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TO THE

GENERAL BOARD OF HEALTH

ON A

FURTHER INQUIRY

AS TO THE BOUNDARIES WITHIN WHICH THE PUBLIC
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TO THE PARISH OF

A L V E R S T O K E,

IN THE COUNTY OF SOUTHAMPTON,

BY WILLIAM RANGER, Esq.,

SUPERINTENDING INSPECTOR.



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NOTIFICATION.

THE General Board of Health hereby give notice, in terms of section 9 of the Public Health Act, that on or before the ~~24th~~ 20 day of February 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, on a Further Inquiry as to the Boundaries within which the Public Health Act should be applied to the Parish of ALVERSTOKE, in the County of Southampton, or with respect to any amendment to be proposed therein.

By order of the Board,

T. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

Whitehall, 23d Dec. 1854.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (11 & 12 Vict. c. 63.)

Report to the General Board of Health on a further Inquiry held in the Market House, in the Town of Gosport, Parish of ALVERSTOKE, in the County of Southampton, as to the Boundaries within which the Public Health Act should be applied to the Parish of ALVERSTOKE in the said County of Southampton. By WILLIAM RANGER, Esq., Superintending Inspector.

Whitehall, Oct. 24, 1854.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

In my Report on a preliminary inquiry into the sewerage, drainage, and supply of water, and the sanitary condition of the inhabitants of the parish of Alverstoke, I recommended to your Honourable Board, "that the Act should be applied not to the parish of Alverstoke, but to the district inclosed by the red line upon the plan prefixed to the report. As, however, this is not co-extensive with that from which the petition for the inquiry emanated, and has not a known and defined boundary," your Honourable Board was pleased to instruct me to visit the said parish, and to hold a further inquiry upon the subject of the said report, and the boundaries recommended for adoption.

In pursuance of these instructions, I gave the notice required by the Public Health Act of my intention to hold such further inquiry on the 21st of December 1853, when I should be prepared to hear all persons desirous of being heard upon the subject of the said report, and the boundaries proposed to be adopted.

The inquiry was attended by David Campigné, Esq. (the clerk to the trustees acting under the Local Acts), Captain Samuel, Revs. Jas. Tanner and F. Meadows, Captain Blake, Messrs. Thos. Hoskins, James Hoskins, Horatio Campigné, Henry Taylor, Crook sen., Crook jun., Bowie, Cunningham,

Claughton, Doswell, Millige, Thorngate, Smith, Hobbs, Duke, Brenton, Blake, Hall, Hepworth, Wilkinson, Walters, Soaper, and Bagley.

I read the notice, and obtained proof of its having been duly published ;

Whereupon Captain Samuel complained of his house being included in the district, whilst other property which was very similarly situated was excluded, and said that he objected to be taxed for others' benefit whilst he had several wells and drains of his own.

I explained that the boundary line had been laid down irrespective of any party or person, and unless they received benefit from work done under the Act they would not be taxed for it.

Mr. *James Crook*, jun.

"Desired to know why the boundary line was drawn so as to include in the district one side of Aimsweil-lane and Berry-lane and not the other, as *doubtless both sides would eventually be built upon*, and then the houses on one side would be exempt from the rate."

I pointed out that the district alluded to was of a purely agricultural character, beyond the proposed line of boundary, and if houses should at any time hereafter be built, the district could then be enlarged ; but that upon the mere presumption that houses might be erected, I was not justified in recommending the inclusion of such land.

Mr. *Crook* further stated,—

"That he objected to the application of the Act, inasmuch as house property had not for many years paid an interest of 5*l.* per cent. on the original outlay, and as the parish itself was the poorest in the kingdom."

The Rev. James Tanner expressed a desire that the Government property should be subject to the rates.

A plan was submitted for the sewerage of a block of new buildings, but as I had no instructions to examine into the merits or otherwise of plans for public works I did not feel myself warranted in giving attention to the plans brought before me. No other statement being offered, I then inquired if there were any persons present who had any objection to offer to the boundary as laid down in the plan then before the inhabitants, or if they had any remarks to make on the subject of my original report, when there was no dissentient voice ; whereupon I concluded the inquiry.

CONCLUSIONS.

The conclusion at which I have arrived is, that the boundary proper is indicated by the red line on the plan prefixed to the first report, and the area comprised within the said line is the one within which the provisions of the Public Health Acts should be applied.

I have the honour to remain,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

WILLIAM RANGER,
Superintending Inspector.

To the General Board of Health.

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