's 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 the Board of Health constituted for the said city of London shall and may, when and so soon as they shall have obtained the permission and sanction of their Lordships to that effect, certified by an Order under the

hand of one of the Clerks in Ordinary of the Privy Council, apply to the town clerk of the said city to convene a meeting of the said Court of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, in Common Council assembled, and which said court the said town clerk is hereby commanded and directed forthwith to convene ; and the said Board of Health, by their chairman or secretary, shall and may submit to such court all the estimates, accounts, and vouchers necessary to shew the correct expenditure of a larger sum of money than the amount applied for to the said court, and may pray to be allowed an ascertained proportion of such their reasonable expences incurred for the purposes aforesaid, preferring their application to such Court of Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, in Common Council assembled, in the place and stead of delivering their proposals to the vestries of the several parishes, as in the before-recited Order mentioned ; and the said Court of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, in Common Council assembled, shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered. (if they think proper so to do) to confer upon the Board of Health for the said city, all the necessary powers for raising money, or otherwise, from the respective parishes, in the said Order of their Lordships mentioned, and the said Court of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, in Common Council assembled, are further ordered and directed to confirm or vary the amount of the sum required by the said Board of Health, and to ascertain and fix the proportion of the expences of the said Board of Health, incurred for the purposes aforesaid, which shall be discharged out of the poors' rate of each of the respective parishes within the said city, and the liberties thereof, in the place and stead of such amounts being fixed by the vestries, in the before recited Order mentioned, and to use and exercise all other the functions given by such Order of their Lordships, to select or parish vestries :

And for procuring the payment of such sum of money, so ascertained and assessed by the said Court as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for such Board of Health for the city of London, and it is hereby authorized and directed to make application, by their chairman or secretary, to the Lord Mayor, or either of the Aldermen of the said city residing therein, to make an order in writing upon the churchwardens, overseers, or guardians of the poor of each of the said parishes, commanding them respectively to pay a certain specified sum of money for such purpose out of the rates levied, or next thereafter to be

lawed, for the relief of the poor of such parish, which order every such justice of the peace is hereby required and enjoined to make, in pursuance and exercise of the power vested in him by the before recited Act; and the said churchwardens, overseers, or guardians of the poor are hereby ordered and commanded to pay such money, in obedience to the order of such justice, in the manner therein directed, or they will incur the penalties and punishments consequent upon disobedience to such before recited Act, and to the present Order :

And whereas by another Order, made on the 19th day of the present month of July, it was, amongst other things, ordered and directed, that every Board of Health constituted by an Order of the Lords of the Privy Council should and might apply to the respective vestries of the parish or place for which such Board is appointed, for enlarged authority and powers, with a view to the encouragement and promotion of the speedy interment of persons dying of the said disease, and for the more summary removal of nuisances : and whereas the said Court of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the city of London, in Common Council assembled, hath already conferred upon the Board of Health, constituted for the said city, full and sufficient powers to carry into effect any Order or Orders of the Lords of the Privy Council then made, or thereafter to be made, and hath invested and instructed the said Board of Health, with authority and directions to provide for the safe and speedy interment of persons dying of the said disease ; and whereas such Board of Health is desirous of providing a suitable burying-ground and cemetery, to be used by all the parishes of the said city for the purposes of interment, and to make every necessary provision and arrangement for the interment of bodies therein : upon consideration of the premises, the Lords of His Majesty's Privy Council do deem it expedient and salutary that further powers and authority should be given to such Board of Health for the city of London, for the preservation of the public health in the said city, and for the prevention of the spreading of the said disease :

It is therefore ordered, that when and so soon as resolutions to that effect shall be passed by the major part of a meeting of the said Board, which meeting shall consist of not less than twelve members of such Board then present, such Board of Health for the said city of London shall and may, and it is hereby authorized and empowered to execute every one of the following enumerated powers,

which shall be agreed and resolved to be salutary and expedient to be used and exercised within the said city and liberties thereof; provided always, that no other of the aftermentioned powers shall be claimed or used by the said Board, except those which shall be so agreed and resolved by a majority of such meeting as aforesaid, to wit :—upon receiving a certificate in writing, signed by two medical practitioners, of the existence of any offensive impurities, dangerous to the public health, within any house, or within twenty yards of any house or habitation, by themselves, their servants, or others of the King's subjects, to enter any dwelling-house, hut, or cabin in any street, lane, court, alley, gateway, passage, or place in the said city, or the liberties thereof, and at some seasonable time (regard being always had to the convenience of the inmates thereof), to wash, scour, cleanse, witewash, and fumigate the same, and to empty and clean out the cellars thereof, and to clear, cleanse, and purify all the sink-holes and drains thereof; and with power to enter upon the lands or grounds of any person or persons, bodies politic, corporate, or collegiate, and to remove, take, and carry away all decayed fruits, vegetables, and garden-stuff, all putrid fish and any other corrupt or offensive and dangerous matter or thing, placed, deposited, or kept within twenty yards of any house or habitation; also to give notice to the owner or occupier of any slaughter-house in the said city, or the liberties thereof, to remove, take, and carry away any refuse, offal, garbage, filth, or sweepings of such slaughter-house, and to effectually wash and cleanse the same; and if such filth shall not be removed, or shall not be commenced or set about to be removed, within one hour after such notice, then with full power and authority to enter every such slaughter-house, and to remove, take, and carry away all such offal, and all other rubbish and filth whatsoever; also with authority to appoint one or more medical inspectors to visit all lodging-houses used and kept for the reception of trampers and vagrants, once daily, at some seasonable hour, and to enquire into and report upon the condition of the same, and the state of health of the persons congregated therein, and the number of persons who have died of the said disease; and all such medical inspectors, so appointed as aforesaid, are hereby authorized and empowered to enter every such house, for the purposes aforesaid, at the time and in the manner hereinbefore mentioned, and with full permission and authority for such Board of Health to purchase, inclose, and fence suitable lands for burial grounds for cholera patients, such grounds to be used

as cemeteries for cholera-patients by all the parishes within the said city or liberties thereof, without calling upon any such parishes to defray or bear any part of the expence of providing such burial grounds; unless the payment of a certain rateable proportion of such expences, out of the funds of each parish, shall be directed by any Order of the Lords of the Privy Council hereafter to be issued, and certified under the hand of one of the Clerks in Ordinary of the Privy Council: provided always, that such lands, so provided for the purposes of interment of persons dying of the said disease within the said city, and the liberties thereof, shall be freehold or copyhold of inheritance, and shall be duly consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, and shall never afterwards be applied to any profane use; when, and so soon as any such Boards of Health, so authorised and empowered as aforesaid, shall have procured any such burying-grounds without the walls, limits, or bounds of the said city, but within a reasonable and convenient distance of the same, and shall have made all the necessary provisions and arrangements for the interment of bodies therein, then, in such case, the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, (of whom the Lord President of the Council is one); do hereby strictly forbid, prohibit, and interdict the interment of any person whomsoever, certified by a medical practitioner to have died of the said disease of spasmodic or Indian cholera, within the said city, in any church, church-yard, chapel, chapel-yard, cemetery, vault, burying-ground, or other place whatever used for the reception of dead bodies, within the walls, limits, and bounds, or liberties thereof, unless for any good and sufficient reasons which shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the said Board of Health, such Board shall determine that the regulation can be safely dispensed with in any particular excepted case, when it is further directed that the express grounds of such particular exception shall be truly and at length stated and entered into the minutes of the proceedings of such Board of Health; and a copy of such entry shall forthwith be transmitted to the Clerk in Ordinary of the Privy Council, for the information of their Lordships; and the Lords of the Privy Council do further command and order, that

the interment of all persons certified by any medical practitioner to have died of the said disease of spasmodic or Indian cholera within the said city, or the liberties thereof, shall take place within the space of twenty-four hours from the time of the death of every such person, and all the relations and nearest friends of every person so dying, and all other His Majesty's subjects having controul over the disposal of the respective bodies, are hereby strongly enjoined, ordered, and directed to enforce the performance of this provision, under the pain of incurring the penalties denounced in the before recited Act, against all persons guilty of disobedience to the Orders of their Lordships in Council; and such Board of Health is hereby empowered and allowed to discharge the funeral expences of all persons dying of the said disease within the jurisdiction of the said Board, whose relations or friends shall procure the interment of the body within the before limited time of twenty-four hours after the decease of such persons, and according to the directions of the said Board of Health; also with full power and authority for such Board of Health to burn and destroy, or cause to be burnt and destroyed, such clothes, bedding, or any other articles belonging to, or used by, the deceased in his or her lifetime, as the said Board shall deem necessary to be destroyed, paying the value thereof to their legal representatives, to be charged upon the rate levied for the relief of the poor:

And all police and peace officers, all constables and headboroughs, and all others His Majesty's subjects, are hereby required to be aiding and assisting in the execution of this Order.

And the Lords and others of His Majesty's Privy Council (of whom the Lord President of the Council is one) do hereby declare, that for all acts, deeds, matters, and things, which may be necessarily and properly done by any such magistrates, Boards of Health, medical practitioners, overseers, churchwardens, guardians of the poor, inspectors, peace officers, constables, headboroughs, and others of His Majesty's subjects, in execution and furtherance of this present Order, this Order shall be their full and sufficient warrant.

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