

last-mentioned Order: And whereas by another Order of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, bearing date the 25th day of September, 1849, the said first-mentioned Order was renewed for a further period of six calendar months from the said 25th day of September, 1849, which last-mentioned order is now in force throughout the whole of Great Britain: And whereas, in order to obviate any doubt as to the continuance in force of the directions and regulations hereinafter contained, which were issued under the authority of the said first-recited order, it is desirable that the same should be expressly renewed as hereinafter expressed.

Now, in exercise of the authority vested in us as aforesaid, We, the General Board of Health, do issue the directions and regulations hereinafter contained to extend to Scotland, and be in force throughout that part of the United Kingdom.

I. We direct that all magistrates, town councils, commissioners, trustees, and others by law entrusted with the care and management of the streets and public ways and places shall, through their inspectors, surveyors, or other persons under their direction, once at least in every twenty-four hours effectually cleanse all such of the streets, roads, lanes, mews, courts, alleys, wynds, entries, common stairs, and passages and public ways, and places under their respective care and management, as by the medical officer of the Parochial Board shall be certified in writing to be in a state dangerous to health, or to require frequent and effectual cleansing by way of precaution against disease, and shall remove all filth, ordure, and nuisances therefrom.

II. And where any such streets, roads, lanes, mews, courts, alleys, wynds, entries, common stairs, passages and public ways, or places adjoining to any houses or tenements, have not been entrusted by law to the care or management of any magistrates, town councils, commissioners, trustees, or others, on a notice signed by the inspector of the poor or other person, authorized by the Parochial Board, to the effect that the same has been certified by the medical officer to be in a state dangerous to health, and to require such frequent and effectual cleansing (such notice being served by delivery to any person on the premises or being pasted on the door), we direct that every occupier of a house or tenement so adjoining, shall keep or cause to be kept sufficiently cleansed, at least once in every twenty-four hours, such part of the street, road, lane, mews, court, alley, wynd, entry, common stair, passage, way, or place as adjoins the house or tenement occupied by him.

And we direct that all such works of cleansing and removal of filth, ordure, and nuisances as are required by these directions and regulations, shall be done in such manner by effectual washing or otherwise, and with the use of such fluids or substances for preventing the escape of obnoxious effluvia during the operation, as the medical officer of the Parochial Board shall think necessary and shall direct.

III. We do hereby authorize and require the Parochial Boards throughout Scotland, by themselves or by their officers or persons employed under them in the administration of the laws for the relief of the Poor, or by officers or persons specially appointed in this behalf to superintend and see to the execution of the foregoing directions and regulations within their respective parishes and combinations.

IV. And further, where it shall appear that by want or neglect of the magistrates, town councils, commissioners, trustees, inspectors, surveyors, or others entrusted with the care and management as aforesaid, or by reason of poverty of the occupiers,

or otherwise, there may be any default or delay in the cleansing of or removing nuisances from any street, row, lane, mews, court, alley, wynd, entry, common stair, passage, or public way or place, certified as aforesaid, we authorize and require the parochial board of the parish, or combination, to cause such street, row, lane, mews, court, alley, wynd, entry, common stair, passage, way, or place, to be effectually cleansed, and all nuisances to be removed therefrom, and do all acts, matters, and things, necessary for that purpose.

V. We also direct as follows: That—

When and so often as any dwelling-house, in any part or place to which these directions and regulations extend, is in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as to be a nuisance to, or injurious to the health of, any person; or,

Where, upon any premises, or any part or place as aforesaid, there is any foul and offensive drain, ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or ashpit, or any drain, ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or ashpit, kept or constructed so as to be a nuisance to, or injurious to the health of, any person; or,

Where, upon any such premises, swine, or any accumulation of dung, manure, offal, filth, refuse, or other matter or thing, is kept, so as to be a nuisance to, or injurious to the health of, any person; or,

Where, upon any such premises, (being a building used wholly or in part as a dwelling-house) or being premises underneath any such building, any animal is kept, so as to be a nuisance, or injurious to the health of, any person.

In each of the above-recited cases, the owner or occupier, and persons having the care or ordering of such dwelling-house, or of the premises where the nuisance or matter injurious to health may be, shall cleanse, whitewash, or otherwise purify, as the case may require, such dwelling-house or building, or abate or remove the nuisance, or matter injurious to health, as aforesaid, with all reasonable speed after the publication of these our directions and regulations, or after the nuisance, or matter injurious to health, shall have arisen.

VI. We authorize and require the Parochial Boards throughout Scotland, by themselves, or by officers by them authorized in this behalf—

To see to the execution of the directions hereinbefore contained, for the cleansing and purifying of dwelling-houses, and for the abatement and removal of nuisances and matters injurious to health, in every place in which there shall not be magistrates, town councils, commissioners, trustees, or others, having jurisdiction or authority to put the above directions in force, or where they have not caused them to be effectually executed; and for that purpose—

To visit, from time to time, or cause to be visited, the several dwellings and places where there may be ground for believing that necessity will arise for executing such directions.

VII. And in every case in which, from the poverty of occupiers, or otherwise, there may be default or delay in the cleansing or purifying of any such dwelling-house, or in the removal of any such nuisance or matter injurious to health; and the medical officer, or other person duly authorized, as aforesaid, shall certify that the same requires immediate attention.

We authorize and require such Parochial Boards to cause such dwelling-houses to be cleansed and purified, and such drain, ditch, watercourse, or gutter, to be frequently and effectually cleansed, and such nuisance, or matter injurious to health,