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DIRECTIONS and REGULATIONS of The BOARD of SUPERVISION for the RELIEF of The POOR in SCOTLAND, issued under the Authority of the Nuisances' Removal (Scotland) Act, 1856, Section 24.

To the Parochial Board of the Parish of Wick, in the County of Caithness, being the Local Authority, in that Parish, in terms of the Nuisances' Removal (Scotland) Act, 1856.

WHEREAS by the said Act 19 & 20 Vict., cap. 103, Part II, for the prevention or mitigation of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases, it is, amongst other things, 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 II of the said Act, 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 any 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 whereas, by the 24th Section of the said Act, it is further provided, that when such an Order in Council has been issued, the Board of Supervision 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 the said Act for the prevention 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 the Act shall, under such Order, be applicable to the same parts or places.

And whereas, by an Order of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, bearing date the 22d day of October 1859, the said provisions of the said Act were directed to be put in force in the Parish of Wick for a period of six calendar months then next ensuing;

Therefore, in exercise of the authority vested in us as aforesaid, We, the Board of Supervision for the Relief of the Poor in Scotland, do issue the Directions and Regulations hereinafter contained, to extend to all parts of the Parish of Wick, and to all Vessels in the Harbours or Creeks of the said Parish.

The Local Authority shall forthwith take measures for the removal of all Nuisances, in the manner provided in the Nuisances' Removal Act above cited, and shall carry out such measures effectually, and as speedily as may be.

Measures shall be taken to enforce or effect the lime-washing of the interior of all rooms, stairs, passages, or houses, from which any Nuisance has been removed, or which may be deemed to require that precaution.

A house-to-house visitation, for the purpose of discovering cases of bowel complaint, and of providing the appropriate remedies, shall at once be organized and carried out throughout the Parish; and the Medical Officers conducting that visitation shall be required to impress, as far as possible, upon all classes, the importance of early application for advice and medicine on the first appearance of any tendency to bowel complaints, as well as the great danger of intemperance, especially during the prevalence of cholera, which is frequently induced by it.

Arrangements shall be made to have the appropriate remedies available at all times, by night and by day, at numerous places, so selected and distributed that they may be within easy reach of every person; and means shall be taken to make known to every one the places at which such remedies can be obtained.

Suitable houses or rooms shall immediately be secured, and prepared for the reception of persons attacked by the prevailing disease, as the Medical Practitioner, in charge of the

