

To all the Local Authorities in Scotland within whose District there is a Port or Harbour, in terms of 'The Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867.'

Whereas the Secretary for Scotland has issued the following Order, dated 14th January 1889:—
'Whereas an Act was passed in the thirtieth and thirty-first years of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Public Health in Scotland"; and by the thirty-first section of the said Act it is enacted, that

'Whenever any part of the United Kingdom appears to be threatened with or is affected by any formidable epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, or any three or more of them (the Lord President of the Council or one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State being one), may, by Order or Orders by them from time to time made, direct that the Provisions for the prevention of diseases contained in Part III. hereof be put in force in Scotland, or in such parts thereof, or in such places therein, as in such Order or Orders may be expressed, and may from time to time, as to all or any of the Parts or Places to which any such Order or Orders extend, and in like manner revoke or renew such Order: and subject to revocation and renewal as aforesaid, every such Order shall be in force for six calendar months, or for such shorter period as in such Order shall be expressed; and every such Order of Her Majesty's Privy Council, or any Members thereof as aforesaid, shall be certified under the hand of the Clerk in Ordinary of Her Majesty's Privy Council, and shall be published in the Edinburgh Gazette, and such publication shall be conclusive evidence of such Order.'

'And whereas by "The Secretary for Scotland Act, 1885," it is provided that all powers and duties vested in or imposed on the Privy Council by Part III. of the said Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867, shall be transferred to, vested in, and imposed on the Secretary for Scotland.

'And whereas part of the United Kingdom appears to be threatened with a certain contagious disease, that is to say, Smallpox; and whereas it is expedient to make provision thereanent:

'Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the said recited Acts, the Secretary for Scotland does order, and it is hereby ordered, that the provisions for the prevention of diseases, contained in Part III. of the Act thirty and thirty-first Victoria, chapter one hundred and one, be put in force in Scotland for the space of three calendar months after the publication of this Order in the Edinburgh Gazette.'

And whereas by the 33d Section of the said Act it is further provided, that when such an Order has been issued, the Board of Supervision for Relief of the Poor in Scotland may issue such Directions and Regulations as they shall think fit for the prevention, as far as possible, or mitigation of such epidemic, endemic, or contagious diseases, and from time

to time may revoke, renew, and alter any such Directions and Regulations; and the same shall extend to all Parts or Places in which the Provisions of this Act for the prevention and mitigation of disease shall, for the time being, be put in force under such Orders as aforesaid, unless such Directions and Regulations be expressly confined to some of such Parts or Places, and then to such Parts or Places as therein are specified; and (subject to the power of revocation and alteration herein contained) such Directions and Regulations shall continue in force so long as the said Provisions of this Act shall under such Order be applicable to the same Parts or Places.'

And whereas it is enacted by the 35th Section of the said Act that the Board may provide, *inter alia*, for any such Matters or Things as may to them appear advisable for preventing or mitigating such Diseases.'

And whereas by the 38th Section of the said Act it is provided that 'All such Orders for executing this Act shall extend to Ports and Arms of the Sea lying within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty, and adjacent to the Places to which such Orders relate; and the Board may issue, under the said Orders, Directions and Regulations for cleansing, purifying, ventilating, and disinfecting, and preventing disease in Ships and Vessels, as well upon Arms and Ports of the Sea aforesaid as upon Inland Waters.'

And whereas Smallpox is now prevalent in certain parts of Africa with which this country has communication, and it is expedient that Directions and Regulations should be made by the Board in terms of Part III. of said Act.

Therefore, in exercise of the Authority vested in us as aforesaid, we, the Board of Supervision for the Relief of the Poor and for Public Health in Scotland, do issue the Directions and Regulations hereinafter contained, to extend to all Places in Scotland, and to all Ports and Arms of the Sea lying within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty, and adjacent to such Places:—

Definitions.

ART. 1.—

- The term 'Ship' includes vessel or boat;
- The term 'Officer of Customs' includes any person acting under the authority of the Commissioners of Customs;
- The term 'Master' includes the officer or person for the time being in charge or command of a ship;
- The term 'Local Authority' has the same meaning as in the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867;
- The term 'Medical Officer of Health' includes any duly qualified Medical Practitioner appointed by a Local Authority to act in the execution hereof;

Every ship shall be deemed infected with Smallpox in which there is or has been during the voyage, or during the stay of such ship in a port in the course of such voyage, any case of Smallpox.

I.—Regulations as to Detention by Officers of Customs.

ART. 2. If any Officer of Customs, on the arrival within the limits of any port in Scotland of any ship, ascertain from the Master of such