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ANNO UNDECIMO & DUODECIMO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. CXXIII.

An Act to renew and amend an Act of the Tenth Year of her present Majesty, for the more speedy Removal of certain Nuisances, and the Prevention of contagious and epidemic Diseases.—[4th September 1848.]

WHEREAS an Act passed in the Tenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, for the more speedy Removal of certain Nuisances, and to enable the Privy Council to make Regulations for the Prevention of contagious and epidemic Diseases, will expire at the End of the present Session of Parliament; and it is necessary that other Provision should be made in lieu thereof: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That in *England* and *Ireland*, upon Receipt (or as soon afterwards as can be) by the Town Council, or by any Trustees or Commissioners for the drainage, paving, lighting, or cleansing, or upon Receipt

9 & 10 Vict.
c. 96.
In England and Ireland certain public Bodies,

of Notice
in Writing
from Two
Householders,
of the filthy
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of any Build-
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certain
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to cause Ex-
amination to
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managing or directing the Police of any City, Town, Borough, or Place, or by any other Body of a like nature, or by any Commissioners of Sewers or Guardians of the Poor, or in *Ireland* by the Officers of Health of any Parish, of a Notice in Writing in the Form contained in the Schedule (A) to this Act annexed, or to the like Effect, signed by Two or more inhabitant Householders of the Parish or Place to which the Notice relates, stating that, to the best of the Knowledge and Belief of the Persons by whom such Notice is signed, any Dwelling House or Building in any City, Town, Borough, Parish, or Place within or over which the Jurisdiction or Authority of the Town Council, Trustees, Commissioners, Guardians, Officers of Health, or other Body to whom such Notice is given, extends, is in such a filthy and unwholesome Condition as to be a Nuisance to or injurious to the Health of any Person, or that upon any Premises within such Jurisdiction or Authority there is any foul and offensive Ditch, Gutter, Drain, Privy, Cesspool, or Ashpit, or any Ditch, Gutter, Drain, Privy, Cesspool, or Ashpit kept or constructed so as to be a Nuisance to or injurious to the Health of any Person, or that upon any such Premises Swine, or any accumulation of Dung, Manure, Offal, Filth, Refuse, or other Matter or Thing, are or is kept so as to be a Nuisance to or injurious to the Health of any Person, or that upon any such Premises (being a Building used wholly or in part as a Dwelling-House,) or being Premises underneath any such Building, any Cattle or Animal are or is kept so as to be a Nuisance to or injurious to the Health of any Person, such Town Council, Trustees, Commissioners, Guardians, Officers of Health, or other Body, or some Committee thereof which may be temporarily or permanently appointed in this Behalf by such Town Council, Trustees, Commissioners, Guardians, Officers of Health, or other Body, shall, after Twenty-four Hours Notice in Writing, by delivering the same to some Person on the Premises referred to in such first-mentioned Notice, or (if there be no Person upon the Premises who can be so served) by fixing the same upon some conspicuous Part of such Premises, (or in case of Emergency without Notice) by themselves, their Servants or Agents, with or without Medical or other Assistants, enter such Premises, and examine the same with respect to the Matters alleged in such first-mentioned Notice, and do all such Works, Matters, and Things as may be necessary for that Purpose ; and if upon such Examination, or upon the Certificate in Writing of Two legally qualified Medical Practitioners, it

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appear that any Dwelling House or Building so examined is in such a filthy and unwholesome Condition as aforesaid, or that upon any Premises so examined there is any such Ditch, Gutter, Drain, Privy, Cesspool, Ashpit, Swine, Cattle, or Animal, or any such Accumulation or other Matter or Thing as aforesaid, such Town Council, Trustees, Commissioners, Guardians, Officers of Health, or other Body, or such Committee, shall make or cause to be made Complaint before a Justice, who shall thereupon issue a Summons (which may be according to the Form contained in the Schedule (B) to this Act annexed, or to the like Effect,) requiring the Owner or Occupier of the Premises, examined to appear before Two Justices to answer such Complaint; and such Summons shall be served by delivering the same, or a true Copy thereof, to some Person upon the Premises in respect whereof Complaint is made, or (if there be no Person upon the Premises who can be so served) by fixing such Summons or Copy upon some conspicuous Part of such Premises; and if at the Time and Place appointed by such Summons it be proved to the Satisfaction of such Justices that any Dwelling House or Building in respect whereof Complaint is made is in such a filthy and unwholesome Condition as aforesaid, or that any such Cause or Causes of Complaint as aforesaid exists or exist, and (in case such Owner or Occupier do not appear) that such Summons or Copy was served as aforesaid, such Justices shall make an Order in Writing under their Hands and Seals, (which Order may be according to the Form contained in the Schedule (C) to this Act annexed, or to the like Effect,) for cleansing, whitewashing, or purifying such Dwelling House or Building, or for the Removal or Abatement of any such Cause or Causes of Complaint, in such Manner and within such Time as shall be specified in such Order (not being more than Two Clear Days, exclusive of *Sunday*, after Service of such Order as herein-after directed); and such Order shall be forthwith served by delivering the same or a true Copy thereof to some Person upon the Premises in respect whereof it is made, or (in case there be no Person upon the Premises who can be so served,) by fixing such Order or Copy upon some conspicuous Part of such Premises; and if such Order be not complied with the Owner or Occupier against whom it is made shall be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Ten Shillings for every Day during the Continuance of his Default, and the Town Council, Trustees, Commissioners, Guardians, Officers of Health, or

nation, or a Medical Certificate, it appear that the Nuisance, &c. exists, public Body to make Complaint before a Justice, who shall summon the Owner or Occupier to appear before Two Justices;

and who shall, upon Proof, &c., order him to whitewash, &c., or remove the Nuisance complained of;

and if such Order be not complied with, the Owner or Occupier in

Default to be liable to Penalties, and public Body to enter the Premises, and do the Works ordered, or remove the Nuisance.

In Scotland certain public Officers, upon Receipt of Notice in Writing from Two Household-ers of the filthy Condition of any Building, or of the Existence of certain Nuisances, to cause Examination to be made ;

other Body mentioned therein, shall by themselves, their Servants or Agents, or by such Committee as aforesaid, their Servants or Agents, enter such last-mentioned Premises, and cleanse, whitewash, or purify the same, or remove or abate the Cause or Causes of Complaint in respect whereof the said Order shall have been made, and do all such Works, Matters, and Things as may be necessary for carrying such Order into effect ; and any Dung, Manure, Offal, Filth, or Refuse, and any other Matter or Thing removed by any such Town Council, Trustees, Commissioners, Guardians, Officers of Health, or other Body as aforesaid, in pursuance of this Enactment, may be destroyed or sold, and in case of Sale the Proceeds arising therefrom shall be paid to or (as the Case may require) be retained by the Guardians of the Poor, and shall be by them applied in aid of the Rate for the Relief of the Poor of the Parish, Electoral Division, or Place in which such Removal shall have been made.

II. And be it enacted, That in *Scotland*, upon or as soon as can be after Notice in Writing in the Form contained in the Schedule (A) to this Act annexed, or to the like Effect, signed by Two or more of the inhabitant Household-ers of the Parish or Place to which the Notice relates, made to the Procurator Fiscal of any County, or the Procurator Fiscal or the Dean of Guild of any Royal Burgh, or the Procurator Fiscal of the Justices of the Peace of any County, or the Commissioners of Police or Trustees for paving, lighting, or cleansing any City, Town, Burgh, Parish, or Place, or the Inspector of the Poor of any Parish, stating that any Dwelling House or Building within any Royal Burgh, or in any City, Town, Burgh, Parish, or Place, within or over which the Jurisdiction or Authority of any such Procurator Fiscal, or of such Dean of Guild, or Commissioners of Police, or Trustees for paving, lighting, or cleansing, or Inspector of the Poor, extends, is in such a filthy and unwholesome Condition as to be a Nuisance to or injurious to the Health of any Person, or that upon any Premises within such Jurisdiction or Authority there is any foul and offensive Drain, Ditch, Gutter, Privy, Cesspool, or Ashpit, or any Drain, Ditch, Gutter, Privy, Cesspool, or Ashpit kept or constructed so as to be a Nuisance to or injurious to the Health of any Person, or that upon any such Premises Swine, or any Accumulation of Dung, Manure, Offal, Filth, Refuse, or other Matter or Thing, are or is kept so as to be a Nuisance to or injurious to the Health of any Person, or that upon

any such Premises, (being a Building used wholly or in part as a Dwelling House), or being Premises underneath any such Building, any Cattle or Animal are or is kept so as to be a Nuisance to or injurious to the Health of any Person, it shall be competent to any such Procurator Fiscal or Dean of Guild, or the proper Officer of such Commissioners of Police or Trustees, or such Inspector of the Poor respectively, after Twenty-four Hours from the giving Notice in Writing by Service thereof upon some Person on the Premises referred to in such first-mentioned Notice, or (if there be no Person upon the Premises who can be so served) by fixing the same upon some conspicuous Part of such Premises, or in case of Emergency without Notice by himself or others acting under his Authority, with or without Medical or other Assistants, to enter such Premises, and examine the same with respect to the Matters alleged in such first-mentioned Notice, and do all such Works, Matters, and Things as may be necessary for that Purpose ; and if upon such Examination, or upon the Certificate in Writing of Two legally qualified Medical Practitioners, it appear that any Dwelling House or Building so examined is in such a filthy and unwholesome Condition as aforesaid, or that upon any Premises so examined there is any such Drain, Ditch, Gutter, Privy, Cesspool, Ashpit, Swine, Cattle, or Animal, or any such Accumulation, or other Matter or Thing, as aforesaid, such Procurator Fiscal, Dean of Guild, Officer, or Inspector shall make or cause to be made Complaint to the Sheriff or Magistrates or a Justice, who shall thereupon order the Owner or Occupier of the Premises examined to appear before such Sheriff or Magistrates or Two Justices to answer such Complaint ; and such Order shall be served by delivering the same, or a true Copy thereof, to some Person upon the Premises, in respect whereof Complaint is made, or (if there be no Person upon the Premises who can be so served) by fixing such Order or Copy upon some conspicuous Part of such Premises ; and if at the Time and Place appointed by such Order it be proved to the Satisfaction of such Sheriff or Magistrates or Justices that any Dwelling House or Building in respect whereof Complaint is made is in such a filthy and unwholesome Condition as aforesaid, or that any such Cause or Causes of Complaint as aforesaid exists or exist, and (in case such Owner or Occupier do not appear) that such Order or Copy was served as aforesaid, such Sheriff or Magistrates or Justices shall make an Order in Writing under their Hands (which

and if upon such Examination or a Medical Certificate it appear that the Nuisance exists, public Body to make Complaint before the Sheriff or a Justice, who shall order the Owner or Occupier to appear ;

and upon Proof, &c., whitewashing, &c. or Removal of the Nuisance complained of, to be ordered.

Order may be according to the Form contained in the Schedule (C) to this Act annexed, or to the like Effect,) for cleansing, whitewashing, or purifying such Dwelling House or Building, or for the Removal or Abatement of any such Cause or Causes of Complaint, in such manner and within such time as shall be specified in such Order (not being more than Two clear Days, exclusive of *Sunday*, after Service of such Order), and such last-mentioned Order shall be forthwith served by delivering the same, or a true Copy thereof, to some Person upon the Premises in respect whereof it is made, or, in case there be no Person upon the Premises who can be so served, by fixing such Order or Copy upon some conspicuous Part of such Premises; and if such Order be not complied with the Owner or Occupier against whom it is made shall be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Ten Shillings for every Day during the continuance of his Default, and the Procurator-Fiscal or Dean of Guild, or proper Officer of the Commissioners of Police, or Trustees or Inspectors of the Poor respectively, shall, by themselves or others acting under their Authority, enter such last-mentioned Premises, and cleanse, whitewash, or purify the same, or remove or abate the Cause or Causes of Complaint in respect whereof the said last-mentioned Order shall have been made, and do all such Works, Matters, and Things as may be necessary for carrying such Order into effect, and any Dung, Manure, Offal, Filth, or Refuse, and any other offensive or noxious Matter or Thing removed in pursuance of this Enactment, may be destroyed or sold, and in case of Sale the Proceeds arising therefrom shall be paid to or (as the Case may require) be retained by the Parochial Board for the Management of the Poor, and shall be by them applied in aid of the Funds for the Relief of the Poor of the Parish or Place in which such Removal shall have been made.

If such last-mentioned Order be not complied with, Owner or Occupier in default to be liable to Penalties, and the public Officers to enter Premises, and do the Works ordered, or remove the Nuisance.

Recovery of Costs, &c. from Owner or Occupier of the Premises.

III. And be it enacted, That whenever any such Order as aforesaid for cleansing, whitewashing, or purifying any Dwelling House or Building, or for the Removal or Abatement of any such Cause or Causes of Complaint as aforesaid has been obtained, all Costs and Expenses reasonably incurred in obtaining such Order, or in carrying the same into effect, shall be deemed to be Money paid for the Use and at the Request of the Owner or Occupier of the Premises in respect whereof such Costs and Expenses shall have been incurred, and may be recovered as such by the said Town Councils, Trustees, Commissioners, Guardians, Officers of Health, or other Body, or by the said Procura-

tors Fiscal, Deans of Guild, Commissioners of Police, or Trustees and Inspectors of the Poor respectively, as such, in any County Court, Civil Bill Court, or (in *Scotland*) before the Sheriff or Magistrates or Justices of the Peace ; or such Town Council, Magistrates, Trustees, Commissioners, Guardians, Officers of Health, or other Body, or Procurators Fiscal, Deans of Guild, or Inspectors of the Poor, may, if they shall think fit, recover such Costs and Expenses before Two Justices, or, in *Scotland*, before the Sheriff or Magistrates or Two Justices, from the Owner or Occupier of the Premises in respect of which such Order is made ; and any Two Justices, or, in *Scotland*, the Sheriff or Magistrates or any Two Justices, upon the Application of any such Town Council, Magistrates, Trustees, Commissioners, Guardians, Officers of Health, or other Body, or Procurator Fiscal, Dean of Guild, or Inspector of the Poor, shall issue a Summons, or, in *Scotland*, an Order, requiring such Owner or Occupier to appear before them, or before him or them, at a Time and Place to be named therein ; and at the Time and Place so named, upon Proof to the Satisfaction of such Justices, or such Sheriff or Magistrates or Justices, that any such Costs and Expenses have been so incurred as aforesaid, and (in case such Owner or Occupier do not appear) that a Copy of such last-mentioned Summons or Order was served by delivering the same to some Person on the Premises in respect of which the Costs and Expenses were incurred, or, if there be no Person upon the Premises who can be so served, by fixing the same upon some conspicuous Part of such Premises, such Justices, or such Sheriff or Magistrates or Justices, unless they think fit to excuse the Party summoned upon the Ground of Poverty or other special Circumstances, shall, by Order in Writing, in *England* or *Ireland* under the Hands and Seals of such Justices, or in *Scotland* under the Hands of such Sheriff or Magistrates or Justices, order him to pay the Amount to the Applicants, together with the Costs attending such Application and the Proceedings thereon ; and if the Amount be not paid within Seven Days after Demand, the same may, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the same or any other Two Justices, or, in *Scotland*, under the Hands of the Sheriff or Magistrates or Justices, by whom the last-mentioned Order shall have been made, or any other Two Justices, be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Owner or Occupier in default ; and if no Distress sufficient to satisfy the same can be found within the Jurisdiction of

the Justices, or of the Sheriff or Magistrates or Justices, by whom such Warrant shall have been issued, and it so appear upon Oath before Two Justices, or, in *Scotland*, before the Sheriff or Magistrates or Two Justices, of any other County or Jurisdiction in which any Goods or Chattels of the Defaulter may be, such last-mentioned Justices, or Sheriff or Magistrates or Justices, shall indorse their or his Signatures or Signature upon the last-mentioned Warrant, and thereupon the Amount to be levied, or so much thereof as may be unsatisfied, shall be levied of the last-mentioned Goods and Chattels, in the same Manner as if such Warrant had been originally and properly issued by the Justices, or by the Sheriff or Magistrates or Justices, of such last-mentioned County or Jurisdiction.

Certain Ex-
penses of this
Act to be de-
frayed out of
Poor's Rates,
&c.

IV. And be it enacted, That all Costs and Expenses reasonably incurred as aforesaid in carrying into effect any of the Provisions herein before contained, and not recovered from any Owner or Occupier of the Premises in respect of which such Expenses shall have been incurred, shall, upon an Order in Writing, specifying the Sum to be paid, under the Hands and Seals of Two Justices, or, in *Scotland*, under the Hands of the Sheriff or Magistrates or Two Justices (who are hereby required to make such Order, upon proper application in this Behalf,) be retained, paid, or defrayed by the Treasurer of such Guardians or Parochial Board, or by the Overseers of the Poor, or other proper Officers or Persons, out of the Funds in their Hands applicable to the Relief of the Poor, and shall be charged to the Parish, Electoral Division, or Place maintaining its own Poor in which the Premises in respect whereof such Costs and Expenses shall have been so incurred are situated, and in other Places in *England* or *Ireland* out of any public Rates or Funds raised in such Places, or applicable thereto under the Authority of Parliament, or in case there be no such Rates or Funds as last aforesaid, then out of the Funds for the Relief of the Poor of the Parish, Electoral Division, or Place nearest adjoining, or if there be Two or more Parishes or Places nearest adjoining, out of the Funds for the Relief of the Poor of such One of them as Two Justices shall, by Order in Writing under their Hands and Seals, appoint; and in case any such Costs or Expenses shall have been incurred on account or in respect of any Parish in *Scotland* in which it shall happen that there is not at the Time an Assessment for the Relief of the Poor imposed or levied, then the same shall be paid or defrayed out of an

Assessment to be imposed and levied for that Purpose, and to the Extent necessary, under and in the Manner provided by an Act of the Ninth Year of Her Majesty's 8 & 9 Vict.,
Reign, for the Amendment and better Administration of c. 83.
the Laws relating to the Relief of the Poor in *Scotland*, and if any such Treasurer, Overseers, or Officers or Persons, neglect or refuse to pay the Sum specified in any Order of Justices, or of any Sheriff or Magistrates, made under this Enactment, for the Space of Twenty-one Days after the Date of such Order, the same may, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the same or any other Two Justices, or, in *Scotland*, under the Hands of the Sheriff or Magistrates or any Two Justices, by whom such Order shall have been made, or any other Two Justices, be levied by Distress and Sale, together with the Costs of such Distress and Sale, of the Goods and Chattels of the Treasurer, Overseers, or other Officers or Persons in default.

V. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein-before contained shall apply to any District, Parish, or Place in which the Public Health Act, 1848, or any Part thereof, shall be in force, unless and except in so far as the General Board of Health, by Order in Writing, sealed with the Seal of such Board, and signed by Two or more Members thereof, or (in case there be no such Board in existence) as One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by Order in Writing under his Hand, shall otherwise direct: Provided also, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to impair, abridge, or take away any Power, Jurisdiction, or Authority which may at any Time be vested in any Commissioners of Sewers, or to take away or interfere with any Course of Proceeding which might be resorted to or adopted by such Commissioners if this Act had not been passed.

Above Provisions not to apply to Districts and Places in which the Public Health Act is in force.

Jurisdiction of Commissioners of Sewers not to be impaired.

VI. And whereas by an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of *King William* the Fourth, for consolidating and amending the Laws relating to Highways in *England*, the Surveyor and District Surveyor or Assistant Surveyor therein mentioned are empowered to scour, cleanse, and keep open all Ditches, Gutters, Drains, or Watercourses; and by an Act passed in the Ninth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, for amending the Laws concerning Highways, Bridges, and Ferries in *Scotland*, the Trustees or Surveyors therein mentioned are empowered to cleanse the Ditches made or to be made along the Sides of any Highway, in case of the Neglect or Refusal of the Proprietor or Occupier to cleanse such Ditches when duly required so to

Surveyor of Highways required to cleanse open Ditches adjoining Highways, &c.

5 & 6 W. IV, c. 50.

8 & 9 Vict., c. 41.

do by such Trustees or Surveyors ; and with a view to the more effectual Removal of Nuisances injurious to Health, it is expedient that such Surveyor, District Surveyor, or Assistant Surveyor, Trustees or Surveyors, should not only be empowered but required to scour, cleanse, and keep clear, or cause to be scoured, cleansed, and kept clear, as far as may be practicable, all open Ditches, Gutters, Drains, and Watercourses upon, adjoining, or by or along the Sides of any Highway : Be it therefore enacted, That the said Surveyor, or District or Assistant Surveyor, Trustees or Surveyors, shall scour, cleanse, and keep clear, or cause to be scoured, cleansed, and kept clear, as far as may be practicable, all open Ditches, Gutters, Drains, and Watercourses upon, adjoining, or by or along the Sides of any Highway ; and any Sewage, Drainage, Soil, Filth, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever which shall be removed by any such Surveyor, District, or Assistant Surveyor, Trustees or Surveyors, from any such Ditch, Gutter, Drain, or Watercourse, in scouring, cleansing, and keeping clear the same, shall be disposed of by such Surveyor, Assistant or District Surveyor, Trustees, or Surveyors, and the Proceeds arising therefrom shall be applied towards the Repair of the Highway within the Parish or Place in which such removal shall have taken place ; and the Provisions herein-before contained with respect to Ditches, Gutters, Drains, and Watercourses upon, adjoining, or by or along the Sides of Highways, shall, in so far as the same relate to *England*, be deemed to be part of the said Act relating to Highways in *England*, and in so far as the same relate to *Scotland* shall be deemed to be Part of the said Act relating to Highways in *Scotland*.

Drainage into
open Ditches
from new
Houses a Mis-
demeanor, &c.

VII. And be it enacted, That whosoever shall suffer any Sewage, Drainage, Soil, Filth, or any Matter or Thing of a noxious or offensive Nature to run or flow into or to remain in any open Ditch, Gutter, Drain, or Watercourse, so as to be a Nuisance to or injurious to the Health of any Person, from any Dwelling House, Building, or other Premises which shall not have been occupied before the passing of this Act, or from any Privy or Water-closet which shall not have been constructed before that Time, shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, or in *Scotland* of an Offence punishable by Fine or Imprisonment, and shall, in addition, be liable for every such Offence to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds for every Day during which the Offence is continued.

VIII. And be it enacted, That whenever it is intended to build or open any Hospital for the Reception of Patients afflicted with contagious or infectious Diseases or Disorders, the Trustees or other Persons by whose Authority such Hospital is intended so to be built or opened as aforesaid, shall give Notice of such Intention to the said General Board of Health or (in *Ireland*) to the Commissioners of Health hereinafter mentioned; and no such Hospital shall be built or opened as aforesaid until the said General Board of Health or Commissioners of Health, as the Case may be, have approved thereof in Writing; but nothing herein contained shall apply to the building or opening of any Addition to a Building which shall have been used as a Hospital previously to such Addition.

Notice to be given to General Board of Health, and in *Ireland* to Commissioners of Health, of Intention to build or open certain Hospitals, &c.

IX. And whereas it is expedient that when any Part of the United Kingdom shall appear to be threatened with or affected by any formidable epidemic, endemic, or contagious Disease, Measures of Precaution should be taken with Promptitude, according to the Exigency of the Case: Be it therefore enacted, That in *Great Britain* 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,) and in *Ireland* the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors and Privy Council of *Ireland*, may, by Order or Orders to be by them from Time to Time made, direct that the Provisions herein-after contained for the Prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious Diseases be put in force in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* respectively, or in such Parts thereof or in such Places therein respectively as in such Order or Orders respectively may be expressed, and may from Time to Time, as to all or any of the Parts or Places to which any such Order or Orders may 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.

Privy Council, &c., empowered to issue Orders for putting in force the Provisions of this Act relative to the Prevention of epidemic Diseases, &c.

X. And be it enacted, That from Time to Time after the issuing of any such Order as last aforesaid, and whilst the same shall continue in force, the General Board of Health (in *Great Britain*), under the Seal of the said Board, and the Hands of Two or more Members thereof, and in *Ireland* the Commissioners of Health for the Time being, under the Hands of Two or more of them, may issue such Directions and Regulations as the said Board

After Order by Privy Council, General Board of Health, &c., may issue Directions and Regulations.

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or last-mentioned Commissioners (as the Case may be) shall think fit for the Prevention, as far as possible, or Mitigation, of such epidemic, endemic, or contagious Diseases, and from Time to Time, in like Manner, revoke, renew, and alter any such Directions or Regulations, or substitute such new Directions and Regulations as to the said Board or last-mentioned Commissioners may appear expedient; and the said Board or last-mentioned Commissioners, as the Case may be, may by such Directions and Regulations provide for the frequent and effectual cleansing of Streets and public Ways and Places by the Surveyors, District or Assistant Surveyors of Highways, Trustees, County Surveyors, and others by Law intrusted with the Care and Management thereof, or by the Owners and Occupiers of Houses and Tenements adjoining thereto, and for the cleansing, purifying, ventilating, and disinfecting of Houses, Dwellings, Churches, Buildings, and Places of Assembly, by the Owners or Occupiers and Persons having the Care and ordering thereof, for the Removal of Nuisances, for the speedy Interment of the Dead, and generally for preventing or mitigating such epidemic, endemic, or contagious Diseases, in such Manner as to the said Board or last-mentioned Commissioners, (as the Case may be), may seem expedient; and the said Board or last-mentioned Commissioners may by any such Directions and Regulations authorize and require the Guardians of the Poor in *England* and *Ireland*, and the Parochial Boards for the Management of the Poor in *Scotland*, by themselves or their Officers, or any Persons employed by them in the Administration of the Laws for the Relief of the Poor, or by Officers specially appointed in this Behalf to superintend and see to the Execution of any such Directions and Regulations, and (where it shall appear that there may be Default or Delay in the Execution thereof, by Want or Neglect of such Surveyors, Trustees, or others intrusted as aforesaid, or by reason of Poverty of Occupiers, or otherwise), to execute or aid in executing the same within their respective Unions and Parishes and Combinations, and in any extra-parochial Places adjoining to or surrounded by the same in which the Directions and Regulations of the said Board or last-mentioned Commissioners shall not be executed by the Inhabitants, and to provide for the dispensing of Medicines, and for affording to Persons afflicted by or threatened with such epidemic, endemic, or contagious Diseases such Medical Aid as may be required, and to do and

provide all such Acts, Matters, and Things as may be necessary for superintending or aiding in the Execution of such Directions and Regulations, or for executing the same, as the Case may require ; and the Directions and Regulations to be issued as aforesaid shall extend to all Parts or Places in which the Provisions of this Act for the Prevention of epidemic, endemic, or contagious Diseases shall for the Time being be put in force under such Orders as aforesaid, unless such Directions and Regulations shall be expressly confined to some of such Parts or Places, and then to such Parts or Places as in such Directions and Regulations shall be specified, and (subject to the Power of Revocation and Alteration herein contained) shall continue in force so long as the said Provisions of this Act shall be in force, under such Orders, in the Parts or Places to which such Directions and Regulations shall under this Provision extend: Provided always, that if at any time in *Ireland* there shall not be any Commissioners of Health the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, by his or their Warrants, may appoint so many Persons as he or they may think fit, not being more in Number than Five, to act as Commissioners of Health in *Ireland*, without Salary, Fee, or Reward, and may from Time to Time remove any of such Commissioners, and appoint any other Person in his stead ; and such Commissioners shall for all Purposes be Commissioners of Health in *Ireland* within the Meaning and for the Purposes of this Act.

XI. And be it enacted, That her Majesty may from Time to Time, during the Continuance of any Order of Her Majesty's Privy Council, or of any Members thereof as aforesaid, by Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, appoint, in addition to the Members for the Time being of the General Board of Health, One fit Person to be a Medical Member of such Board for the Purposes of this Act, and Her Majesty may, at Her Pleasure, remove any Person so appointed ; and there shall be paid to the Person or Persons so appointed such Allowance or Allowances as shall be appointed by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, out of any Monies which may from Time to Time be appointed by Parliament for that Purpose.

One Medical Member of General Board of Health may be appointed.

Treasury to pay Allowances appointed by Parliament.

XII. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners for administering the Laws for the Relief of the Poor in *England* and *Ireland* respectively, and the Board of Supervision established under the said Act for the Amendment and better Administration of the Laws relating to the Relief of the Poor

Poor Law Commissioners, &c., may compel Guardians, &c., to execute

Regulations
and Directions
of the Gene-
ral Board of
Health, &c.

in *Scotland*, may require the Officers and Persons acting under them to inquire into, superintend, and report on the Execution of the Directions and Regulations of the General Board of Health, or Commissioners of Health, as the Case may be, under this Act, and shall have the same Powers for enforcing and directing the Execution of such Directions and Regulations by the said Guardians and Parochial Boards respectively as they now or may hereafter have in relation to any Matter concerning the Administration of the Laws for the Relief of the Poor.

Power of
Entry for the
Purpose of
Enforcing
Regulations of
the General
Board of
Health, &c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the said Guardians and Parochial Boards acting in the Execution of any such Directions or Regulations as aforesaid, or the Officers or Persons by them in this Behalf authorized, at reasonable Times in the Daytime, may and they are hereby empowered to enter and inspect any Dwelling or Place, if there be Ground for believing that any Person may have recently died of any such epidemic, endemic, or contagious Disease in any such Dwelling or Place, or that there is any Filth or other Matter dangerous to Health therein or thereupon, or that Necessity may otherwise exist for executing, in relation to the Premises, all or any of such Directions and Regulations as aforesaid.

Expenses of
Guardians,
&c., to be
paid out of
Poor Rate,
&c.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the said Guardians and Parochial Boards may appoint or employ, for the Superintendence and Execution of the said Directions and Regulations, Officers or Persons in aid of the Officers or Persons employed in the Administration of the Laws for the Relief of the Poor; and such Guardians and Parochial Boards respectively shall defray the Expenses incurred by them respectively in the Superintendence and Execution of such Directions and Regulations out of the Funds of their respective Unions, Parishes, or Combinations; and if any such Expenses shall have been incurred on account or in respect of any extra-parochial Place in *England* or *Ireland*, the same shall, upon an Order in Writing specifying the Sum to be paid, under the Hands and Seals of Two Justices, who are hereby empowered to make such Order, upon proper Application in this Behalf, be paid or defrayed out of any public Rates or Funds raised therein or applicable thereto under the Authority of Parliament, or in case there be no such Rates or Funds as last aforesaid, then out of the Funds of the Union or Parish for which the Guardians by whom the Expenses have been incurred act; and in case any such Expenses shall have been incurred on account or in respect of any Parish in *Scotland*

in which it shall happen that there is not at the Time an Assessment for the Relief of the Poor imposed or levied, then the same shall be paid or defrayed out of an Assessment to be imposed and levied for that Purpose, and to the Extent necessary, under and in the Manner provided by the said Act for the Amendment and better Administration of the Laws relating to the Relief of the Poor in *Scotland*.

8 & 9 Vict.,
c. 83.

XV. And be it enacted, That every Order of Her Majesty's Privy Council, or of the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council of *Ireland*, and every Direction and Regulation of the said General Board of Health or Commissioners of Health under this Act, shall, forthwith upon the issuing thereof, be laid before both Houses of Parliament, if Parliament be then sitting, and if not then within Fourteen Days next after the Commencement of the then next Session of Parliament; and every such Order of Her Majesty's Privy Council, or 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 every such Order of the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council of *Ireland* shall be certified under the Hand of One of the Clerks of the Privy Council of *Ireland*, and shall be published in the *Dublin Gazette*; and every such Direction and Regulation as aforesaid when issued in *Great Britain* shall be published in the *London Gazette* and in the *Edinburgh Gazette*; and when issued in *Ireland* in the *Dublin Gazette*, and such Publication of any such Order, Direction, or Regulation shall be conclusive Evidence of the Order, Direction, or Regulation so published, to all Intents and Purposes.

Orders, Directions, and Regulations to be laid before Parliament, and to be Gazetted, &c.

XVI. And be it enacted, That whosoever shall wilfully obstruct any Person acting under the Authority or employed in the Execution of this Act, or who shall wilfully violate any Direction or Regulation issued by the General Board of Health, or such Commissioners of Health as aforesaid, under this Act, shall be liable for every such Offence to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds; and if the Occupier of any Premises prevent the Owner thereof from obeying or carrying into effect the Provisions of this Act, any Justice, or in *Scotland* the Sheriff or any Justice, to whom Application is made in this Behalf, shall by Order in Writing (which may be according to the Form contained in the Schedule (D) to this Act annexed, or to the like Effect,) require such Occupier to permit the Execution of the Works required to be executed, provided that such

Penalties for obstructing Execution of this Act.

Works appear to such Sheriff or Justice to be necessary for the Purpose of obeying or carrying into effect the Provisions of this Act; and if within a reasonable Time after the making of such Order the Occupier against whom it is made refuse to comply therewith, he shall be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds for every Day afterwards during the Continuance of such Refusal.

Recovery of Penalties in England or Ireland;

XVII. And be it enacted, That Penalties imposed by this Act for Offences committed in *England* or *Ireland* may be recovered by any Person before any Two Justices, and may be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender, together with the Costs of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the Justices before whom the same shall be recovered, or any other Two Justices; and in case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of such Justices, before or after the issuing of such Warrant, either by the Confession of the Offender or otherwise, that he hath not Goods and Chattels within their Jurisdiction sufficient to satisfy the Amount, they may commit him to any Gaol or House of Correction for any Time not exceeding Fourteen Days, unless the Amount be sooner paid, in the same Manner as if a Warrant of Distress had issued and a Return of *Nulla bona* been made thereon; and Penalties imposed by this Act for Offences in *Scotland* may be recovered by the Procurator Fiscal of the Court, or by any other Person, before the Sheriff or Two Justices, who may proceed in a Summary Way, and grant Warrant for bringing the Parties complained upon immediately before him or them, and on Proof on Oath by One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, or other legal Evidence, he or they may forthwith determine and give Judgment, without any written Pleadings or Record of Evidence, and grant Warrant for the Recovery of the Penalties and Expenses decerned for, and, failing Payment within Eight Days after Conviction, by Poinding, and Imprisonment for a Period, at the Discretion of the Sheriff or Justices, not exceeding Fourteen Days; and all Penalties whatsoever recovered under this Act shall be paid to or (as the Case may require) be retained by the Guardians of the Poor, or, in *Scotland*, the Parochial Board for the Management of the Poor, and shall be by them applied in aid of the Rates or Funds for the Relief of the Poor of the Parish, Electoral Division, or Place in which the Penalties may have been incurred.

and in Scotland.

Application of Penalties.

One or more of several

XVIII. And be it enacted, That in case of any Demand or Complaint under this Act to which Two or more Owners

or Occupiers of Premises may be jointly answerable, it shall be sufficient to proceed against any One or more of them, without in any Manner proceeding against the others or other of them ; but nothing herein contained shall prevent the Parties so proceeded against from recovering Contribution in any Case in which they would now be entitled to Contribution by Law.

joint Owners or Occupiers may be proceeded against alone.

XIX. And be it enacted, That wherever in any Proceeding under this Act, whether written or otherwise, it shall become necessary to mention or refer to the Owner or Occupier of any Premises, it shall be sufficient to designate him as the " Owner " or " Occupier " of such Premises, without Name or further Description.

Unnecessary to describe Owner or Occupier by Name in certain Cases.

XX. And be it enacted, That no Order, nor any other Proceeding, Matter, or Thing done or transacted in or relating to the Execution of this Act, shall be vacated, quashed, or set aside for Want of Form, or be removed or removable by Certiorari, or by Suspension or Advocation, or other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of the Superior Courts.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form.

XXI. And be it enacted, That all Proceedings whatsoever commenced or taken or to be commenced or taken under the said first-recited Act of the Tenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, and which shall not have been completed and enforced, whilst the last-mentioned Act continues in force, may be proceeded with and enforced under the Provisions of that Act, although such Provisions be no longer in force, in the same Manner in all respects and to all Intents and Purposes as if the same continued to be in force, and as if the said last-mentioned Act had not expired.

Proceedings commenced under 9 & 10 Vict. c. 96, may be enforced, although that Act has expired.

XXII. And be it enacted, That in this Act the following Words and Expressions shall have the Meanings herein-after assigned to them, unless such Meanings be repugnant to or inconsistent with the Context ; (that is to say), the Words " Justice " and " Justices " shall mean a Justice or Justices of the Peace acting for the Place where the Matter, or any Part of the Matter, as the Case may be, requiring the Cognizance of the " Justice " or " Justices " arises ; the Expression " Two Justices " shall mean Two or more Justices assembled and acting together, or One Stipendiary or Police Magistrate acting in any Police Court for the Place in which the Matter, or any Part of the Matter, as the Case may be, requiring the Cognizance of " Two Justices," arises ; the Word " Sheriff " shall mean the Sheriff of any County or Place in *Scotland* where the

Interpretation of Terms.

Matter requiring the Cognizance of the "Sheriff" arises, and shall include the Sheriff-Substitute ; the Word "Magistrates" shall mean the Magistrates of any Royal Burgh in *Scotland* where the Matter requiring Cognizance arises ; the Words "Guardians of the Poor," and the Words "Parochial Board" shall mean the Guardians, Directors, Wardens, Governors, Parochial Board, or other like Officers having the Management of the Poor for any Union, Parish, Combination, or Place where the Matter requiring the Cognizance of any such Officers arises ; the Word "Street" shall include every Highway, Road, Square, Row, Lane, Mews, Court, Alley, and Passage, whether a Thoroughfare or not ; the Word "Owner" shall mean any Person receiving the Rents of the Property in respect of which that Word is used from the Occupier of such Property, on his own Account, or as Trustee or Agent for any other Person, or who would receive the same if such Property were let to a Tenant ; the Word "Person," and Words applying to any Person or Individual, shall apply to and include Corporations, whether aggregate or sole ; and Words and Expressions importing the Singular Number shall include the Plural Number, and Words importing the Masculine Gender shall include Females.

Mode of
citing this
Act.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That in citing this Act in other Acts of Parliament, and in legal Instruments and other Proceedings, it shall be sufficient to use the Words "The Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848."

Act may be
amended, &c.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed in this present Session of Parliament.

SCHEDULES to which the foregoing Act refers.

SCHEDULE (A.)

Notice by Householdors.

To the Town Council of the Borough of
 [or Guardians of the Poor of the Union
 or of the Parish of in the County of
or as the Case may be ; or, in
Scotland, to the Procurator Fiscal of the County of
 or to the Procurator Fiscal or
 Dean of Guild of the Burgh of or
 to the Procurator Fiscal of the Justices of the County
 of or to the Inspector of the Poor
 of the Parish of or as the Case
may be.]

WE, the undersigned inhabitants [or,
in Scotland, Householdors] of [insert
the Parish or Place], and residing at
 in [insert the Parish or Place before mentioned] aforesaid,
 do hereby give you Notice, that to the best of our Know-
 ledge and Belief a Dwelling House [or Building] situate
 at No. in Street in
 aforesaid [or such other Description as may be sufficient to
identify the Premises] is in such a filthy and unwholesome
 Condition as to be a Nuisance to [or injurious to the
 Health of] A. B., or as the case may be, [or that upon
 certain Premises situate at [inserting such a Description
 as may be sufficient to identify the premises] there is a
 foul and offensive Drain, Ditch, Gutter, Privy, Cesspool,
 or Ashpit or a Drain, &c., kept or constructed so as to be a
 Nuisance to us, or to the Occupiers of the Premises ad-
 joining the Premises aforesaid, or as the Case may be, or
 that upon certain Premises situate at, &c., Swine, or an
 Accumulation of Dung, Manure, Offal, Filth, Refuse, or
 Matter, or, as the Case may be, are or is kept so as to be

injurious to our Health, *or* to the Health of *A. B.*, *or* of the Occupiers of the Premises adjoining the Premises aforesaid, *or* of Persons living in the Neighbourhood, *or* of the Persons living in the Premises aforesaid, *as the Case may be*, *or* that upon certain Premises, &c., Swine, &c., are kept so as to be a Nuisance to us, &c., *as the Case may be*. And we hereby require that you will cause such Proceedings to be taken as are directed in this Behalf by the "Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848."

Dated this _____ Day of
One thousand eight hundred and _____

A. B.
C. D.

SCHEDULE (B.)

Summons to Appear.

To the Owner [*or* Occupier] of a Dwelling House [*or* Building, *or* of certain Premises] situate at [*insert such a Description as may be sufficient to identify the Premises*].

County of _____ }
[*or* Burgh, &c., of] } WHEREAS Complaint hath been made
or Metropolitan Police Dis- } to the Undersigned, One of Her
trict, *or as the Case may be* } Majesty's Justices of the Peace
to wit. }
acting in and for the said County of _____ [*or*
Borough, &c., of _____], *or* One of the
Magistrates of the Police Courts of the Metropolis, holden
at _____ [*or as the Case may be*] by the Town
Council of the Borough of _____ [*or as the*
Case may be], that a certain Dwelling House [*or* Building]
situate at No. _____ in the Parish of
_____ [*or as the Case may be*] in the County of
_____ [*or such other Description as may be sufficient to identify*
the Premises] is in such a filthy and unwholesome Condi-
tion as to be a Nuisance to *or* injurious to the Health of
A. B., *or as the Case may be*, *or* that upon certain Premises
situate at [*inserting such a Description as may be suffi-*
cient to identify the Premises] there is a foul and offensive
Drain, [Ditch, Gutter, Privy, Cesspool, *or* Ashpit, *or* a
Drain, &c., kept *or* constructed so as to be a Nuisance to

A. B., &c., as the Case may be], or that Swine [*or an Accumulation of Dung, Manure, Offal Filth, Refuse, or Matter, or as the Case may be*], are [*or is*] kept so as to be injurious to the Health of *A. B., or* of the Occupiers of the Premises adjoining the Premises aforesaid, *or* of Persons living in the Neighbourhood of the Premises aforesaid, *or* of Persons living in the Premises aforesaid, *or* a Nuisance to *A. B., &c., as the Case may be.*] These are therefore to require you to appear before Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace [*or One of the Magistrates of the Police Courts of the Metropolis, at the Court holden at*] on the Day of next, at the Hour of to answer the Matter of the said Complaint.

Given under my Hand and Seal, this
Day of in the Year of our Lord
One thousand eight hundred and
J. K. (L. S.)

SCHEDULE (C.)

Order for Removal of Nuisances, &c.

To the Owner [*or Occupier*] of the Dwelling-House [*or Building or Premises*] situate at No. in Street in the Parish of in the County of [*or such other Description as may be sufficient to identify the Premises*], and to the Town Council of the Borough of [*or to the Guardians of the Poor of the Union, or of the Parish of in the County of or, in Scotland, the Procurator Fiscal of the County of or the Procurator Fiscal or Dean of Guild of the Burgh of or the Procurator Fiscal of the Justices of the Peace of the County of or the Inspector of the Poor of the Parish of as the Case may be*], and to their Servants or Agents, and to all whom it may concern.

County of
or Borough, &c. of } WHEREAS on the Day of
or Metropolitan Police Dis- } last Complaint was made before the
trict, or as the Case may be } undersigned [*or before J. K. Esquire,*
to wit. } one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for

the County of [or before the undersigned, or J. K. Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police Courts of the Metropolis, or as the Case may be] by the Town Council of the Borough of [or by the Guardians of the Poor of the Union, or of the Parish of in the County of ; or, in Scotland, by the Procurator Fiscal of the County of , or by the Procurator Fiscal or Dean of Guild of the Burgh of , or by the Procurator Fiscal of the Justices of the Peace of the County of , or by the Inspector of the Poor of the Parish of as the Case may be,] that a Dwelling House [or Building] situate at No. in Street, in [the Parish or Place before mentioned aforesaid, [or such other Description as may be sufficient to identify the Premises,] then was in such a filthy and unwholesome Condition as to be a Nuisance [or injurious to the Health of] A. B., or as the Case may be, [or that upon certain Premises situate at [inserting such a Description as may be sufficient to identify the Premises] there then was a foul and offensive Drain, [Ditch, Gutter, Privy, Cesspool, or Ashpit, or a Drain, &c., kept or constructed so as to be a Nuisance to A. B., &c., as the Case may be], or that upon certain Premises, situate, &c., Swine, or an Accumulation of Dung, Manure, Offal, Filth, or Refuse, or as the Case may be, are or is kept so as to be injurious to the Health of A. B., or of the Occupiers of the Premises adjoining the Premises first aforesaid, or of Persons living in the Neighbourhood of the Premises first aforesaid, or of Persons living in the Premises first aforesaid, or so as to be a Nuisance to A. B. &c. : And whereas the Owner [or Occupier] of the said Dwelling House, Building, or Premises having this Day appeared before us, Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the County [or Borough] of [or before me, one of the Magistrates of the Police Courts of the Metropolis, or, in Scotland, before the Sheriff or Magistrates or Two Justices of the Peace, as the Case may be], to answer the Matter of the said Complaint [or in Case the Party charged do not appear : And whereas it hath this Day been proved to our [or my] Satisfaction that a true Copy of a Summons requiring the Owner [or Occupier] of the said Dwelling House [or Building or Premises] to appear this Day before us [or me] has been duly served according to the Statute in such Case made and provided], and it having been proved [or also proved, as the Case may require, that the said Dwelling House [or Building] is in such a filthy and unwholesome

SCHEDULE (D.)

Order to permit Execution of Works by Owners.

County of _____ }
 [or Borough, or Burgh, }
 or Metropolitan Police District, }
 or as the Case may be }
 to wit. }

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made to me, *E. F.*, Esquire, One of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County [or Borough, &c.] of _____ [or One of the Magistrates of the Police Courts of the Metropolis, or as the Case may be, or, in Scotland, to me, *G. H.*, Sheriff, or One of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, as the Case may be, of the County of _____], by *A. B.*, Owner within the Meaning of the "Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848," of certain Premises, to wit, a Dwelling House [or Building, or as the Case may be], situate [insert such a Description of the Premises as may be sufficient to identify them], in the Parish of _____ in the said County or Borough, &c.], that *C. D.*, the Occupier of the said Premises, doth prevent the said *A. B.* from obeying and carrying into effect the Provisions of the said Act, in this, to wit, that he the said *C. D.* doth prevent the said *A. B.* from [here describe the Works generally according to the Circumstances; for instance, thus: cleansing or whitewashing or purifying the said Dwelling House [or Building] or cleansing a foul and offensive Drain [Ditch, Gutter, Privy, Cesspool, or Ash-pit] which exists upon the said Premises, or as the Case may require]: And whereas the said *C. D.* having been summoned to answer the said Complaint, and not having shown sufficient Cause against the same, and it appearing to me that the said Works are necessary for the Purpose of enabling the said *A. B.* to obey and carry into effect the Provisions of the said Act, I do hereby order that the said *C. D.* do permit the said *A. B.* to execute the same in the Manner required by the said Act.

Given under my Hand and Seal [or, in Scotland, under my Hand] this Day of _____ in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and _____
E. F. (L. S.)*

* [In Scotland without Seal.]