

burgh), the same shall 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 set forth :

And whereas the said disease extended to many parts of Great Britain; and the burgh and parish of Lochmaben were affected by the same :

And whereas two several Orders in Council were issued by the Lords of the Privy Council, on the tenth day of March and the twenty-third day of July in the year aforesaid, 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 were appointed, to convene a meeting of the burgh magistrates and members of the kirk sessions, and resident householders occupying houses rated to the house duty at twelve pounds or upwards of yearly value, in any burgh, and the resident heritors, and agents for non-resident heritors, together with the tenants paying fifty pounds 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 represented to the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, that application for such powers and provisions as aforesaid, together with an estimate of all the necessary expences for sanitary purposes, and a request for the funds to meet them, was made by the Board of Health for the burgh and parish of Lochmaben, to the meeting of burgh magistrates and resident householders in the burgh of Lochmaben, and to the heritors and agents of non-resident heritors, tenants, and kirk sessions of the parish of Lochmaben; when such meeting consented to invest the said Board of Health with all the powers specified in the said before recited Orders, and to

provide a sum, not exceeding fifty pounds sterling, to defray the expences of carrying into effect the purposes of the Acts before recited, and of the Orders of their Lordships founded thereon; but the heritors of the landward part of the parish have since declined or avoided to make a rate of assessment to cover such necessary expences (such heritors having been duly convened in meeting for that purpose), until the accounts of such outlay shall have been first approved and allowed :

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 said Board of Health for the burgh and parish of Lochmaben, 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 :

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 it shall and may be lawful for the said Board of Health for Lochmaben, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to apply, by their chairman or secretary, to raise the sum of forty-one pounds twelve shillings and five pence, by a special assessment upon the owners and occupants of the lands, houses, and other heritages within the parish, to be levied in the mode of the poor rate assessment, or in such other manner and form as is by such last-recited Act provided; and which assessment such heritors are hereby required and enjoined to make, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in them by such Acts :

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 properly done by the said Board of Health, burgh magistrates, heritors, or their special mandatories, tenants, and kirk sessions, and others of His Majesty's subjects, in execution and furtherance of this present Order of the Lords and others in Council, this Order shall be their full and sufficient warrant.

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