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CAP. XCVII.

An Act for vesting in the Privy Council certain Powers for the Protection of the Public Health.

[2d *August* 1858.]

WHEREAS under an Act of the last Session of Parliament, Chapter Thirty-eight, the General Board of Health stands continued only until the First Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight: And whereas it is expedient to vest in the Privy Council certain Powers now vested in the said General Board of Health, and certain other Powers for the Protection of the Public Health: 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: 20 & 21 Vict. c. 38.

I. In addition to the Powers vested in Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council for the Protection of the Public Health, all Powers now vested in the General Board of Health under the "Diseases Prevention Act, 1855," shall, upon the Discontinuance of the said Board, be vested in the said Privy Council, and the Provisions of the said Act having reference to the General Board of Health and the Regulations and Directions issued by them, except Section Thirteen, shall be construed as referring to such Privy Council and the Regulations and Directions issued by them. Powers of General Board of Health under 18 & 19 Vict. c. 116. added to those of the Privy Council.

II. The

Certain Powers in relation to Public Vaccination vested in Privy Council.

II. The Privy Council may from Time to Time issue such Regulations as they think fit for securing the due Qualification of Persons to be hereafter contracted with by Guardians and Overseers of Unions and Parishes in *England* for the Vaccination of Persons resident in such Unions and Parishes, and for securing the efficient Performance of Vaccination by the Persons already or hereafter to be contracted with as aforesaid; and any Money from Time to Time provided by Parliament for or towards defraying the Expenses of the National Vaccine Establishment, or otherwise providing for the Supply of Vaccine Lymph, shall be applied under the Directions of the Privy Council.

Privy Council may direct Inquiries.

III. The Privy Council may from Time to Time cause to be made such Inquiries as they see fit in relation to any Matters concerning the Public Health in any Place or Places, and to the Observance of the Regulations and Directions issued by them under this Act.

Privy Council to appoint Medical Officer, &c.

IV. The Powers of appointing and removing a Medical Officer, vested in the General Board of Health under the General Board of Health Continuance Act, 1855, shall, upon the Discontinuance of that Board, be vested in the Privy Council; and the Person who at the Time of the Cesser of the General Board of Health may be their Medical Officer shall become the Medical Officer of the Privy Council, subject to such Power of Removal as aforesaid; and the Privy Council may also from Time to Time employ such other Persons as they deem necessary for the Purposes of this Act; and there shall be paid to the Medical Officer such Salary not exceeding Fifteen hundred Pounds *per Annum*, and to such other Persons such Remuneration and Allowances, as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may direct; and such Salary, Remuneration, and Allowances shall be paid out of such Monies as shall be provided by Parliament.

Medical Officer to report annually as to the Execution of this Act.

V. The Medical Officer shall from Time to Time report to the Privy Council in relation to any Matters concerning the Public Health or such Matters as may be referred to him for that Purpose, and shall, in or before the Month of *March* in each Year, report to the Privy Council the Proceedings had and taken under this Act during the preceding Year ending on the Thirty-first Day of *December*.

Reports to be laid before Parliament.

VI. The Annual Report made by the Medical Officer as aforesaid shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within Fourteen Days after the making thereof, if Parliament be sitting, and if not, then within Fourteen Days after the next Meeting of Parliament, together with all other Reports made by him under this Act, during the Period to which such Annual Report relates.

VII. All

As to the making and Authentication of Orders, &c.

VII. All Powers vested in the Privy Council by this Act may be exercised by any Three or more of the Lords and others of the Privy Council, the Vice President of the Committee of the said Privy Council on Education being One of them, and all Orders, Regulations, Directions, and Acts of the Privy Council under this Act shall be sufficiently made and signified by a written or printed Document, signed by One of the Clerks of the Privy Council, or such Officer as may be appointed by the Privy Council in this Behalf; and all Orders, Regulations, Directions, and Acts made or signified by any written or printed Document purporting to be so signed shall be deemed to have been duly made, issued, and done by the Privy Council, and every such Document shall be received in Evidence in all Courts and before all Justices and others without Proof of the Authority or Signature of such Clerk or other Officer, or other Proof whatsoever, until it be shown that such Document was not duly signed by the Authority of the Privy Council.

Proceedings for Penalties under Vaccination Acts.

VIII. Proceedings for Penalties under the Acts for the Time being in force on the Subject of Vaccination may be taken on the Complaint of any Registrar employed for the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, Public Vaccinator, or Officer authorized by the Board of Guardians or by the Overseers respectively, and the Cost of such Proceedings shall be defrayed out of the Common Fund of the Union, or out of the Poor Rates of any Parish not included in a Union.

Short Title, and Continuance of Act.

IX. This Act may be cited as "The Public Health Act, 1858," and shall be in force only until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

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