

the regulations of the General Board of Health previously issued under the Act, the General Board of Health have renewed the directions and regulations hereinafter set forth.

*To the Guardians of the Poor of the several Unions and Parishes throughout England;*

*To the Councils and other Governing Bodies of Cities and Boroughs, Commissioners under Local Acts, the Surveyors of Highways, their Deputies and Assistants, the Trustees, County Surveyors and others, by Law entrusted with the care and management of the Streets and Public Ways and Places within the said Unions and Parishes.*

*To the Owners and Occupiers of Houses, Dwellings, Churches, Buildings, and Places of Assembly within the said Unions and Parishes and others having the care and ordering thereof;*

*And to all whom it may concern.*

Whereas by the provisions of the "Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848," for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases, and by virtue of an Order of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, bearing date the 27th day of March 1849, directing that the said provisions of the said Act be put in force throughout the whole of Great Britain, We the General Board of Health are authorized to issue such directions and regulations as the said Board shall think fit for the prevention (as far as possible) or mitigation of epidemic, endemic, or contagious diseases; and whereas by the said Act it is provided that the directions and regulations to be issued as aforesaid shall extend to all parts, or places, in which the said provisions of the said Act shall for the time being be in force, under the Order of Her Majesty's Privy Council, unless such directions or regulations shall be expressly confined to some of such parts or places, and then to such parts or places as in such directions and regulations shall be specified:

Now in exercise of the authority vested in us as aforesaid, We, the General Board of Health, do issue the directions and regulations hereinafter contained, to extend to all parts and places, within the several unions and parishes throughout England, and to all extra-parochial places adjoining to such unions or parishes, viz:—

I. We direct that all councils and other governing bodies of cities and boroughs, commissioners under local acts, surveyors, and district or assistant surveyors of highways, trustees, county surveyors, and others by law entrusted with the care and management of the streets and public ways and places, within the parts or places to which these directions and regulations extend, shall once at least in every twenty-four hours effectually cleanse all such of the streets, rows, lanes, mews, courts, alleys and passages, and public ways and places, under their respective care and management, as by the medical officer of the Guardians, or others authorised to superintend the execution of this direction and regulation, shall be certified in writing, to be in a state dangerous to health, or to require frequent and effectual cleansing by way of precaution against disease, and shall remove all filth, ordure and nuisances therefrom.

II. And where any such streets, rows, lanes, mews, courts, alleys, and any passages, public ways, or places, to which any houses or tenements adjoin, which have not been entrusted by law to the care or management of any council, commissioners, surveyors; trustees or others, have been

certified in writing, by such medical officer as aforesaid, to be in a state dangerous to health, or to require such frequent and effectual cleansing, we direct that every occupier of a house or tenement so adjoining, shall keep or cause to be kept sufficiently cleansed, at least once in every twenty-four hours, such part of the street, row, lane, mews, court, alley or passage, way or place as adjoins the house or tenement occupied by him.

And we direct that all such works of cleansing and removal of filth, ordure and nuisances as are required by these directions and regulations, shall be done in such manner by effectual washing or otherwise, and with the use of such fluids or substances for preventing the escape of noxious effluvia during the operation, as the medical officer of the Guardians or others authorized to superintend the execution of these directions and regulations shall think necessary and shall direct.

III. We do hereby authorize and require the said Guardians, by themselves or by their officers or persons employed under them in the administration of the laws for the relief of the poor, or by officers or persons specially appointed in this behalf, to superintend and see to the execution of the foregoing directions and regulations within their respective unions or parishes, and in any extra-parochial places adjoining thereto respectively.

IV. And further, where it shall appear that by want or neglect of the council of any city or borough Commissioners, Surveyors, Trustees, or others entrusted with the care and management as aforesaid, or by reason of poverty of the occupiers or otherwise, there may be any default or delay in the cleansing of or removing nuisances from any street, row, lane, mews, court, alley, passage, or public way, or place certified as aforesaid, within any of the said unions or parishes, or any extra-parochial place adjoining thereto, we authorize and require Guardians of such union or parish to cause such street, row, lane, mews, court, alley, passage, way, or place, to be effectually cleansed, and all nuisances to be removed therefrom, and to do all acts, matters, and things necessary for that purpose.

V. We also direct as follows:—That,

When, and so often as any dwelling-house in any part or place to which these directions and regulations extend, is in such a filthy and unwholesome condition as to be a nuisance to, or injurious to the health of any person, or,

Where upon any premises, or any part or place as aforesaid, there is any foul and offensive drain, ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or ashpit, or any drain, ditch, gutter, privy, cesspool, or ashpit, kept or constructed so as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of any person, or,

Where upon any such premises, swine, or any accumulation of dung, manure, offal, filth, refuse, or other matter or thing is kept, so as to be a nuisance to or injurious to the health of any person, or,

Where upon any such premises (being a building used wholly or in part as a dwelling-house) or being premises underneath any such building any animal is kept so as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of any person.

In each of the above recited cases, the owner or occupier, and persons having the care or ordering of such dwelling-house, or of the premises where the nuisance or matter injurious to health may be, shall cleanse, whitewash, or otherwise purify, as the case may require, such dwell-