

ment, and if the approval of the Local Government Board be given, absolutely or with modifications, the Sanitary Authority or Authorities shall then proceed to fill up the vacancy according to the terms of the approval so given.

Art. 6.—If any Officer appointed under this Order be at any time prevented by sickness or accident, or other sufficient reason, from performing his duties, the Sanitary Authority or Authorities, as the case may be, may appoint a person qualified as aforesaid to act as his temporary substitute, and may pay him a reasonable compensation for his services; and every such appointment shall be reported to the Local Government Board as soon as the same shall have been made.

SECTION III.—*Tenure of Office.*

Art. 1.—Every Officer appointed under this Order shall continue to hold office for such period as the Sanitary Authority or Authorities appointing him may, with the approval of the Local Government Board, determine, or until he die, or resign, or be removed, by such Authority or Authorities with the assent of the Local Government Board, or by the Local Government Board.

Provided that the appointments first made under this Order shall not be for a period exceeding five years.

Art. 2.—Where any such Officer shall have been appointed after the passing of the Public Health Act, 1872, for one or more Sanitary Districts, and any change in the extent of the District or Districts, or in the duties, salary, or remuneration, may be deemed necessary, and he shall decline to acquiesce therein, the Sanitary Authority or Authorities by whom he was so appointed may, with the consent of the Local Government Board, but not otherwise, and after six months' notice in writing, signed by their Clerk or Clerks, given to such Officer, determine his office.

Art. 3.—No person shall be appointed who does not agree to give one month's notice previous to resigning the office; or to forfeit such sum as may be agreed upon as liquidated damages.

SECTION IV.—*Duties.*

The following shall be the duties of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the District for which he is appointed; or if he shall be appointed for more than one District, then in respect of each of such Districts:—

- (1.) He shall inform himself as far as practicable respecting all influences affecting or threatening to affect injuriously the public health within the District.
- (2.) He shall inquire into and ascertain by such means as are at his disposal the causes, origin, and distribution of diseases within the District, and ascertain to what extent the same have depended on conditions capable of removal or mitigation.
- (3.) He shall, by inspection of the District, both systematically at certain periods, and at intervals as occasion may require, keep himself informed of the conditions injurious to health existing therein.
- (4.) He shall be prepared to advise the Sanitary Authority on all matters affecting the health of the District, and on all sanitary points involved in the action of the Sanitary Authority or Authorities; and in cases requiring it, he shall certify, for the guidance of the Sanitary Authority or of the Justices, as to any matter in respect of which the Certificate of a Medical Officer of Health or

a Medical Practitioner is required as the basis or in aid of sanitary action.

- (5.) He shall advise the Sanitary Authority on any question relating to health involved in the framing and subsequent working of such bye-laws and regulations as they may have power to make.
- (6.) On receiving information of the outbreak of any contagious, infectious, or epidemic disease of a dangerous character within the District, he shall visit the spot without delay and inquire into the causes and circumstances of such outbreak, and advise the persons competent to act as to the measures which may appear to him to be required to prevent the extension of the disease, and so far as he may be lawfully authorized, assist in the execution of the same.
- (7.) On receiving information from the Inspector of Nuisances that his intervention is required in consequence of the existence of any nuisance injurious to health, or of any overcrowding in a house, he shall, as early as practicable, take such steps authorized by the Statutes in that behalf as the circumstances of the case may justify and require.
- (8.) In any case in which it may appear to him to be necessary or advisable, or in which he shall be so directed by the Sanitary Authority, he shall himself inspect and examine any animal, carcass, meat, poultry, game, flesh, fish, fruit, vegetables, corn, bread, or flour, exposed for sale, or deposited for the purpose of sale or of preparation for sale, and intended for the food of man, which is deemed to be diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man, and if he find that such animal or article is diseased, or unsound, or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man, he shall give such directions as may be necessary for causing the same to be seized, taken, and carried away, in order to be dealt with by a Justice according to the provisions of the Statutes applicable to the case.
- (9.) He shall perform all the duties imposed upon him by any bye-laws and regulations of the Sanitary Authority, duly confirmed, in respect of any matter affecting the public health, and touching which they are authorized to frame bye laws and regulations.
- (10.) He shall inquire into any offensive process of trade carried on within the District, and report on the appropriate means for the prevention of any nuisance or injury to health therefrom.
- (11.) He shall attend at the office of the Sanitary Authority, or at some other appointed place, at such stated times as they may direct.
- (12.) He shall from time to time report, in writing, to the Sanitary Authority, his proceedings, and the measures which may require to be adopted for the improvement or protection of the public health in the district. He shall in like manner report with respect to the sickness and mortality within the District, so far as he has been enabled to ascertain the same.
- (13.) He shall keep a book or books, to be provided by the Sanitary Authority, in which he shall make an entry of his visits, and notes of his observations and instructions thereon, and also the date and nature of applications made to him, the date and result of the action taken thereon, and of any action taken on previous reports, and shall produce such book or