

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 28th day of February 1855,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas there was this day read at the Board, a Report from the General Board of Health, dated the fifth day of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in the words following; that is to say:—

“ To The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

“ The General Board of Health, appointed for the purposes of ‘The Public Health Act, 1848,’ have, in pursuance of the provisions of that Act, upon the petition of not less than one-tenth of the inhabitants rated to the relief of the poor of and within the parish of Wilton, in the county of Wilts (the number of the said petitioners greatly exceeding thirty in the whole), directed William Ranger, a Superintending Inspector appointed for the purposes of the said Public Health Act, to visit the said parish, and to make inquiry, and to examine witnesses as to the sewerage, drainage, and supply of water, the state of the burial-grounds, the number and sanitary condition of the inhabitants, and as to any local Acts of Parliament in force within such parish for paving, lighting, cleansing, watching, regulating, supplying with water, or improving the said parish, or having relation to the purposes of the said Public Health Act; also as to the natural drainage areas, and the existing municipal, parochial, and other local boundaries, and the boundaries which might be most advantageously adopted for the purposes of that Act;

“ And the said Superintending Inspector, having previously given the notices directed by the said Public Health Act, proceeded upon the said inquiry in the manner directed by that Act, and hath reported in writing to the said Board upon the said several matters with respect to which he was directed to inquire, and upon certain other matters with respect to which he deemed it expedient to report for the purposes of that Act;

“ And copies of the said Report, accompanied by a notice stating that written statements might be forwarded to the said Board with respect to any matter contained in or omitted from the said Report, or any amendment proposed to be made therein, have been duly published and deposited as directed by the said Public Health Act, and the time for forwarding such statements has now elapsed, and no statements have been received by the said Board in relation to such Report.

“ And it appears by the said Report that there is no local Act of Parliament in force within the said parish for paving, lighting (otherwise than for the profit of proprietors or shareholders), cleansing, watching, regulating, supplying with water, or improving such parish, or any part thereof, or in anywise relating to the purposes of the said Public Health Act;

“ Now, therefore, the said General Board of Health does hereby, in pursuance of the said Public Health Act, humbly Report to your Majesty, that it appears to the Board to be expedient that—

“ 1. ‘The Public Health Act, 1848,’ and every part thereof, except the section numbered 50 in the copies of that Act, printed by your Majesty's printers, should be applied to and be in force within and throughout the entire area, places, and parts of places comprised within the boundaries of the said parish of Wilton, in the

county of Wilts, and that such area, places, and parts of places should be and constitute a district for the purpose of the said Public Health Act accordingly.

“ 2. The Local Board of Health to be elected under the said Public Health Act should consist of fifteen persons, and that the entire number should be elected for the whole of the said district.

“ 3. The first election of the said Local Board of Health should take place on the thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

“ 4. One-third in number of the said Local Board of Health should go out of office on the thirty-first day of March in each year subsequently to that in which the said first election of that Local Board takes place; but in case the day so appointed should fall on a Sunday, or on a day appointed for public fast or thanksgiving, then that such one-third should go out of office on the day next following.

“ 5. Every person at the time of his election as member of the said Local Board, and so long as he shall continue in office by virtue of such election, should be resident, as in the said ‘Public Health Act, 1848,’ is required, and be rated to the relief of the poor of some parish, township, or place, of which some part is within the said district, upon an annual value of not less than ten pounds.

“ 6. At the first election of the said Local Board, Thomas Thring of Wilton, should have the powers and perform the duties vested in or imposed upon the Chairman of the Local Board of Health by ‘The Public Health Act, 1848,’ in relation to the election by owners of property and rate-payers, and should perform all other duties which it may be requisite for him to perform in conducting and completing the said first election; and in case the said Thomas Thring, from illness, or other sufficient cause, should be unable to exercise or discharge such powers or duties, or should be absent, or should refuse to act, then that John Swayne, of Wilton aforesaid, should exercise and perform such of the said powers and duties as then remain to be exercised or performed.

“ 7. The fourteen days' notice of qualification required by ‘The Public Health Act, 1848,’ to be given by owners of property, in order to entitle them to vote at the said first election, should be given to the said Thomas Thring, at his residence, West Street, Wilton; or in case he should refuse, or be unable to receive the same, then to the said John Swayne, at his residence, likewise within the district of Wilton aforesaid.

“ Given under my hand, and under the seal of the General Board of Health, this fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

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(Signed) “ B. HALL.”

Now therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said Report into consideration, is pleased to approve thereof, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council doth hereby, under and in pursuance of “The Public Health Act, 1848,” order and direct, that—

1. From and after the date of this Order, “The Public Health Act, 1848,” and every part thereof, except the section numbered 50 in the copies of that Act, printed by Her Majesty's printers, shall be applied to and be in force within and through-