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At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 29th day of July 1871.

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

PRESENT,

Lord President.
Mr. Secretary Bruce.
Mr. Forster.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, chapter seventy-eight, it is, amongst other things, enacted, 'that it shall and may be lawful for the Lords and others of His Majesty's Privy Council, or any two or more of them, to make such Order as they shall see necessary and expedient upon any unforeseen emergency, or in any particular case or cases, with respect to any vessel arriving and having any infectious disease or distemper on board, or on board of which any infectious disease or distemper may have appeared in the course of the voyage, or arriving under any other alarming or suspicious circumstances as to infection, although such vessel shall not have come from any place from which His Majesty, His heirs and successors, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, may have adjudged and declared it probable that the Plague, or any such infectious disease or distemper may be brought, and also with respect to the persons, goods, wares, and merchandize, and other articles, as aforesaid, on board the same; and in case of any infectious disease or distemper appearing or breaking out in the United Kingdom or the islands aforesaid, to make such Orders and give such direction, in order to cut off all communication between any persons infected with any such disease or distemper, and the rest of His Majesty's subjects, as shall appear to the Lords or others of

His Majesty's Privy Council, or any two or more of them, to be necessary and expedient for that purpose, and likewise to make such Orders as they shall see fit, for shortening the time of quarantine to be performed by particular vessels or particular persons, goods, wares, merchandize, or any other articles, or for absolutely or conditionally releasing them, or any of them, from quarantine; and all such Orders so made by the Lords or others of the Privy Council, or any two or more of them, as aforesaid, shall be as good, valid, and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as well with respect to the Commander, Master, or other person, having the charge of any vessel, and all other persons on board the same, as with respect to any other persons having any intercourse or communication with them, and to the penalties, forfeitures, and punishments to which they may respectively become liable, as any Order or Orders made by His Majesty, His heirs, and successors, by and with the advice of His or their Privy Council concerning quarantine, notified by Proclamation or published in the London Gazette.'

And whereas by 'The Sanitary Act, 1866,' it is (among other things) enacted (section fifty-two) as follows:—

'Every vessel having on board any person affected with a dangerous or infectious disorder shall be deemed to be within the provisions of the Act of the sixth year of King George the Fourth, chapter seventy-eight, although such vessel has not commenced her voyage, or has come from or is bound for some place in the United Kingdom; and 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 to be by them from time to time made, make such rules, orders, and regula-