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GENERAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Parochial Boards of the several Parishes and Combinations throughout Scotland ;

To all Magistrates of Burghs ; Town-Councils ; Commissioners of Police ; Trustees or Commissioners having the charge of the Paving of Streets ; Trustees having the charge of Turnpike Roads and other Highways ; Trustees or Commissioners having the charge of Docks, Ports, or Harbours ; Inspectors, Surveyors, or other Officers acting under such Magistrates, Town-Councils, Commissioners, and Trustees ; and all other persons entrusted by law with the care and management of the streets and public ways and places throughout Scotland ;

To the Procurators Fiscal and other Persons authorized to conduct Prosecutions before the Local Courts in Scotland ;

To the Owners and Occupiers of Houses, Dwellings, Churches, Buildings, and places of Assembly, and others having the care and ordering thereof, throughout Scotland ;

And to all whom it may concern ;—

WHEREAS by the provisions of "The Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848," for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases, and by virtue of an Order of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, bearing date the 15th day of September 1853, directing that the said provisions of the said Act be put in force throughout the whole of Great Britain, We, the General Board of Health, are authorized to issue such Directions and Regulations as We shall think fit for the prevention (as far as possible) or mitigation of epidemic, endemic, or contagious diseases: And whereas by the said Act it is provided that the Directions and Regulations to be issued as aforesaid shall extend to all parts or places in which the said provisions of the said Act shall for the time being be in force, under the Order of Her Majesty's Privy Council, unless such Directions or Regulations shall be expressly confined to some of such parts or places, and then to such parts or places as in such Directions and Regulations shall be specified ;

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 or other authorized 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.