

" Act for altering and amending an Act, passed in the present session of Parliament, for the prevention, as far as may be possible, of the disease, called the cholera, or spasmodic, or Indian cholera, in Scotland," is is, amongst other things, enacted, " that all and every the expences which may be reasonably and properly incurred in carrying into effect any Order or Orders of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, so to be made as in the said before mentioned Act provided or sanctioned after they are incurred by any such Order, shall, whenever the occasion of such expence has arisen within any city, burgh, or town, or adjacent districts having a local establishment of police, be levied and defrayed by a special assessment to be made from time to time, and as occasion may require, for this purpose, by authority of the magistrates of such city, burgh, or town, upon the persons or properties within the same, or within the adjacent districts, which are now assessed for the purposes of police, and that according to the rules, methods, and proportions hitherto observed in such places in collecting such police assessments: provided always that the bounds of the Edinburgh police shall not for any purposes of this and the said recited Act, be held to extend over any part of the parish of South Leith:"

And whereas the said disease hath extended to different parts of Great Britain, and the city of Edinburgh hath been, and is, at the present time, affected with the said disease:

And whereas an Order in Council was issued by the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on the tenth day of March last past, empowering every Board of Health, constituted by virtue of an Order of His Majesty's Privy Council, to apply to the acting chief magistrate of any burgh to convene a meeting of the burgh magistrates and commissioners of police, in all cities, burghs, and towns having local establishments of police, and further directing the proceedings to be taken at such meeting, and the course to be pursued by such Boards of Health, consequent upon the determinations of such meetings:

And whereas it doth appear to the Lords and others of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council (of whom the Lord President of the Council is one) proper and expedient to sanction, by an Order of the Lords of the Privy Council, certain of the expences incurred by the Board of Health of the city of Edinburgh, in taking mea-

asures for the prevention of the spread of the said disease, and in affording relief to persons suffering by, or likely to be affected with, the said disease; it is therefore ordered by the Lords and others of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council (of whom the Lord President of the Council is one) in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in them by both the before recited Acts, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, that such Board of Health for the city of Edinburgh shall and may, by their chairman or secretary, apply to the acting chief magistrate of such city, to convene a meeting of the burgh magistrates and commissioners of police of such city; which said meeting shall accordingly be summoned and convened by the proper officers as early as can conveniently be done after intimation of the time and place of holding the same; and at such meeting the Board of Health shall and may apply for a certain and sufficient sum of money, not exceeding in the whole the amount of four thousand pounds, for the discharge of the expences reasonably and properly incurred in providing hospitals with suitable accommodations for the reception and care of the sick, furnishing attendance on the poor at their own habitations, supplying medicines at different stations of the city, affording relief in fuel and medical necessaries and comforts to the distressed and destitute inhabitants, and cleaning, whitewashing, and fumigating the houses of the poor who availed themselves of such assistance, together with other necessary incidental expences; such Board of Health submitting to the said meeting all estimates, accounts, and vouchers necessary to show the correct expenditure of sums of money to that amount; and the said meeting of burgh magistrates and commissioners of police is hereby ordered and directed to ascertain and fix the amount of the sum by them allowed and granted for the discharge of all reasonable and proper expences incurred for the purposes aforesaid, but for no other purposes besides those before enumerated:

And for the discharge and payment of such ascertained expences, it shall be lawful for such Board of Health of the city of Edinburgh, and it is hereby authorised and directed, to make application, by its chairman or secretary, to the magistrates of the burgh to contribute and advance such sum as may be necessary, either out of the assessments by the said last-mentioned Act authorised and directed, or, in the event of such assessments not being realized, on the credit of such assessments: