

Medical Officers of Health, and the salary or remuneration intended to be assigned; and where the circumstances render desirable the appointment of one Medical Officer of Health for two or more Sanitary Districts, Statements shall, in like manner, be submitted to the Local Government Board, showing the names of the Districts to be combined for that purpose, the population and extent of each District, the mode in which it is intended that the appointment shall be made, whether jointly or severally by the Sanitary Authorities of those Districts, and the amount of salary or remuneration proposed to be assigned to the officer appointed.

Art. 2.—When the approval of the Local Government Board has been given to the proposals submitted to them, the Sanitary Authority or Authorities shall proceed to the appointment of a Medical Officer or Medical Officers of Health accordingly.

Art. 3.—No appointment of a Medical Officer of Health shall be made, unless notice has been given at one of the two ordinary meetings next preceding the meeting or meetings at which the appointment is to be made by the Sanitary Authority or Authorities, as the case may be, such notice being duly entered on the minutes, or unless an advertisement giving notice of the day when such appointment will be made, shall have appeared in some public newspaper circulating in the District or Districts, at least seven days before the day on which such appointment is made: Provided that no such notice or advertisement shall be necessary for the appointment of a temporary substitute.

Art. 4.—Every such appointment shall, within seven days after it is made, be reported to the Local Government Board by the Clerk to the Sanitary Authority, or, in the case of a joint appointment, by the Clerk to one of the Sanitary Authorities by whom the appointment is made.

Art. 5.—Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in such office, the Sanitary Authority or Authorities shall proceed to make a fresh appointment, which shall be reported to the Local Government Board as required by Sect. II, Art. 4, of this Order; but if the Sanitary Authority or Authorities desire to make any fresh arrangement with respect to the District or the terms of the appointment, they shall, before filling up the vacancy, supply the particulars of the arrangement to the Local Government Board in the manner prescribed by Sect. II, Art. 1, in regard to the first appointment, and if the approval of the Local Government Board be given, absolutely or with modifications, the Sanitary Authority or Authorities shall then proceed to fill up the vacancy according to the terms of the approval so given.

Art. 6.—If any Officer appointed under this Order be at any time prevented by sickness or accident, or other sufficient reason, from performing his duties, the Sanitary Authority or Authorities, as the case may be, may appoint a person, qualified as aforesaid, to act as his temporary substitute, and may pay him a reasonable compensation for his services; and every such appointment shall be reported to the Local Government Board as soon as the same shall have been made.

SECTION III.—*Tenure of Office.*

Art. 1.—Every Officer appointed under this Order shall continue to hold office for such period as the Sanitary Authority or Authorities appointing him may, with the approval of the Local Government Board, determine, or until he die, or resign,

or be removed, by such Authority or Authorities with the assent of the Local Government Board, or by the Local Government Board.

Provided that the appointments first made under this Order shall not be for a period exceeding five years.

Art. 2.—Where any such Officer shall be appointed for one or more Sanitary Districts, and any change in the extent of the District or Districts, or in the duties, salary, or remuneration, shall be deemed necessary, and he shall decline to acquiesce therein, the Sanitary Authority or Authorities by whom he was so appointed may, with the consent of the Local Government Board, but not otherwise, and after six months' notice in writing, signed by their Clerk or Clerks, given to such Officer, determine his office.

Art. 3.—No person shall be appointed who does not agree to give one month's notice previous to resigning the office, or to forfeit such sum as may be agreed upon as liquidated damages.

SECTION IV.—*Duties.*

The following shall be the duties of a Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Sanitary District for which he is appointed; or if he shall be appointed for more than one District, or for a part of a District, then in respect of each of such Districts, or of such part:—

- (1.) He shall inform himself as far as practicable respecting all influences affecting or threatening to affect injuriously the public health within the District.
- (2.) He shall inquire into and ascertain, by such means as are at his disposal, the causes, origin, and distribution of diseases within the District, and ascertain to what extent the same have depended on conditions capable of removal or mitigation.
- (3.) He shall, by inspection of the District, both systematically at certain periods, and at intervals as occasion may require, keep himself informed of the conditions injurious to health existing therein.
- (4.) He shall be prepared to advise the Sanitary Authority on all matters affecting the health of the District, and on all sanitary points involved in the action of the Sanitary Authority; and in cases requiring it, he shall certify, for the guidance of the Sanitary Authority, or of the Justices, as to any matter in respect of which the Certificate of a Medical Officer of Health or a Medical Practitioner is required as the basis or in aid of sanitary action.
- (5.) He shall advise the Sanitary Authority on any question relating to health involved in the framing and subsequent working of such bye-laws and regulations as they may have power to make.
- (6.) On receiving information of the outbreak of any contagious, infectious, or epidemic disease of a dangerous character within the District, he shall visit the spot without delay, and inquire into the causes and circumstances of such outbreak, and advise the persons competent to act as to the measures which may appear to him to be required to prevent the extension of the disease, and, so far as he may be lawfully authorized, assist in the execution of the same.
- (7.) On receiving information from the Inspector of Nuisances that his intervention is required in consequence of the existence of any nuisance injurious to health or of any overcrowding in a house, he shall, as early as