

their whole time to a house to house visitation of the affected districts.

2. That a house or houses, or suitable rooms, be forthwith prepared, wherever it may be deemed most convenient (being as near as practicable to the affected districts) to serve as a house or houses of refuge, for the reception of the families of those who have been attacked by cholera, and also of those necessitous persons living under the same roof, or in the immediate vicinity of those so attacked; and that the houses or rooms from which such persons have been so removed shall be thoroughly cleansed and purified by the owners or those having the care or ordering thereof, or in their default by the Board of Guardians of the aforesaid union.

Given under our hands, and under the seal of the General Board of Health, this 4th day of September 1849.



(Signed) *Edwin Chadwick.*
T. Southwood Smith.

To the Guardians of the Poor of the Greenwich Union; and to all others whom it may concern.

Whereas by the Act eleventh and twelfth Victoria, cap. 123, intituled "An Act to renew and amend an Act of the tenth year of Her present Majesty for the more speedy removal of certain nuisances, and the prevention of contagious and epidemic diseases;" and by virtue of an Order of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, bearing date the 27th day of March 1849, directing that the provisions of the said Act be continued in force throughout the whole of Great Britain; We, the General Board of Health, are authorized to issue such directions and regulations as the said Board shall think fit for the prevention, as far as possible, or mitigation of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases;

And whereas various parts and places, within the Greenwich Union, appear to be affected by formidable epidemic or endemic disease;

We, the General Board of Health, do, in further exercise of the power vested in us as aforesaid, issue the directions and regulations hereinafter contained to extend to the Greenwich Union:

1. That four additional properly qualified medical officers be forthwith appointed, to make a house to house visitation throughout the Greenwich parish of the aforesaid Union.

2. That two additional properly qualified medical officers be forthwith appointed to make a house to house visitation throughout the Woolwich parish of the same Union.

3. That two additional properly qualified medical officers be forthwith appointed to make a house to house visitation throughout the parish of Deptford, in the same Union.

4. That adequate and convenient hospital accommodation be provided, without delay, for the two parishes of Woolwich and Deptford, within the Greenwich Union aforesaid, for the treatment of necessitous persons who may be attacked with cholera, or with any of its premonitory symptoms.

5. That a house of refuge be immediately provided for and within each of the above-mentioned parishes of Woolwich and Deptford, to which may be removed the families of such necessitous persons as have been attacked with cholera, and also such necessitous persons living

under the same roof, or in the vicinity of persons so attacked, as the medical officers may deem it necessary to remove; the houses, rooms, or dwellings from which persons may have been so removed to the houses of refuge to be cleansed and purified by the owners or persons having the care or ordering thereof, or in their default by the Guardians of the Poor of the Greenwich Union.

Given under our hands, and under the seal of the General Board of Health, this 4th day of September 1849.



(Signed) *Ashley.*
Edwin Chadwick.
T. Southwood Smith.

To the Churchwardens of the Parish of St. Clement Danes, Middlesex; and to all others whom it may concern.

Whereas by the Act twelfth and thirteenth Victoria, cap. 3, intituled "An Act to amend the Nuisances' Removal and Diseases' Prevention Act, 1848," it is provided that it shall be lawful, in England or Wales, for the General Board of Health to cause inquiry to be made by a superintending inspector, or by such other ways and means as the General Board of Health may deem fit to direct, into the state of the burial grounds in any part of England or Wales, excepted from the powers of the Public Health Act, 1848, or in any populous city, town, or place in England or Wales to which for the time being the said Act has not been applied; and if it appear to the General Board of Health that any such burial ground is in such a state as to be dangerous to the persons living in the neighbourhood thereof, it shall be lawful for the said General Board of Health, in England and Wales, under the seal of the said Board, and under the hands of two or more members thereof, to issue such orders as the said Board may think fit for the application of such disinfecting substances, and for the adoption of such other measures of precaution in relation to the premises as may, in the opinion of the said Board, tend to lessen or remove the danger to health;

And whereas Gavin Milroy, Doctor of Medicine, Superintending Inspector to the said Board, has inquired into the state of the burial ground in Portugal-street, in the parish of Saint Clement Danes, in the county of Middlesex, and has reported the said burial ground to be in a condition dangerous to the health of the persons living in the neighbourhood thereof:

Now We, the General Board of Health, being of opinion that in order to lessen or remove the danger to health at present arising from the said burial ground, it is expedient that it should be temporarily closed, do hereby order and require the Churchwardens, and other persons having the care and control of the same, to close the said burial ground until further order, and to make such provision for interment elsewhere as to them may appear necessary, under the tenth section of the Nuisances' Amendment Act aforesaid, or otherwise.

Given under our hands, and under the seal of the General Board of Health, this 4th day of September 1849.



(Signed) *Ashley.*
Edwin Chadwick.
T. Southwood Smith.