

sible, of the disease, called the cholera, or spasmodic, or Indian cholera, in Scotland," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Lords and others of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, or any two or more of them (of whom the Lord President of the Council, or one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the time being, shall always be one), by any Order or Orders to be by them from time to time made, to establish, and again, from time to time, by any such Order or Orders, to revoke, renew, alter, or vary all such rules and regulations, or to substitute any such new rules and regulations, as to them may appear necessary or expedient, for the prevention, as far as may be possible, of the spreading of the said disease, called the cholera, or spasmodic, or Indian cholera, in Scotland, or any part thereof, or for the relief of any persons suffering under, or likely to be affected by, the said disease :

And whereas by another Act, passed in the same second year of His present Majesty's reign, intituled " An 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," it 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, be levied and defrayed by a special assessment to be made from time to time for this purpose by authority of the magistrates of such city, burgh, or town, in the manner therein prescribed, and where the occasion of expence shall arise in any landward parish (or in the landward part of any parish containing any burgh, or part of a burgh), the same shall be levied by a special assessment, to be from time to time made by the heritors, or their special mandatories, of such parish, or landward part of a parish, upon the owners and occupants of the lands, houses, and other heritages within the said parish, or landward part of a parish, in the manner therein set forth :

And whereas the said disease hath extended to many parts of Great Britain, and other parts thereof may be affected by the same :

And whereas by an Order, made on the tenth day of March last past, by the Lords of the Privy Council, it was, amongst other things, ordered and directed, that the burgh magistrates, and commissioners of police in all cities, burghs, and towns having local establishments of police, and the burgh magistrates, together with the members of the Kirk sessions and resident householders, occupying houses rated to the house duty at twelve pounds or upwards of yearly value in all other burghs, and the resident heritors and agents for non-resident heritors, together with the tenants paying fifty pounds or upwards of yearly rent, and the members of the Kirk session of every landward parish, or landward part of a parish, in Scotland, should be permitted and suffered where they thought fit so to do, to invest and instruct their respective Boards of Health, constituted by an Order of the Privy Council, for cities,

towns, districts, or divisions of Scotland, with authority and powers to carry into effect the purposes of the Act before recited, and the measures of precaution in the said Order described :

And whereas for the prevention of the spread of the said disease, and for the relief of persons suffering under the same, and for the encouragement and promotion of the safe and speedy interment of persons dying of the said disease, the Lords and others of His Majesty's Privy Council (of whom the Lord President of the Council is one), do deem it expedient and necessary, that further powers should be granted to all Boards of Health properly constituted by an Order of the Lords in Council, and that certain nuisances and offensive and dangerous matters, having a tendency to promote infection, and which are likely to be prejudicial to the public health, should be abated and removed :

It is therefore ordered by the Lords and others of His Majesty's Privy Council (of whom the Lord President of the Council is one), in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in them by the before recited Act, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, that every Board of Health which now is, or hereafter shall be, constituted, by virtue of any Order or Orders of His Majesty's Privy Council, certified under the hand of one of the Clerks in Ordinary of the Privy Council, shall and may, by their chairman or secretary, apply to the acting chief magistrate of any burgh, or the minister or any three of the resident heritors of any parish for which such Boards of Health are appointed, to convene a meeting of the different persons above enumerated, in such burghs or parishes as the case may be, which said meetings the proper officers shall accordingly summon and convene, after three days full notice of the time and place of holding the same; and at such meetings respectively, every such Board of Health shall and may submit to such meeting, proposals for their permission and consent that such Board of Health should be invested with all or any of the powers following (to wit); that such Boards should be enabled to expend and lay out a certain sum of money, of a fixed and declared amount (of the intended application and disposal of which money, a plan and estimate shall be at the same time submitted or tendered to the said meeting), for the purposes of furnishing medicines and medical assistance, nurses, and other necessary attendants, to the sick poor at their own habitations, in all those cases where persons afflicted with the said disease cannot be conveniently removed to cholera hospitals; and further, of supplying medicines at different dispensary stations; together with the necessary incidental expences of every such Board of Health; also for the purpose of cleansing and whitewashing any house or habitation in which there exist dangerous impurities, and of removing, taking, and carrying away any corrupt, offensive, and dangerous matter within, or contiguous to, any house or habitation: also to effect the removal of any offal or filth from any slaughter-house in any city, town, or populous district; also to engage medical inspectors to visit and report upon the sanitary state of health of all lodging-houses kept for the reception of vagrants; also for the purposes of opening and scouring any such drains or watercourses, and of closing and