III. There shall be paid to the Members of the said Medical Council and to the said Medical Officer such Fees or Salaries as may from Time to Time be appointed by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury; and in the Case of such Medical Officer there may be allowed, in addition to his Salary, such reasonable travelling and other Expenses as may be incurred by him in the Performance of the Duties of his Office. Treasury to fix Salaries.

IV. All Fees and Salaries payable under this Act, and all incidental Expenses of the said General Board, shall be paid out of such Monies as shall be provided by Parliament. Salaries, &c. how to be paid.

V. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The General Board of Health Continuance Act, 1855." Short Title.

CAP. CXVI.

An Act for the better Prevention of Diseases. [14th *August* 1855.]

'WHEREAS the Provisions of "The Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention 'Act, 1848," amended by "The Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention 'Amendment Act, 1849," in so far as the same relate to the Prevention or Mitigation of 'epidemic, endemic, or contagious Diseases, are defective, and it is expedient to substitute 'other Provisions more effectual in that Behalf:' 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, as follows:

I. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as the "Diseases Prevention Act, 1855." Short Title.

II. The Local Authority for executing this Act shall be the Local Authority acting in execution of any general Act in force for the Time being for the Removal of Nuisances. Local Authority for Execution of Act.

III. The Expenses incurred in execution of this Act shall be borne out of the Rates or Funds administered by such Local Authority, under the Provisions and for the Purposes of any such general Act as is referred to in the preceding Section. Expenses of Act.

IV. The Local Authority and their Officers shall have Power of Entry for the Purposes of this Act, and for executing or superintending the Execution of the Regulations and Directions of the General Board issued under this Act. Power of Entry.

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. Power to Privy Council to issue Orders that Provisions herein contained for Prevention of Diseases may be put in force.

VI. From Time to Time after the issuing of any such Order as aforesaid, and whilst the same continues in force, the General Board of Health may issue Directions and Regulations, as the said Board think fit— Power to General Board of Health to issue Regulations to carry out such Provisions.

For the speedy Interment of the Dead:

For House to House Visitation:

For the dispensing of Medicines, guarding against the Spread of Disease, and affording to Persons afflicted by or threatened with such epidemic, endemic, or contagious Diseases such medical Aid and such Accommodation as may be required:

Local Extent and Duration of Regulations of General Board.

And from Time to Time, in like Manner, may revoke, renew, and alter any such Directions and Regulations as to the said Board appears expedient, to extend to all Parts in which the Provisions of this Act for the Prevention of Disease shall for the Time being be put in force under such Orders as aforesaid, unless such Directions and Regulations be expressly confined to some of such Parts, and then to such Parts as therein are specified; and (subject to the Power of Revocation and Alteration herein contained) such Directions and Regulations shall continue in force so long as the said Provisions of this Act shall, under such Order, be applicable to the same Parts.

Publication of such Regulations.

VII. Every such Direction and Regulation as aforesaid, when issued, shall be published in the *London Gazette*, and the Gazette in which such Direction or Regulation was published shall be conclusive Evidence of the Direction or Regulation so published, to all Intents and Purposes.

The Local Authority to see to the Execution of such Regulations, &c.;

VIII. The Local Authority shall superintend and see to the Execution of such Directions and Regulations, and shall appoint and pay such Medical or other Officers or Persons, and do and provide all such Acts, Matters, and Things, as may be necessary for mitigating such Disease, or for superintending or aiding in the Execution of such Directions and Regulations, or for executing the same, as the Case may require.

and may direct Prosecutions for violating the same.

IX. The Local Authority may from Time to Time direct any Prosecutions or Legal Proceedings for or in respect of the wilful Violation or Neglect of any such Direction and Regulation.

Orders of Council, Directions, and Regulations to be laid before Parliament.

X. Every Order of Her Majesty's Privy Council, and every Direction and Regulation of the General Board of Health, under this Act, shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament, forthwith upon the issuing thereof, if Parliament be then sitting, and if not then within Fourteen Days next after the Commencement of the then next Session of Parliament.

Order in Council may extend to Parts and Arms of the Sea.

XI. Orders in Council issued in pursuance of this Act for putting in force the Provisions for the Prevention of Disease in the said Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Acts contained, in *Great Britain*, may extend to Parts and Arms of the Sea lying within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty; and the Board of Health for *England* may issue under this Act Directions and Regulations for cleansing, purifying, ventilating, and disinfecting, and providing medical Aid and Accommodation, and preventing Disease in Ships and Vessels, as well upon Arms and Parts of the Sea aforesaid as upon inland Waters.

Medical Officer of Unions and others entitled to Costs of attending Sick on board Vessels, when required by Orders of General Board of Health.

XII. Whenever, in compliance with any Regulation of the General Board of Health, which they may be empowered to make under this Act, any Medical Officer appointed under and by virtue of the Laws for the Time being for the Relief of the Poor shall perform any Medical Service on board of any Vessel, such Medical Officer shall be entitled to charge extra for any such Service, at the general Rate of his Allowance for his Services for the Union or Place for which he is appointed, and such Charges shall be payable by the Captain of the Vessel, on behalf of the Owners, together with any reasonable Expenses for the Treatment of the Sick; and if such Services shall be rendered by any Medical Practitioner who is not a Union or Parish Officer, he shall be entitled to Charges for any Service rendered on board, with extra Remuneration on account of Distance, at the same Rate as those which he is in the habit of receiving from private Patients of the Class of those attended and treated on Shipboard, to be paid as aforesaid; and in case of Dispute in respect of such Charges, such Dispute may, where the Charges do not exceed Twenty Pounds, be determined summarily, at the Place where the Dispute arises, as in case of Seamen's Wages not exceeding Fifty Pounds, according to the Provisions of the Law in that Behalf for the Time being in force; and any Justice before whom Complaint is made shall determine summarily as to the Amount which is reasonable, according to the accustomed Rate of Charge within the Place for Attendance on Patients of the like Class or Condition as those in respect of whom the Charge is made.

XIII. The

XIII. The Directions and Regulations of the General Board of Health under this Enactment shall be under the Seal of the said Board, and the Hand of the President or Two or more Members thereof; and any Copy of such Regulations purporting to bear such Seal and Signature, whether the said Signature and Seal be respectively impressed and written, or printed only, shall be Evidence in all Proceedings in which such Regulations may come in question. Authentication of Directions and Regulations of General Board of Health.

XIV. Whoever wilfully obstructs any Person acting under the Authority or employed in the Execution of this Act, and whosoever wilfully violates any Direction or Regulation issued by the General Board of Health as aforesaid, shall be liable for every such Offence to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds, to be appropriated in or towards the defraying the Expenses of executing this Act. Penalty for obstructing Execution of Act.

XV. The Provisions of any general Act in force for the Removal of Nuisances, with regard to the Service of Notices, the Proof of Orders or Resolutions of the Local Authority, and the Recovery of Penalties, shall extend and apply to this Act. Certain Provisions of Nuisances Removal Act to apply to this Act.

CAP. CXVII.

An Act for transferring to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the Powers and Estates vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance.

[14th *August* 1855.]

'WHEREAS by various Acts of Parliament, and particularly by an Act of the Session of Parliament holden in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Ninety-four, and by another Act of the Session of Parliament holden in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Sixty-seven, various Powers and Authorities were given to or vested in and exercisable by the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance, and by the said Acts, and by or under divers Conveyances, Surrenders, Assignments, and Leases, or by some other Means, divers Lands, Hereditaments, Estates, and Property purchased, taken, used, and occupied for the Ordnance and Barrack Services throughout the United Kingdom before and at the Time of the Revocation by Her Majesty next herein-after mentioned, were vested in the said Principal Officers: And whereas Her Majesty hath thought fit to revoke the Letters Patent of some of the said Principal Officers, and by other Letters Patent to transfer to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the Administration of the Department the Duties of which were previously executed by the said Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance: And whereas it is expedient that the said several Powers and Authorities, and the said Lands, Hereditaments, Estates, and Property, and all Title, Estate, and Interest therein respectively, should be also transferred from the said Principal Officers, and vested in One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State:' 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, as follows: 5 & 6 Vict. c. 94. 17 & 18 Vict. c. 67.

I. All the Powers, Authorities, Rights, and Privileges whatsoever, which by virtue of the said recited Acts or either of them, or of any other Act or Acts of Parliament, or of any other Law, Custom, or Usage whatsoever have been or were at any Time vested in or exercised or exercisable by the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance, or any of them, shall from henceforth continue in full Force, and shall be and the same are hereby declared to be transferred to and vested in and exercisable by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Time being to whom Her Majesty shall think fit to intrust the Seals of the War Department, and such last-mentioned Principal Secretary of State shall be entitled to the same Exemption from personal Responsibility as the said Principal Officers were entitled to. Powers, &c. vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance to be transferred to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the War Department.

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