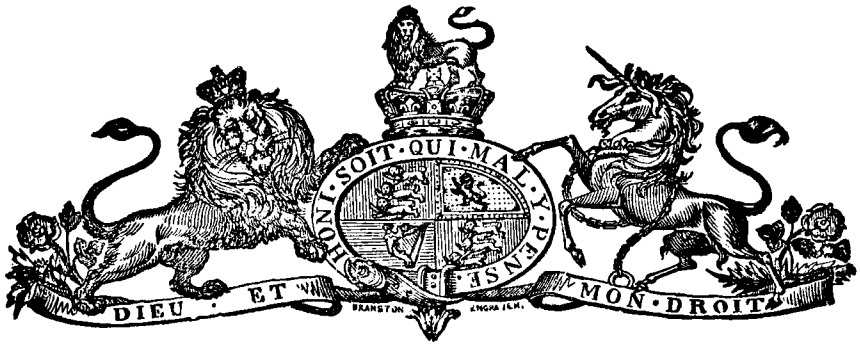


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CAP. CXXXI.

An Act to amend, and continue until the First Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, an Act to make Provision for the Treatment of poor Persons afflicted with Fever in *Ireland*. [5th *September* 1848.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to make Provision until the First Day of* September *One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven for the Treatment of poor Persons afflicted with Fever in* Ireland: And whereas by another Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty the said first-recited Act was continued, subject to certain Amendments, until the First Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and from thence until the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas it is expedient to amend and further continue the said first-recited Act as amended by the said secondly-recited Act, subject

9 & 10 Vict. c. 6.

10 & 11 Vict. c. 22.

to further Amendments herein-after provided: 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 the said recited Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty shall, as amended by the said secondly-recited Act, and subject nevertheless to the Amendments herein-after contained, be continued until the First Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and from thence until the End of the then next Session of Parliament, save and except so much of the said recited Acts or either of them as relates to the Appointment by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* of a Medical Officer or Officers for each and every Union for the Relief of the destitute Poor, and to the Salaries of such Medical Officers, and save and except so much of the said secondly-recited Act as relates to the Powers of the Relief Commissioners and Finance Committees therein mentioned, or the Management by Relief Committees of any Hospital or Dispensary established under either of the said Acts.

9 & 10 Vict. c. 6. continued till 1st November 1849, and to End of next Session of Parliament.

II. And be it enacted, That the Provisions of the said recited Acts and of this Act shall extend and be taken and construed to extend to all contagious or epidemic Diseases.

Recited Acts and this Act extended to all contagious Diseases.

III. And be it enacted, That immediately after the passing of this Act the said Commissioners of Health or any Two of them shall certify to the Lord Lieutenant, under their Hands, the Hospitals or Dispensaries heretofore established under the said recited Acts or either of them which they shall deem necessary to be upheld and maintained, subject to the Approval of the Lord Lieutenant, by Writing under his Hand; and when such Approval shall have been so signified the Care and Management of every such Hospital and Dispensary shall devolve upon the Board of Guardians of the Union in which the same shall be situate; and such Board of Guardians shall have the like Powers and Authorities for such Purpose, and for all Purposes relating to any such Hospital or Dispensary, as any Relief Committee could or would have had under the said secondly-recited Act; and the Provisions and Powers of the said Act shall extend and apply to the Board of Guardians, and to the Punishment of any Person resisting or opposing the Execution of their Orders, and to any Action brought against them or any of them, or any Person employed by them, in like Manner and as fully and effectually as to any Relief Committee having the Management of any such Hospital or Dispensary.

The Board of Health to certify the existing Hospitals required to be upheld, the Management of which shall thereupon be in the Board of Guardians.

IV. And be it enacted, That if after the passing of this Act the Commissioners of Health or any Two of them shall certify to the Lord Lieutenant their Opinion that the Appointment of a Medical Officer

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Officer or Medical Officers for any Electoral Division or Divisions or other District of any Union is expedient and necessary, on account of the Existence therein of any Fever or other contagious or epidemic Disease, and if the Lord Lieutenant shall, under his Hand, approve of the making of such Appointment, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Health or any Two of them to require the Guardians of the Poor of such Union to appoint such Medical Officer or Officers, and to fix his or their Salary or Salaries, subject to Approval by the said Commissioners of the Persons so appointed and of the Salaries so fixed; and upon the Neglect or Default of the said Guardians to make any such Appointment or to fix any such Salary so to be approved as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant to appoint any such Medical Officer at such reasonable Salary as he shall think fit; and the said Guardians shall and are hereby required, out of the Poor Rates, to pay to every such Medical Officer as aforesaid the Amount of his Salary from Time to Time, as well as to pay all other Expenses incurred in carrying out the Provisions of the said Acts and this Act in such Union, and to charge the same to the Union at large; and the Appointment of every such Medical Officer shall cease so soon as the said Commissioners of Health shall certify to the Lord Lieutenant, or the Lord Lieutenant shall deem, that the Continuance of such Appointment is unnecessary or otherwise inexpedient.

tricts on a Certificate of the Board of Health.

V. And be it enacted, That in any Case in which the Guardians of any Union shall have been or shall hereafter be required by the said Commissioners of Health to uphold and maintain or to establish any Hospital or Dispensary under the Provisions of the said recited Acts or either of them, or this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Guardians, if they shall see fit, to appoint a Committee to superintend, under the Direction and Control of the said Board of Guardians, the Management of such Hospital or Dispensary, such Committee not to exceed Seven in Number, and to be chosen by the Board of Guardians from among the *ex-officio* or other Members of such Board and the resident Rate-payers of the Union; and such Committee shall from Time to Time report their Proceedings to the Board of Guardians, for their Confirmation and Approval, from Time to Time, as the Board of Guardians shall direct; and the Board of Guardians shall at all Times have Power to dissolve such Committees, or alter the Constitution thereof, as to them shall seem fitting and expedient; and any such Committee shall (subject to the Control of such Board) have like Powers and Authorities relating to such Hospital or Dispensary as any Relief Committee as aforesaid; and the Provisions of the said secondly-recited Act shall (subject to such Control as aforesaid) extend and apply to any such Committee appointed under this Act, as fully and effectually as to any such Relief Committee.

Board of Guardians may appoint Committees of Management of such Hospitals, or of Hospitals hereafter established.

VI. And

Commissioners of Health may require Guardians to submit Estimates and Accounts.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Health to require any Board of Guardians having the Management of any Hospital or Dispensary to be appointed under the said recited Acts or either of them, or this Act, to submit to them, when and as often as they may judge the same to be necessary, Estimates of the probable Expenditure for any such Hospital or Dispensary, and to regulate and control such Expenditure; and the Accounts of such Expenditure shall be audited as in other Cases under the Acts for the Relief of the destitute Poor in *Ireland*.

Commissioners of Health may make Orders for Regulation of Hospitals, &c.

VII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Health to make Orders for the Regulation and Management of Hospitals or Dispensaries under the said recited Acts or this Act.

When contagious or epidemic Disease expected, Poor Law Commissioners may require Guardians to appoint a Committee to take Precautions, which shall have same Powers as a Relief Committee.

VIII. And be it enacted, That whenever in any Union in *Ireland* the Approach or Occurrence of any Fever or contagious or epidemic Disease shall be reasonably apprehended or expected, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for administering the Laws for the Relief of the destitute Poor in *Ireland*, upon the Receipt of a Certificate of the Commissioners of Health of the Expediency or Necessity thereof, to require the Board of Guardians of such Union to appoint a Committee or Committees for the whole or any Part of such Union, for the Purpose of taking Precautions against such expected or apprehended Disease; and the said Board of Guardians shall thereupon forthwith proceed to appoint such Committee or Committees who shall be under their Control; and, subject thereto, the several Enactments in the said recited Acts or either of them contained with respect to the Powers of any Relief Committee, or the Committee having the Management of any Hospital or Dispensary, and to the Punishment of any Person resisting or opposing the Execution of the Orders of any such Committee, and to any Action brought against such Committee or any Member thereof, or Person employed by the same, shall extend and be applied to every Committee appointed as lastly herein-before provided on the Requisition of the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in *Ireland*.

Poor Law Commissioners may dissolve such Committee.

IX. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the destitute Poor at any Time to order that any such Committee appointed as lastly herein-before provided shall be dissolved, and thenceforth all the Powers of such Committee shall cease.

Guardians, Officers, and Members of Committees, &c. not to be concerned in

X. And be it enacted, That no Guardian, paid Officer, Member of any Committee under the said recited Acts or either of them or this Act, or other Person in whose Hands the providing for, ordering, Management, Control, or Direction of any Hospital or Dispensary or of Medical Relief under the Provisions of this Act, shall or may be placed,

placed, shall, either in his own Name or the Name of any other Person, provide, furnish, or supply, for his own Profit, any Materials, Goods, or Provisions for the Use of any such Hospital or Dispensary, or for affording such Medical Relief during the Time for which he or they shall retain such Appointment, nor shall be concerned, for his own Profit, directly or indirectly, in furnishing or supplying the same, or in any Contract relating thereto, under pain of forfeiting the Sum of Fifty Pounds, with full Costs of Suit, to any Person who shall sue for the same by Action of Debt or on the Case in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Dublin*.

Contracts while in Office.

XI. And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to establish Fever Hospitals and to make other Regulations for the Relief of the suffering Poor, and for preventing the Increase of infectious Fevers in* Ireland, Provision is amongst other things made, 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 be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, upon Application to be made in manner therein provided, to appoint a Board of Health to act within such City, Town, or District in the Manner therein provided, and Authority is by the said Act given to 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 Expenses incurred by or under the said Board in the Execution of the Powers by the said Act vested in it, and that such Sums so to be advanced should be repaid and raised as in the said Act provided, and it is expedient to extend such Provisions to all epidemic Diseases: Be it therefore enacted, That all Enactments of the said Act relating to the Prevention or Mitigation of Fever or contagious Disease, and all Powers and Provisions therein contained as aforesaid relating to the Advance of Money out of the growing Produce of the Consolidated Fund, and relating to the Presentment, raising, and Repayment of such Monies, shall be deemed and taken to extend and apply to and shall comprehend any and every epidemic as well as contagious Disease, as fully to all Intents and Purposes as if epidemic Diseases had been specially mentioned in such Enactments and Provisions: Provided always, that any Member or Members of any such Board of Health so appointed as last aforesaid shall, in addition to the Powers given to them by the said last-mentioned Act, have and enjoy all the Powers and Authorities given to any Officer or Officers of Health under an Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to establish Regulations for preventing contagious Diseases in* Ireland.

58 G. 3. c. 47. and the Powers therein given, as to the Advance of Money, extended to Cases of epidemic Disease in Ireland.

59 G. 3. c. 41.

Term of Act. XII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the First Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and no longer.

Act may be amended, &c. XIII. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in the present Session of Parliament.

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