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REPORT
TO THE
GENERAL BOARD OF HEALTH,
AS TO
THE BOUNDARIES OF
THE DISTRICT OF

A S H B Y - D E - L A - Z O U C H,
IN THE COUNTY OF LEICESTER,

BY WILLIAM LEE, Esq.

SUPERINTENDING INSPECTOR.



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NOTIFICATION.

THE General Board of Health hereby give notice, in terms of section 9th of the Public Health Act, that on or before the 10th day of July next, being a period of not less than one month from the date of the publication and deposit hereof, written statements may be forwarded to the Board with respect to any matter contained in or omitted from the accompanying Report, as to the boundaries of the district of ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, in the County of Leicester; or with respect to any amendment to be proposed therein.

By order of the Board,

HENRY AUSTIN, *Secretary.*

Whitehall, 28th May, 1851.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (11 and 12 Vict., cap. 63.)

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By WILLIAM LEE, Esq, Superintending Inspector.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

Whitehall, April 17, 1851.

IN consequence of a resolution of the Local Board of Health in the district of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, you were pleased to direct me to make an inquiry there with a view to the extension of the boundaries of the said district.

The following is a copy of the resolution referred to:—

“ Minutes of the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Local Board of Health, the 23rd day of December, 1850. Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Board that it would be desirable to extend this district, so as to embrace the whole of the township of Ashby, except Ashby Woulds, and that our clerk do communicate with the General Board of Health thereon.”

On the 5th day of March I caused the following notice to be advertised in the newspapers circulating in the district, and forwarded copies of the same, to be affixed upon the doors of the principal churches and chapels, and other places where public notices are usually affixed.

“ *Public Health Act, (11 and 12 Vict. c. 63.)*

“ NOTICE.

“ WHEREAS it having appeared to the General Board of Health that the existing boundary of the district of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, as fixed by the Provisional Order of the General Board

of Health, under and by virtue of the Public Health Act, 1848, and the Public Health Supplemental Act, 1850, (No. 2.) should be altered; and they having therefore, pursuant to the provisions of the 141st section of the Public Health Act, 1848, directed me, William Lee, one of the Superintending Inspectors appointed for the purposes of the said Act, to visit the said district, and to make inquiry with a view to the alteration of the boundaries of the said district:

"Now therefore, I, the said William Lee, do hereby give notice, that on the 26th instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the public office, I will proceed upon the said inquiry, and that I shall then and there be prepared to hear all persons desirous of being heard before me on the subject of the said inquiry.

"Dated this 5th day of March, 1851.

"WILLIAM LEE."

At the inquiry as above, Mr. John Dalby having proved that the notices had been duly affixed, I briefly explained to the inhabitants present the provisions of the Act relative to the inquiry.

The following evidence was then given.

Mr. *Joseph Kidger* said:—

"I am surveyor to the Local Board of Health in the Ashby district, and am well acquainted with the boundaries. We have found a great inconvenience from the existing boundary because it includes nearly the whole of the highways, while at the same time a very large portion of the land, heretofore liable to the maintenance of the highways, and other local charges, is now excluded, and consequently released from such obligation.

"This anomaly was discovered in the making out of the first rate.

"The effect is not only to release the land beyond the existing boundary from an obligation to which it was previously liable, but also to increase the burdens upon the land and buildings within the district, to the same extent."

Mr. *William Shaw*, farmer, said:—

"I and my son occupy the whole of the isolated part of the parish of Ashby, called Alton Granges, and I think that land ought not to be included in the district."

On inquiry, however, it appeared that Alton Granges was rated to the relief of the poor of the parish, and had always been liable to the general rate for the repair of the highways.

Mr. Thomas Shaw objected that, as the Local Board had taken the management of the lighting, the land would have to pay rates for such purpose; but it appeared that the land has been accustomed to contribute to these and other objects under the General Watching and Lighting Act, while the Local Board of Health would be enabled to fix a special district for

lighting, so as to exclude such land as in their opinion ought to be excluded.

From further information furnished by William Dewes, Esq., clerk to the Board, and Mr. Kidger the surveyor, it seems that the area of the *present* district, including the site of the town, is 1,720 acres, while the area of the *proposed* district, including the whole of the parish, except Ashby Woulds, and the townships or hamlets of Blackfordby and Boothorpe, is 4,270 acres.

The length of public carriage-ways in the *present* district is rather less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, with half a-mile of bridleway in addition, while the length of public carriage-way in the *proposed* district is rather more than $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles, with half a-mile of bridleway in addition.

The practical shape of the question is, that the land and buildings upon 1,720 acres including the town would have the burden of *nine-elevenths* of the highways, and the remaining 2,550 acres, heretofore liable to its full proportion, would, with the present boundary, only have to maintain *two-elevenths*.

I cannot therefore hesitate to recommend that your Honourable Board should make a Provisional Order to alter and extend the boundaries of the district of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, so as to include the whole of the parish of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, except the part known as the district of Ashby Woulds, and the townships or hamlets of Blackfordby and Boothorpe.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your very obedient Servant,

WILLIAM LEE.

To the General Board of Health,

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