

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 all such statements as have been received by the said Board have been duly deposited as required by the aforesaid Act;

"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:

"1. 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 of the said parish, 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 fifteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one.

"4. That one-third in number of the said Local Board of Health shall go out of office on the thirty-first day of March in each year subsequently to that in which the first election of that Local Board takes place; but in case the day so appointed shall fall on a Sunday, or on a day appointed for public fast or thanksgiving, then such one-third shall go out of office on the day next following.

"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 three 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, Nathaniel Vye, Esq. of the Manor House, within the aforesaid district of Ilfracombe, shall have the powers and perform the duties vested in or imposed upon the Chairman of the Local Board of Health by the Public Health Act, 1848, in relation to the election by owners of property and rate-payers, and shall perform all other duties which it may be requisite for him to perform in conducting and completing the said first election; and in case the said Nathaniel Vye, from illness, or other sufficient cause, shall be unable to exercise or discharge such powers or duties, or shall be absent, or shall refuse to act, then Richard Bligh, Esq. of Castle House, also within the district aforesaid, shall exercise and perform such of the said powers and duties as then remain to be exercised or performed.

"7. That the fourteen days' notice of qualification required by the Public Health Act, 1848, to be given by owners of property, in order to entitle them to vote at the said first election, shall be given to the said Nathaniel Vye, at his residence, the Manor House, within the district of Ilfracombe; or in case he shall refuse, or be unable to receive the same, then to the said Richard Bligh, at his residence, Castle House, situate likewise within the district of Ilfracombe aforesaid.

"Given under our hands, and under the seal of the General Board of Health, this nineteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

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*Edwin Chadwick.  
T. Southwood Smith."*

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said report into consideration, is pleased to approve thereof, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, doth hereby, under and in pursuance of the Public Health Act, 1848, order and direct:

1. That, from and after the date of this Order, the Public Health Act, and every part thereof, except the section numbered 50 in the copies of that Act printed by Her Majesty's printers, shall be applied to and be in force within and throughout the entire area, places, and parts of places comprised within the boundaries of the parish of Ilfracombe, in the county of Devon, and that such area, places, and parts of places shall be and constitute a district for the purposes 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 fifteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

4. That one-third in number of the said Local Board of Health shall go out of office on the thirty-first day of March in each year subsequently to that in which the first election of that Local Board takes place; but in case the day so appointed shall fall on a Sunday, or on a day