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**A**T the Court at *Balmoral*, the 24th day of *September* 1850,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS there was this day read at the Board a report from the General Board of Health, dated the third day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, in the words following; that is to say:

“To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

“We, the General Board of Health, appointed for the purposes of the Public Health Act, 1848, have, in pursuance of the provisions of that Act, upon the petition of not less than one-tenth of the inhabitants rated to the relief of the poor of and within the parish of Gaywood, in the county of Norfolk, having a known and defined boundary (the number of the said petitioners greatly exceeding thirty in the whole), directed William Lee, a superintending inspector appointed for the purposes of the said Public Health Act, to visit the said parish, and to make public inquiry, and to examine witnesses as to the sewerage, drainage, and supply of water, the state of the burial grounds, the number and sanitary condition of the inhabitants, and as to any local Acts of Parliament in force within such parish, for paving, lighting, cleansing, watching, regulating, supplying with water, or improving the said parish, or having relation to the purposes of the said Public Health Act; also as to the natural drainage, areas, and the existing municipal, parochial, or other local boundaries, and the boundaries which might be most advantageously adopted for the purposes of that Act;

“And the said superintending inspector, having previously given the notices directed by the said Public Health Act, proceeded upon the said inquiry, in the manner directed by that Act, and hath reported in writing to the said Board, upon the said several matters with respect to which he was directed to inquire, and upon certain other matters with respect to which he deemed it expedient to report for the purposes of that Act;

“And copies of the said report, accompanied by a notice, stating that written statements might be forwarded to the said Board with respect to any matter contained in or omitted from the said report, or any amendment proposed to be made therein, have been duly published and deposited

as directed by the said Public Health Act, and the time for forwarding such statements has now elapsed;

“And it appears by the said report that there is no local Act of Parliament in force within the said parish for paving, lighting (otherwise than for the profit of proprietors or shareholders), cleansing, watching, regulating, supplying with water, or improving such parish, or any part thereof, or in anywise relating to the purposes of the said Public Health Act;

“Now, therefore, We, the said General Board of Health, do hereby, in pursuance of the said Public Health Act, humbly report to your Majesty, that it appears to us to be expedient that the Public Health Act, 1848, and every part thereof, except the section numbered 50 in the copies of that Act, printed by your Majesty's printers, should be applied to and be in force within and throughout the entire area, places, and parts of places comprised within the boundaries at present fixed as the boundaries of the said parish of Gaywood, in the county of Norfolk, and that such area, places, and parts of places should be and constitute a district for the purpose of the said Public Health Act accordingly.

“2. That the Local Board of Health to be elected under the said Public Health Act shall consist of nine persons, and that the entire number shall be elected for the whole of the said district.

“3. That the first election of the said Local Board of Health shall take place on the twenty-sixth day of November one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

“4. That one-third in number of the said Local Board shall go out of office on the thirty-first day of March in each year subsequently to that in which the said election takes place.

“5. That every person at the time of his election as member of the said Local Board, and so long as he shall continue in office by virtue of such election, be resident as in the said Public Health Act, 1848, is required, and be seized or possessed of real or personal estate, or both, to the value or amount of not less than five hundred pounds, or shall be so resident, and rated to the relief of the poor of some parish, township, or place, of which some part is within the said district, upon an annual value of not less than fifteen pounds.

“6. That at the first election of the said Local Board, the Reverend Thomas Hulton, Rector of the parish of Gaywood, shall have the powers and perform the duties vested in or imposed upon the Chairman of the Local Board of