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An Act to eſtabliſh Fever Hoſpitals, and to make other Regulations for Relief of the ſuffering Poor, and for preventing the Increaſe of Infectious Fevers in *Ireland*. [30th *May* 1818.]

WHEREAS Fevers of an infectious Nature have for ſome Time paſt greatly prevailed among the Poor in ſeveral Parts of *Ireland*, whereby the Health and Proſperity of the whole Country have been conſiderably endangered; and it is expedient that Hoſpitals ſhould be eſtabliſhed for the Relief of Sufferers in ſuch Caſes, and that Regulations ſhould be made to prevent, as effectually as poſſible, the Increaſe of Infection, as well at preſent as on future Occaſions; and ſuch good Purpoſes are moſt likely to be promoted by creating Corporations in every County at large, and every County of a City or County of a Town in *Ireland*, who may execute the Powers and Truſts herein-after particularly expreſſed: Be it therefore enacted by the King'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 from and after the paſſing of this Act there ſhall be, and One Body Politic and Corporate is hereby created and erected in every County, and in every County of a City, and in every County of a Town in *Ireland*; which ſhall conſiſt, in every ſuch County, of the Archbiſhop or Biſhop whoſe Dioceſe or any Part of whoſe Dioceſe ſhall extend into ſuch County, of the Repreſentatives in Parliament for ſuch County, of all the Juſtices of the Peace commiſſioned and acting as ſuch in ſuch County; and in every County of a City or County of a Town, ſuch Corporation ſhall conſiſt

A Corporation created in every County, or County of a City or Town, for the Eſtabliſhment of Fever Hoſpitals.

alſo of the Chief Magiſtrate, Sheriffs, and Recorder of ſuch County of a City or Town, likewiſe of the Repreſentative or Repreſentatives in Parliament (if any), and of the Juſtices of the Peace for ſuch County of a City or Town, all for the Time being, and alſo of ſuch Perſons as are herein-after mentioned; which Corporation ſhall be called by the Name of "The Preſident and Aſſiſtants of the Fever Hoſpital for [ ]" applying to every of them the Name of its proper County, City, or Town; and all the ſaid Corporations ſhall have perpetual Duration and Succeſſion, and may ſue and be ſued in all Courts of Juſtice by thoſe Names reſpectively, and ſhall have a Common Seal, and ſhall meet at and adjourn to ſuch Times and Places within their Counties, Cities, or Towns reſpectively, as they ſhall think fit; ſave only that the ſaid Corporations ſhall meet, and they are hereby required reſpectively to meet, for the Firſt Time, for the County of the City of *Dublin*, on the Firſt Day of *July* next after the paſſing of this Act, at the Seſſions Houſe of the ſaid City, and for the ſeveral other Counties, Cities, and Towns in *Ireland*, on the Day (or, at their Election, on the Day next after the Day) when the Judges who ſhall hold the Summer Aſſizes next after the paſſing of this Act, in and for the ſeveral Counties, or either of ſuch Judges, ſhall depart from the Town or Place where the Aſſizes ſhall be held, at the Hall or Seſſion Houſe reſpectively where the Judges ſhall have ſat for the Buſineſs of the Aſſizes; and at the Firſt and every future Meeting of the ſaid Corporations reſpectively, the Archbiſhop or Biſhop, if preſent when the ſaid Corporations or Quorums of them reſpectively ſhall aſſemble, ſhall take the Chair, ſhall put every Queſtion, declare the Majority of Votes, and do all the Duties of Preſident or Head of the Corporation for that Meeting; but if the Archbiſhop or Biſhop ſhall not be preſent when the ſaid Corporations reſpectively ſhall firſt aſſemble, the Repreſentative in Parliament for that County, County of a City, or County of a Town, who ſhall firſt come on that Day to the Place of Meeting, if both ſhall attend, and if not, the Repreſentative in Parliament for that County, County of a City, or County of a Town, who ſhall be preſent when the ſaid Corporations or Quorums of them reſpectively ſhall aſſemble; and if the Archbiſhop or Biſhop, or the Repreſentatives for ſuch Counties, Cities, or Towns reſpectively, or either of them, ſhall not attend in every County of a City and County of a Town, the Chief Magiſtrate, or in his Default, and in every County at large, the oldeſt Juſtice of the Peace who ſhall be preſent when the ſaid Corporations reſpectively or Quorums of them ſhall firſt aſſemble, ſhall take the Chair, and do all the Duties of Preſident or Head of the Corporation for that Meeting; and the ſaid Corporations reſpectively ſhall be conſidered as aſſembled for the Purpoſe of determining who ſhall be the Preſident of that Day, whenever Five ſhall have come to the Place of Meeting at the Time appointed for the Firſt Meeting of the ſaid Corporations reſpectively; and at all ſubſequent Times after, whenever Five of the ſaid Corporations ſhall have come to the Place of the Meeting at the reſpective Times to be appointed for ſuch Meetings; and every Perſon qualified, or capable as aforeſaid of preſiding at the Meetings of the ſaid Corporations, may, at all Times after the aforeſaid Firſt Time appointed for the Meeting of the ſaid Corporations, by Notice in Writing ſigned by him, to be poſted at the proper Aſſizes Town, or at the Seſſions Houſe in the City of *Dublin*, Six Days at the leaſt before the Time of Meeting, excluſive of the Day of poſting ſuch Notice and the Day of Meeting, convene the

Chairman appointed.

Meetings how to be aſſembled.

the ſaid Corporations reſpectively to do all corporate Acts, but no Second Notice ſigned by a different Perſon ſhall ſuperſede a former; of which Corporations reſpectively Five ſhall always be a competent Number to do all corporate Acts; and the ſaid Corporations are hereby reſpectively authorized and empowered to elect, during good Behaviour, ſuch other Perſons, reſiding within their Counties, Cities, or Towns reſpectively, as they ſhall think fit; and thoſe alſo who ſhall contribute any Sum not leſs than Twenty Pounds, or who ſhall ſubſcribe and pay any annual Sum not leſs than One Guinea, to be applied to the charitable Purpoſes of this Act, to be Members of the ſaid Corporations reſpectively; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Corporations reſpectively, and they are hereby authorized, to make Bye-laws reaſonable and conſonant to the Laws of the Land, and to appoint ſtanding Committees for the Purpoſes of this Act, to meet and act at certain Place or Places to be appointed in each County, City, or Town; and it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Corporations, and each of them reſpectively, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and qualified, to accept or take by Purchaſe, or by voluntary Grant, or by Deviſe, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of Inheritance, or for Lives, not exceeding to any one of the ſaid Corporations the clear yearly Value of Five hundred Pounds, any Law to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding; but the Corporation of any of the ſaid Counties, Cities, or Towns, ſhall at no Time have a Capacity to take Lands of Inheritance, or for Lives, of a greater Value than as aforeſaid, except in the Caſe of Eviction or Determination of Intereſt, in which Caſe the ſaid Corporations reſpectively may make ſuch new Acquiſition as aforeſaid, not exceeding the clear annual Value aforeſaid; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Corporations, and they are reſpectively hereby authorized, empowered, and qualified, to take all ſuch Donations in Perſonal Property as ſhall be made to them, and to accept of all Leaſes for Years of Houſes or Lands, ſo as no ſuch Leaſe ſhall exceed Twenty-one Years; but every Leaſe for Years of Lands or of a Houſe to be made to any of the ſaid Corporations, exceeding that Term, ſhall be void, except as herein-after excepted.

Contributors to be Members of the Corporation, who may make reaſonable Bye-laws;

appoint Committees;

may take by Purchaſe or Deviſe Lands not above 500l. yearly;

and all Perſonal Property and Leaſes for Years, not above 21, of Lands or Houſes.

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Corporations reſpectively, to take, over and above the Five hundred Pounds a Year, and Leaſes for Years, which they are authorized to acquire as aforeſaid, and ſuch Corporations reſpectively are hereby declared to be capable and qualified to take, by Grant or by Deviſe, any Quantity of Ground or Land within their Counties, Cities, and Towns reſpectively, not exceeding Four Roods, Plantation Meaſure, for the Sites of Houſes to be built, and Accommodations to be provided, for the Reception of the helpleſs Poor intended to be relieved under the Proviſions of this Act; and alſo, that it ſhall and may be lawful for every Archbiſhop and Biſhop in *Ireland*, and they are hereby reſpectively authorized and empowered, to grant any ſuch Portions of Ground or Land as aforeſaid, out of the Eſtates of their Sees reſpectively, to the ſaid Corporations reſpectively, for the Sites of ſuch Houſes as aforeſaid, for ſuch Eſtate or Eſtates, either in Fee, for Lives renewable or not renewable, or for Years, as they ſhall think fit, at ſuch Rent and Fines as ſuch Archbiſhop or Biſhop ſhall think fit, or without any Rent or Fine if ſuch Archbiſhop or Biſhop ſhall think fit; and that every ſuch Grant and Leaſe ſhall be good and valid againſt ſuch Archbiſhop and Biſhop, and their Succeſſors reſpectively,

Corporation empowered to take Four Roods of Land in a City or Town for Sites of Houſes.

Biſhops may grant ſuch Land out of their Sees;

respectively, without the Concurrence of any other Person or Body of Men; any Thing in an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of the Reign of the late King *Charles* the First, intituled *An Act for the Preservation of the Inheritance, Rights, and Profits of Lands belonging to the Church and Persons Ecclesiastical*, or any other Law or Usage in force in *Ireland*, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

notwithstanding 10 & 11 C. 1. c. 3. or other Law.

Fever Hospitals built for the Poor when Funds sufficient;

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporations, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required, to build or hire Houses for Hospitals in the several Counties, Counties of Cities, and Counties of Towns, to be called "Fever Hospitals for the Relief of the Poor being ill of Fevers," as soon as such Corporations shall be possessed of Funds sufficient for those Purposes, as plain, as durable, and at as moderate Expence, as may be; and that all such Hospitals be divided into Two Parts, of which one Part shall be allotted for such poor helpless Men as shall be judged worthy of Admission, and the other Part for the Reception of such poor helpless Women as shall be judged worthy of Admission, and to furnish the said Hospitals, and to admit into the same from Time to Time so many sick and helpless poor Patients as the Funds of such Corporation shall admit of; and the said Corporations respectively are hereby authorized and required to make Bye-laws and Orders for the Admission and Discharge of all such Patients, and for the Government of every such Hospital, and to appoint Masters, Physicians, Surgeons, Apothecaries, Nurses, and other fit Persons and Servants, to govern and take care of such Hospitals and the Patients therein, at reasonable and moderate Salaries, Allowances, and Wages; and the said Corporations respectively are also hereby authorized to appoint Treasurers without any Salary, to receive such Donations and Rents as they shall respectively acquire or become entitled to; and the said Corporations are hereby authorized and required to expend all such Donations and Rents in and for the charitable Purposes required by this Act, and for the Cure and Relief of such Patients, with the greatest Care and Economy, upon Pain and Peril that for any Embezzlement or Misapplication of or Partiality in the Disposal of any Part of the Revenue or Property of the said Corporations respectively, which any Individuals of such Corporations shall be respectively guilty of or concur in, every such Individual shall be personally answerable by Suit or Information in the Name of the King's Attorney General, on the Relation of any Person or Persons, either in the Court of Chancery or Court of Exchequer in *Ireland;* and the said Courts shall and are hereby required to hear and determine every such Suit or Information, and to award Costs therein against the Defendants, if found culpable as aforesaid; and in every such Suit a Relator of Property and Reputation shall be named, against whom Costs shall be awarded to the Defendant or Defendants, if the Suit, Information, or Complaint shall appear to be groundless.

Corporations to make Bye-laws and Orders;

appoint Masters, &c. and Servants,

and Treasurers.

45 G. 3. c. 111. so far as relates to local Dispensaries, repealed.

IV. And whereas by an Act made in the Forty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act made in the Parliament of* Ireland *in the Fifth Year of His present Majesty, intituled 'An Act for erecting and establishing Public Infirmaries or Hospitals in this Kingdom,'* certain Provisions were made for enabling the Grand Jury to present certain Sums to be raised on Counties, for the Pro-

motion of local Diſpenſaries, in manner in the ſaid Act mentioned; be it enacted, That from and after the Firſt Day of *September* next, ſo much of the ſaid recited Act as relates to ſuch local Diſpenſaries ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed.

For eſtabliſhing Diſpenſaries in Cities and Towns, Grand Juries may preſent Sums equal to the Amount of Subſcriptions and private Donations made for ſuch Purpoſes.

V. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, whenever it ſhall appear to the Grand Jury of any County or County of a City or County of a Town, that there has been actually received from private Subſcriptions or Donations any Sum or Sums of Money, ſince the preceding Aſſizes, for the Purpoſe of eſtabliſhing or ſupporting a Diſpenſary for furniſhing Medicine and affording medical or ſurgical Aid to the Poor of any City, Town, or Place within ſuch County, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Grand Jury to preſent, to be raiſed of ſuch County, or County of a City, or County of a Town, and to be paid to the Treaſurer of ſuch Diſpenſary, a Sum equal in Amount to the Sum or Sums ſo received by ſuch Treaſurer, to be applied under the Direction of the Subſcribers, of any annual Sum of not leſs than One Guinea, or ſuch Committee of them, not fewer in Number than Five, as they ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe at any General Meeting of ſuch Subſcribers, together with the Monies ſo received by private Subſcription or Donation, in providing Medicines and medical and ſurgical Aid for the Poor of ſuch Place and its Neighbourhood: Provided always, that in all Caſes where ſuch Diſpenſary ſhall have been actually eſtabliſhed, and any Money ſhall have been raiſed by Preſentment granted for the Uſe of ſuch Diſpenſary, previous to ſuch Aſſizes, ſuch Treaſurer ſhall lay before ſuch Grand Jury an Account of all Receipts and Diſburſements up to the Firſt of *January* or Firſt of *July* (as the Caſe may be) immediately preceding ſuch Aſſizes; and ſuch Treaſurer ſhall alſo annex to ſuch Account a Statement of all further Sums of Money which he ſhall have actually received from private Subſcriptions or Donations for the Support of ſuch Diſpenſary for the enſuing Year; and the ſaid Account and Statement ſhall be verified on the Oath of ſuch Treaſurer, and ſhall be deemed ſufficient Documents whereon to ground ſuch Preſentment; and in all Caſes where no Sum of Money ſhall have been granted as aforeſaid previous to ſuch Aſſizes, ſuch Statement alone ſo verified ſhall be deemed a ſufficient Document whereon to ground ſuch Preſentment, and in either Caſe the Sum or Sums ſo ſtated to have been received ſhall form the Firſt Item to the Debit of ſuch Treaſurer in his Account for the ſucceeding Year, or ſuch Treaſurer ſhall Once in every Year lay before ſuch Grand Jury an Account ſo verified of the Receipts and Diſburſements of all Sums received by him, either from private Subſcription or Donation, or from Preſentment as aforeſaid, for the Uſe of ſuch Diſpenſary.

When Diſpenſary is eſtabliſhed, Treaſurer ſhall produce to Grand Jury annual Accounts of all Sums received by Subſcription or Donations verified on Oath.

Subſcribers of One Guinea for Diſpenſary to become Members.

VI. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon who ſhall ſubſcribe and pay towards the Eſtabliſhment or Maintenance of any ſuch Diſpenſary any Sum not leſs than One Guinea, ſhall be a Member of the Eſtabliſhment of ſuch local Diſpenſary of ſuch County of a City or County of a Town for One Year from the Date of the Payment thereof, for the Management and Direction of ſuch Diſpenſary.

Grand Jury may preſent Sums not exceeding

VII. And be it further enacted, That whenever it ſhall be made appear, by Statement on Oath, to the Grand Jury of any County or County of a City or Town, that there has been actually received from private Sub-

Double the Amount of private Subscriptions for Houses for the Reception of Fever Patients.

scriptions or Donations any Sum or Sums of Money for the Purpose of erecting or hiring any House to be applied to the Reception of Fever Patients, and either attached to and connected with any local Dispensary or not, as the Case may happen, and upon a Certificate by One or more Physicians that there is a Necessity for providing Accommodation for such Patients, it shall and may be lawful for such Grand Jury to present to be raised on any such County at large, or on any such County of a City or County of a Town, as the Case may be, any Sum not exceeding Double the Amount of the Sum or Sums so raised by Donation or Subscription, and actually received by such Treasurer, to be applied by the Subscribers to such local Dispensary, or such Committee of them as aforesaid, together with the Monies so received by private Donation or Subscription, in erecting or hiring and fitting up such House for poor Fever Patients in such Manner as the said Corporation or the said Committee shall in their Discretion deem most advisable; and it shall and may be lawful also for such Grand Jury of any such County, County of a City, or County of a Town, from Time to Time to present any such further Sum or Sums as shall appear to such Grand Jury to be necessary or required for the Support of Houses for the Reception of Fever Patients, whether the same shall have been established before or after the passing of this Act, not exceeding Double the Amount of the Subscriptions or Donations which, by the Accounts of such Treasurer verified on Oath, shall appear to have been raised and actually received for the Support of such Houses; and such Treasurer shall account in like Manner and under such Regulations as are herein-before directed respecting Dispensaries.

Grand Juries may make Presentments for Fever Hospitals, to be raised by Instalments within Six Years.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Grand Jury of any County, or County of a City, or County of a Town, in which any Fever Hospital shall not have been erected before the passing of this Act, or in which it shall be made appear to the Satisfaction of the Grand Jury that any Fever Hospital in such County, County of a City, or County of a Town, requires to be enlarged, repaired, or rebuilt, to present, at any Assizes for such County, County of a City or Town, any Sum or Sums of Money for the Purpose of erecting and establishing, or hiring, repairing, and fitting up, One Fever Hospital in any such County, County of a City or Town, in which no such Hospital shall have been previously established, or for the Purpose of enlarging, repairing, rebuilding, or supporting any Fever Hospital which shall have been previously established, and to set forth in such Presentment that the Sum therein mentioned shall be raised and levied within the Period of Six Years, by half-yearly or yearly Instalments, and also to set forth in such Presentment what Part thereof shall be raised upon any Barony or Baronies in any such County, or on the County at large; and that the Treasurer of such County, County of a City, or County of a Town, shall from Time to Time, without further Authority or Presentment in that Behalf, insert in his Warrant at each Assizes the Portion or Portions so set forth of the Sum so presented; and the same shall be raised and levied in like Manner from Time to Time, and with the like Remedy in case of Non-payment, as all other Money directed by such Warrant is by Law to be levied; and when and so soon as such Presentment shall have been duly certified by the acting Clerk of the Crown to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors

Presentment being certified by Clerk

Governors of *Ireland*, or his or their Chief Secretary, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors for the Time being, to direct the Amount of ſuch Sum of Money ſo preſented, or any Part thereof, to be advanced out of the growing Produce of the Conſolidated Fund in *Ireland*, to the Treaſurer of ſuch County, County of a City, or County of a Town, to be applied for the Purpoſes for which ſuch Preſentment ſhall have been made, under ſuch Rules and Regulations as to ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors ſhall ſeem fitting and expedient; and ſuch Money ſo advanced and paid to ſuch Treaſurer ſhall be accounted for by him in like Manner as any other Monies received by him for the Uſe of ſuch County; and all Securities given by him or on his Behalf ſhall extend to ſuch Money; and ſuch Treaſurer ſhall from Time to Time pay to the Collector of Exciſe of the Diſtrict in which ſuch County, County of a City, or County of a Town, all ſuch Sums as ſhall from Time to Time be received by him from the baronial or other Collectors by virtue of the Preſentments on account of which ſuch Money ſhall have been advanced, until the whole Sum advanced ſhall be repaid: Provided always, that if it ſhall ſo happen that any Money ſhall be raiſed by virtue of any ſuch Preſentment or Preſentments, which ſhall not be required for the Purpoſes for which it ſhall be ſo raiſed, the ſame ſhall be carried to the Credit generally of the County, or of the County of the Town, or of the County of the City, whereon the ſame ſhall be levied, by the Treaſurer of ſuch County, or County of a Town, or County of a City reſpectively.

of the Crown to the Lord Lieutenant, he may order Advance of Money out of the Conſolidated Fund to the Treaſurer of the County, for the Purpoſes of ſuch Preſentments.

Treaſurer to repay the Money ſo advanced.

Surplus Money raiſed ſhall be carried to the Credit of the County.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of each and every County, County of a City, or County of a Town in *Ireland*, to preſent to be raiſed on ſuch County at large, or on ſuch County of a City or County of a Town, any Sum not exceeding Five hundred Pounds in the Year, over and above and excluſive of any Sums which they are by Law empowered to preſent for the Support of Houſes of Induſtry in *Ireland*, under an Act made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for badging ſuch Poor as ſhall be found unable to ſupport themſelves by Labour, and otherwiſe providing for them, and for reſtraining ſuch as ſhall be found able to ſupport themſelves by Labour or Induſtry from begging*, or any other Act or Acts in force in *Ireland* at the Time of the paſſing of this Act; and the ſaid Sum, when ſo raiſed, ſhall be paid to the Corporation of the ſaid Houſes of Induſtry in ſuch County, County of a City or Town reſpectively, and applied by the ſaid Corporation towards the Support and Maintenance of ſuch Houſe of Induſtry in ſuch County, County of a City, or County of a Town reſpectively.

Grand Juries empowered to preſent 500l. a Year additional for Support of Houſes of Induſtry eſtabliſhed under 11 & 12 G. 3. c. 30.

X. And whereas it is expedient that effectual Proviſion ſhould be made for preventing the ſpreading of Fevers or contagious Diſorders, whenever ſuch ſhall happen in any Parts of *Ireland*, and that the Powers requiſite for that Purpoſe ſhould be exerciſed only during the Emergency which may call for the ſame; be it therefore enacted, That whenever in any City, Town, or Diſtrict, any Fever or contagious Diſtemper ſhall appear or be known to exiſt among the poor Inhabitants, it ſhall and may be lawful for any One or more Magiſtrates, upon the Requiſition of Five reſpectable Houſeholders, to convene a Meeting of the Magiſtrates and Houſeholders of ſuch City, Town, or Diſtrict, and of the

In caſe of Fever, &c. appearing in any Town or Diſtrict, the Lord Lieutenant, on Repreſentation of a Public Meeting, may appoint a Board of Health,

Medical Practitioners within the ſame, in order to examine into the Circumſtances attending ſuch Fever or contagious Diſtemper, and the Number of Perſons or Families being Sufferers thereby; and if it ſhall be the Opinion of ſuch Meeting, and of One or more Magiſtrates attending, that ſuch Fever or contagious Diſtemper is of a Nature to require particular Attention and Circumſpection to prevent the Increaſe of the Contagion thereof, it ſhall be lawful for Two or more Magiſtrates authorized by ſuch Meeting to join in an Application to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, to appoint a Board of Health within and for ſuch City, Town, or Diſtrict; and it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* to appoint ſuch Board accordingly, to conſiſt of not more than Thirteen Commiſſioners, to be ſelected from among the Governors or Members of the Corporation of any Infirmary or Fever Hoſpital, or other Hoſpital, and from the Pariſhioners and Medical Practitioners, to act within ſuch City, Town, or Diſtrict, in ſuch Manner and under ſuch Regulations as ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or his or their Chief Secretary, ſhall from Time to Time order, direct, and appoint.

Powers of ſuch Board of Health.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Commiſſioners ſo to be appointed for the forming ſuch Board of Health, or any Five of them, to give all ſuch Directions for the doing and performing all Acts, Matters, and Things neceſſary for the preventing the Communication of Contagion, and for reſtoring the Sick to Health, as ſhall to ſuch Commiſſioners ſeem neceſſary and expedient; and for that Purpoſe to direct that all Streets, Lanes, and Courts, and all Houſes and all Rooms therein, and all Yards, Gardens, or Places belonging to ſuch Houſes, ſhall be cleanſed and purified, and that all Nuiſances prejudicial to Health ſhall be removed therefrom; and that all Houſes in which any ſick Perſon ſhall be or ſhall have been, ſhall be ventilated, fumigated, and whitewaſhed, the Windows and Doors thereof opened, and all Beds, Bedſteads, Bedding and Furniture therein, be expoſed to the Air, and be waſhed and cleanſed, and, if abſolutely neceſſary, to be burned or deſtroyed; and that ſome Mark, Number, or Token ſhall be affixed on any Houſe in which any Inhabitant is infected with Fever, denoting that ſome or one of the Inhabitants therein are ſo infected; and to direct that all other Meaſures ſhall be carried into Execution which to ſuch Commiſſioners ſhall ſeem requiſite for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

Commiſſioners may employ Perſons to execute Powers under this Act; Money may be advanced by Order of Lord Lieutenant for Expences, to be raiſed by Preſentment on the County.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners ſo to be from Time to Time appointed for forming ſuch Board of Health, to employ any Perſon or Perſons in the Execution of the ſeveral Powers to be exerciſed by them under this Act; and that it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, to order any Sum or Sums of Money to be from Time to Time advanced out of the growing Produce of the Conſolidated Fund in *Ireland*, for the Payment of the actual Expences incurred by or under the ſaid Commiſſioners in the Execution of ſuch Powers; and that all Sums of Money ſo to be advanced ſhall be raiſed by Preſentments to be made by the Grand Juries, and raiſed off the County, or County of a City or Town, in which ſuch Expence ſhall be incurred.

XIII. And

Penalty on Perſons reſiſting Orders of Board of Health.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall reſiſt or oppoſe any Perſon or Perſons employed by or under the Orders of the ſaid Commiſſioners ſo to be from Time to Time appointed for forming a Board of Health, in any County, City, Town, or Place, in the Execution of the Powers of the ſaid Commiſſioners under this Act, or in the doing or performing any Matter or Thing in Execution of this Act under the Orders of the ſaid Commiſſioners, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo guilty of reſiſting or oppoſing ſhall, on Conviction thereof before any Two Magiſtrates within his Juriſdiction, on the Oath or Affirmation of One or more credible Witneſs, or on the Confeſſion of the Party ſo offending, incur ſuch Penalty, not leſs than Ten Shillings nor more than Five Pounds, as ſuch Magiſtrates ſhall in their Diſcretion think proper to adjudge and inflict, or in Failure of making Payment of ſuch Fine, ſuch Offender ſhall and may be committed to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction for any Time not exceeding Three Months, and no ſuch Conviction ſhall be quaſhed for Informality, nor ſhall be removed or removable by *Certiorari* or otherwiſe, nor ſubject to any Appeal whatever.

Board of Health may order infected Perſons to be removed into Hoſpitals.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That in all Places where Fever Hoſpitals, or other Places for the Reception of poor Perſons being diſordered with Fever or other infectious Malady ſhall be eſtabliſhed, it ſhall and may be lawful, upon the Certificate of any Phyſician, Apothecary, or Surgeon, that any Perſon is infected with ſuch Fever or other infectious Malady, and that ſuch Perſon ſo infected is not under proper Medical Care, and placed in ſuch Circumſtances and under ſuch Precautions as may moſt probably tend to prevent the Communication of Contagion to his Family or Neighbours, for the Commiſſioners forming any ſuch Board of Health, or any Five of them, to order or direct, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, after due and exact Inquiry into the Circumſtances of the Caſe, that ſuch Perſon ſo infected and not being under ſuch Medical Care and placed in ſuch Circumſtances of Prevention as aforeſaid, ſhall forthwith be removed into and placed in ſuch Fever Hoſpital, or ſuch other Place as ſhall be eſtabliſhed for the Reception of ſuch Patients; and ſuch infected Perſon ſhall be removed and placed therein accordingly: Provided always, that the ſaid Commiſſioners ſo forming any ſuch Board of Health ſhall, in all Caſes of ſuch compulſory Removal of any Perſon or Perſons into ſuch Fever Hoſpital, make a ſpecial Report or Notification thereof, under the Hands of Five of the ſaid Commiſſioners, to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or to his or their Chief Secretary, within Two Days after ſuch Removal ſhall take place.

Board of Health ſhall report weekly to Lord Lieutenant, and their Powers ſhall ceaſe on his Order.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners ſo forming any ſuch Board of Health ſhall, on the *Monday* in every Week during the Continuance of the Powers of ſuch Commiſſioners under this Act, make a Report in Writing to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, under the Hands of Five of ſuch Commiſſioners, and ſhall tranſmit the ſame to the Office of the Chief Secretary; and ſhall in ſuch Report ſtate a true and particular Account of all the Proceedings of the ſaid Commiſſioners under this Act, in ſuch Form as ſhall ſeem moſt expedient to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or in ſuch Form as may at any Time be directed by ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other

Chief Governor or Governors, or his or their Chief Secretary; and that whenever it ſhall be made appear by the Evidence of One or more Medical Perſons, or by any other ſufficient Means, to any Two Magiſtrates in any City, Town, or Diſtrict, in which ſuch Board of Health ſhall be eſtabliſhed under this Act, that the Number of Sick or the Danger of Contagion or Infection are or is ſo decreaſed, that the Powers to be executed by or under ſuch Board of Health ſhall be no longer neceſſary, ſuch Two Magiſtrates ſhall certify the ſame to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*; and in ſuch Caſe, or whenever it ſhall by any Report of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or by any other Means, appear to the Satisfaction of ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors, that the Powers of ſuch Board of Health are no longer required in any ſuch City, Town, or Diſtrict, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors, or his or their Chief Secretary, by Letter under his Hand, to ſignify to ſuch Board of Health that they are no longer to exerciſe the Powers given to them by this Act; and thereupon all ſuch Powers ſhall ceaſe and determine, until the ſame ſhall be again renewed purſuant to the Directions of this Act.

General Iſſue may be pleaded, and Coſts awarded to Defendant.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Action ſhall be brought againſt any of the Corporations to be erected by virtue of this Act, or againſt any Commiſſioners to be appointed under or by virtue of this Act, or any Perſon employed by ſuch Corporations or Commiſſioners in Execution of this Act, for any Thing done in the Execution of any of the Powers or Duties by this Act given or required, the Defendant or Defendants may, in every ſuch Suit, plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the ſpecial Matter in Evidence; and in every Caſe where the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in ſuch Suit ſhall fail, the Court in which ſuch Suit ſhall be carried on ſhall award Coſts to the Defendant or Defendants.

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