

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