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AT the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 5th day of September, 1866.

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

PRESENT,

Lord President.
Mr. Secretary Walpole.
Mr. Corry.

WHEREAS by "The Diseases Prevention Act, 1855," it is (among other things) enacted (section five) as follows:—

V. "Whenever any part of England appears to be threatened with, or is affected by, any formidable epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, or any three or more of them (the Lord President of the Council, or one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, being one), may, by Order or Orders to be by them from time to time made, direct that the provisions herein contained for the prevention of diseases be put in force in England, or in such parts thereof as in such Order or Orders respectively may be expressed, and may from time to time, as to all or any of the parts to which any such Order or Orders extend, and in like manner revoke or renew any such Order; and, subject to revocation and renewal as aforesaid, every such Order shall be in force for six calendar months, or for such shorter period as in such Order shall be expressed; and every such Order of Her Majesty's Privy Council, or of any members thereof, as aforesaid, shall be certified under the hand of the Clerk in Ordinary of Her Majesty's Privy Council, and shall be published in the London Gazette; and such publication shall be conclusive evidence of such Order to all intents and purposes:—"

And whereas by an Order, dated the 14th day of July, 1866, the Lords of the Council ordered that the provisions contained in "The Diseases Prevention Act, 1855," and the Act for amending the same in that Order described, should, from and after the date of that Order, be put in force within the whole and every part of England:

And whereas by "The Sanitary Act, 1866," it is (among other things) enacted (section 40) as follows:—

XL. "Where in any place two or more Boards of Guardians or Local Authorities have jurisdiction, the Privy Council may, by any Order made under 'The Diseases Prevention Act, 1855,' authorise or require such boards to act together for the purposes of that Act, and may prescribe the mode of such joint action and of defraying the costs thereof."

And whereas in the city of Oxford, within the district under the authority of the Local Board of Health for the city, three Boards of Guardians, namely, the Board of Guardians of the Incorporation of the united parishes of the city of Oxford, the Board of Guardians of the Headington Union, and the Board of Guardians of the Abingdon Union, have jurisdiction:

And whereas the said three Boards of Guardians have requested the Lords of the Council to make, with respect to them, such an Order as is described in the last-recited enactment which it seems to the Lords of the Council expedient to do:

Now, therefore, the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the recited enactments or otherwise in them vested, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. Until it is otherwise ordered, the said three Boards of Guardians are hereby authorized to act together for the purposes of "The Diseases Prevention Act, 1855," and the mode of such joint action, and of defraying the costs thereof, shall be such as is prescribed in the subsequent articles of this Order.

2. Each of the said Boards may, by writing under the hand of their Clerk, with the consent of the others of the said Boards in writing, under the hands of their respective Clerks, define the parts of their Union within the district of the Local Board of Health for the city of Oxford to be comprised in this Order, and may, in like manner, extend or alter the limits so defined, within the same district, from time to time as occasion requires.

3. A joint Committee of Management for executing this Order shall be appointed, consisting of six members of the Oxford Board, and four members of each of the other Boards.

4. The services of the Medical and Relieving Officers of the three Unions shall be had in common for the purposes of the joint action authorized by this Order; and the relief administered to out-