

“ 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 Scot- “ land,” 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 different parts of Great Britain; and the burgh and parish of Kilmarnock have been, and now are, affected by the same :

And whereas two several Orders in Council were issued by the Lords of the Privy Council, on the tenth day of March and the twenty-third day of July 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, or the minister or any three of the resident heritors of any parish for which Boards of Health are appointed, to convene a meeting of the burgh magistrates and members of the kirk sessions, and resident householders occupying houses rated to the house duty at twelve pounds or upwards of yearly value, in any burgh, and the resident heritors, and agents for non-resident heritors, together with the tenants paying fifty pounds of yearly rent, and the members of the kirk sessions of every landward parish, or landward part of a parish, and to apply to such meeting for the authority and powers therein mentioned, and for funds to defray the necessary expences thereof, of which the amount should be declared and fixed by the said meeting, and further directing the proceedings to be taken at such meet-

ing, and the course to be pursued by such Boards of Health, consequent upon the determinations of such meetings :

And whereas it hath been represented to the Lords of His Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council, that application for such powers, and provisions as aforesaid, together with an estimate and statement of all the necessary expences for sanitary purposes, and a request for the funds to meet them, amounting in the whole to the sum of six hundred pounds, hath been made by the Board of Health for the burgh and parish of Kilmarnock, to the meeting of burgh magistrates and resident householders in the burgh of Kilmarnock, and to the heritors and tenants of the landward parish, or landward part of the parish, of Kilmarnock; when such meeting consented to give authority and directions to the said Board of Health, and to provide for the expences of carrying into effect the precautionary purposes of the Act before recited, and the Order of their Lordships founded thereon; but the landward part of the parish hath since declined or avoided to bear its proportionate share of such necessary expences :

And whereas it doth appear to the Lords and others of His Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council (of whom Viscount Melbourne, one of His Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State, 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 for the burgh and parish of Kilmarnock, in taking measures 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 Viscount Melbourne, one of His Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State, 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 it shall and may be lawful for the said Board of Health for Kilmarnock, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to apply, by their chairman or secretary, to the heritors, or their special mandatories in such parish, to raise any sum of money, not exceeding the amount of two hundred and sixty-three pounds eleven shillings and sixpence three farthings, its proportionate share of all such necessary expences, by a special assessment upon the