

"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 of Halstead, in the county of Essex, 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 Public Health Act should consist of nine persons, and that the entire number should be elected for the whole of the said district.

"3. That the first election of the said Local Board of Health should take place on the thirteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

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

"6. That at the first election of the said Local Board, the Reverend Charles Burney, Vicar of Halstead aforesaid, should 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 ratepayers, and should 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 Charles Burney, from illness or other sufficient cause, should be unable to exercise or discharge such powers or duties, or should be absent, or should refuse to act, then that George de Horne Vaizey, Esquire, J. P., of Halstead aforesaid, should 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, should be given to the said Charles Burney, at his residence, the Vicarage, situate within the aforesaid district of Halstead, or in case he should refuse, or be unable to receive the same, then to

the said George de Horne Vaizey, at his residence, Constantyns, likewise within the district aforesaid.

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



(Signed)

*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, 1848, 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 said parish of Halstead, in the county of Essex, 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.

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