

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 England or Wales, or any part thereof, or for the relief of any persons suffering under, or likely to be affected by, the said disease:

And whereas it is further enacted by the said Act, that all and every the expences which may be reasonably or properly incurred, in carrying into effect any Order of the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, made as aforesaid, shall, under and by virtue of an order in writing of some justice of the peace, dwelling in or near the parish or division (and which said order any such justice is thereby empowered and directed to make), commanding the churchwardens, overseers, or guardians of the poor, for the time being, to pay a certain sufficient sum of money for such purpose, be defrayed out of the rates for the relief of the poor of the parish, township, or extra parochial place maintaining its own poor, in which the same shall be incurred, and, in other extra parochial places, out of the poor's rate of the parish nearest adjoining:

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 sixth day of March last past, by the Lords and others of His Majesty's Privy Council (of whom the Lord President of the Council was one), it was, amongst other things, ordered and directed that every Board of Health, constituted by an Order of the Lords of the Privy Council for cities, towns, districts, or divisions of England and Wales, should and might apply to the select or parish vestry of every parish or place within such city, town, district, or division, for 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 to provide a sufficient sum of money for the discharge of the necessary expences thereof, of which the amount should be declared and fixed by the said vestries:

And whereas by an Act, passed in the second year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act for better regulating the poor, maintaining a nightly watch, lighting, paving, and cleansing the streets, rows, and passages; providing fire-engines and firemen, and regulating the hackney coachmen, chairmen, carmen, and porters within the city of Chester," it is, amongst things, enacted, that the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, being justices of the peace, of the said city and county of the said city, for the time being, and also such charitable persons who shall from time to time be elected under the powers therein contained, and also the respective numbers therein following of the inhabitants of the said city, elected in the manner thereinafter directed, that is to say, twelve for each of the parishes of Saint John Baptist, Saint Mary on the Hill, and Saint Oswald; eight for each of the parishes of Saint Peter, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, Saint Bridget, and Saint Michael; and three for each of the parishes of Saint Martin and Saint Olave, all within the said city and county of the same, or so many of such inhabitants as should from time to time be so elected

should be and were thereby declared to be incorporated by the name of "the guardians of the poor within the city and county of the city of Chester," and empowering such guardians and the governors of the said corporation to order and direct any money to be rated and raised by and out of the said separate parishes for the relief and employment of the poor thereof, and to apportion and settle the part or share of all such money and arrears, which shall be raised and paid by each parish, according to the number of each of their poor, and requiring the churchwardens and overseers of each such parish to levy the same by assessment, in the manner therein directed.

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, in order to carry into effect the purposes of the before-recited Act, and of the Order of their Lordships before mentioned, in the most convenient manner within the said city and county of the city of Chester, that the Board of Health for such city and county should be empowered and authorised to apply for all the necessary powers and expences to the governors and guardians of the poor for such city and county, in lieu and stead of applying to the vestries of the several parishes and townships therein:

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), that the Board of Health constituted for the said city and county of the city of Chester, shall and may apply to the clerk of the said corporation to convene a general meeting of the said governors and guardians of the poor for the said city and county (which court the said clerk is hereby commanded and directed forthwith to convene); and the said Board of Health, by their chairman or secretary, shall and may submit proposals, accounts, and estimates to such court, and apply for the necessary powers and authorities and for a certain sum of money to defray the reasonable expences, delivering their proposals to such governors and guardians of the poor of the said city and county, in the place and stead of making any such application to the vestries of the several incorporated parishes, as in the before-recited Order mentioned; and the said governors and guardians of the poor for the said city and county shall and may, and they are hereby authorised and empowered (if they think proper so to do) to confer upon the Board of Health of the said city all or any of the powers and authorities mentioned in the said Order of their Lordships; and the said governors and guardians of the poor for the said city and county are further ordered and directed to ascertain and fix the amount of the sum to be allowed for carrying into effect the purposes of the before-recited Act, and of the Order of their Lordships founded thereon, in the place and stead of the vestries in the before-recited Order mentioned, and to use and exercise all other the functions and powers given by such Order of their Lordships to select or parish vestries:

And for all acts, deeds, matters, and things, properly done by such governors and guardians of the poor of the said city and county, and by such Board