

AT the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 11th day of April, 1866.

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

PRESENT.

Lord President.
Lord Privy Seal.
Sir George Grey, Bart.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of the eleventh and twelfth years of Her present Majesty's reign, chapter one hundred and seven, intituled "An Act to prevent until the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and to the end of the then session of Parliament, the spreading of contagious or infectious disorders among sheep, cattle, and other animals," and from time to time continued by divers subsequent Acts, and lastly by an Act passed in the session of the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and nineteen, it is (amongst other things) enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Privy Council, or any two or more of them, from time to time, to make such Orders and Regulations as to them may seem necessary for the purpose of prohibiting or regulating the removal to or from such parts or places as they may designate in such Order or Orders of sheep, cattle, horses, swine, or other animals, or of meat, skins, hides, horns, hoofs, or other parts of any animals, or of hay, straw, fodder, or other articles, likely to propagate infection, and to make any other Orders or Regulations for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of the said Act, and again to revoke, alter, or vary any such Orders or Regulations; and that all provisions for any of the purposes aforesaid in any such Order or Orders contained shall have the like force and effect as if the same had been inserted in the said Act:

And whereas a contagious or infectious disorder, generally designated as the "Cattle Plague," has lately appeared, and now prevails, amongst cattle in Scotland:

And whereas divers Orders have been made by the Lords of the said Council in relation to the cattle plague, and it is expedient to consolidate, amend, and add to the said Orders:

Now, therefore, the Lords of Her Majesty's Privy Council do hereby, in exercise of the powers given under the said Act so continued as aforesaid, order as follows:

Preliminary.

1. This Order shall come into force on the 16th of April, 1866, and shall remain in force until it is revoked or altered.
2. This Order shall apply to Scotland only, subject to the limitation hereinafter expressed.

PART I.

Definitions.

3. In the construction of this Order the following terms shall have the meanings hereinafter assigned to them; that is to say,

"Person" shall include a body of persons, corporate or unincorporate:

"Cattle" shall mean bull, bullock, cow, ox, heifer, or calf:

"Animal" shall mean cattle as above defined, sheep, lambs, goats, and swine:

"Disease" shall mean the cattle plague:

"Diseased" shall mean affected by the cattle plague:

"Privy Council" shall mean the Lords and others of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, or any two of them:

"Burgh" shall mean any town which returns or contributes to return a member or members to Parliament:

"County" shall not include a county of a city or county of a town:

Detached parts of counties shall be considered as forming part of the county by which they are surrounded, or if partly surrounded by two or more counties, then as forming part of that county with which they have the longest common boundary:

Every place that is not, according to the foregoing definitions, a burgh or county, shall be deemed to form part of the county, as hereinbefore defined, to the county rate of which it is assessed, or, if not so assessed, of the county within which it is situate.

Local Authority.

4. For the purposes of this Order, "District," "Local Authority," "Local Rate," and "Clerk of Local Authority" shall respectively mean the places, bodies of persons, rate, and officer in the first schedule hereto annexed in that behalf mentioned.

5. Any Local Authority may from time to time form one or more Committee or Committees consisting wholly of its own members, or partly of its own members and partly of such other persons, being rated occupiers in the district and qualified in such other manner as the Local Authority may determine, and may delegate, with or without conditions or restrictions, to any Committee so formed, all or any powers conferred on the Local Authority by this Order, and may from time to time revoke, add to, or alter any powers so given to a Committee.

A Committee may elect a chairman of its meetings. If no chairman is elected, or if the chairman elected is not present at the time appointed for holding a meeting, the members present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of such meeting. A Committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. The quorum of a Committee shall consist of such number of members as may be prescribed by the Local Authority that appointed it, or, if no number be prescribed, of three members. Every question at a meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present, and voting on that question; and in case of an equal division of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

The proceedings of a Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy or vacancies amongst its members.

A Local Authority may from time to time add to or diminish the number of the members or otherwise alter the constitution of any Committee formed by it under this Order, and may dissolve any such Committee and form a new one in its place.