

covering any such open drains, ditches, and cesspools, as, being likely to be prejudicial to the public health, such parishes may be willing and desirous of undertaking to cleanse or cover, themselves defraying the expences thereof out of the parish funds: also to purchase, inclose, and fence lands for burying-grounds and cemeteries; also to pay the funeral expences of persons dying of the said disease: and if such meetings in burghs or parishes shall consent and agree, by a majority of the votes of the members or inhabitants then present, taken in the usual and ordinary manner of voting at such meetings, that it is salutary and expedient to confer all or any of such authority and powers upon the Board of Health appointed for such parish or place, that it shall and may be lawful for such Boards of Health, and they are hereby invested with authority and power, under and by virtue of this Order of the Lords of the Privy Council (of whom the Lord President of the Council is one), to execute every one of such respective powers as shall be so conferred upon them as aforesaid (to wit); upon receiving a certificate in writing, signed by two medical practitioners, of the existence of any offensive impurities, dangerous to the public health, within any house, or within twenty yards of any house or habitation, by themselves, their servants, or others of the King's subjects, to enter any dwelling-house, hut, or cabin in any street, lane, court, alley, gateway, passage, or place in any city, town, division, or district, and at some seasonable time (regard being always had to the convenience of the inmates thereof), to wash, scour, cleanse, whitewash, and fumigate the same, and to empty and clean out the cellars thereof, and to clear, cleanse, and purify all the sink-holes and drains thereof, and also to remove all swine out of any dwelling-house, hut, or cabin to any adjoining hog-stye, when and so soon as such sufficient styes shall have been provided for the reception of the same at the expence of the parish: and with power to enter upon the lands or grounds of any person or persons, bodies politic, corporate, or collegiate, and to remove, take and carry away all decayed fruits, vegetables, and garden-stuff, all putrid fish, and any other corrupt or offensive and dangerous matter or thing, placed, deposited, or kept within twenty yards of any house or habitation; also to give notice to the owner or occupier of any slaughter-house in any city, town, or populous district, to remove, take and carry away any refuse, offal, garbage, filth, or sweepings of such slaughter-house, and to effectually wash and cleanse the same; and if such filth shall not be removed, or shall not be commenced or set about to be removed, within one hour after such notice, then with full power and authority to enter every such slaughter-house and to remove, take and carry away all such offal, and all other rubbish and filth whatsoever: also with authority to appoint one or more such medical inspectors as aforesaid, to visit all lodging-houses used and kept for the reception of tramps and vagrants, once daily, at some seasonable hour, and to inquire into and report upon the condition of the same, and the state of health of the persons congregated therein, and the number of persons who have died of the said disease; and all such medical inspectors, so appointed as aforesaid, are hereby authorised and empowered to enter every such house

for the purposes aforesaid, at the time and in the manner hereinbefore mentioned: and with further powers for the said Boards of Health to open, cleanse, and scour any such drains, ditches, watercourses, soughs, gutters, and cesspools, and to close and cover any such open drains, ditches, and cesspools, as a majority of the said meetings in burghs and vestries shall agree to be offensive and dangerous, and to require such cleansing or covering respectively, and to have the consent of such meeting, or of a majority thereof, to the undertaking and engaging to cleanse and cover the same at the parish expence; the entire expence of the opening and cleansing, or of the closing and covering, of any such drain, ditch, or pool respectively, in no case exceeding fifty pounds for the complete accomplishment of the same; provided always, that nothing in this Order contained shall be taken or held to extend to any drains, ditches, watercourses, soughs, gutters, and cesspools, being within the jurisdiction of the Commissioners of sewers, or of trustees, or others having authority over the making or management of sewers; provided also, that the owner of the soil shall in every such case agree and consent to the scouring and cleansing, or closing and covering of the same: and with full permission and authority for every such Board of Health to purchase, inclose, and fence suitable lands for burial-grounds and cemeteries, to be used by all parishes in any city or town which shall agree to contribute a rateable proportion to the providing of such burying-grounds for cholera patients; provided always, that no lands used for any such interment shall be afterwards applied to any profane use, for the space of ten years then next ensuing: and when and so soon as any such Boards of Health, so authorised and empowered as aforesaid, shall have procured any such burying-grounds, without the walls, limits, or bounds of any city or town, but within a reasonable and convenient distance of the same, and shall have made all the necessary provisions and arrangements for the interment of bodies therein, then in every such case the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council (of whom the Lord President of the Council is one), do hereby strictly forbid, prohibit, and interdict the interment of any person whosoever, certified by a medical practitioner, to have died of the said disease of spasmodic, or Indian cholera, within the said city, in any church, church-yard, chapel, chapel-yard, cemetery, vault, burying-ground, or other place whatever used for the reception of dead bodies within the walls, limits, and bounds thereof, unless for any good and sufficient reasons which shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the said Board of Health, such Board shall determine that the regulation can be safely dispensed with in any particular excepted case, when it is further directed that the express grounds of such particular exception shall be truly and at length stated and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of such Board of Health, and a copy of such entry shall forthwith be transmitted to the Clerk in Ordinary of the Privy Council, for the information of their Lordships; and the Lords of the Privy Council do further command and order that the interment of all persons certified by any medical practitioner to have died of the said disease of spasmodic, or Indian cholera, shall take place within