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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*.

[24th *March* 1846.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make more effectual Provision for the Treatment of poor Persons afflicted with Fever and other epidemic Diseases in *Ireland:* Be it 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 it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, by his Warrant, to appoint so many Persons as he may think fit, not being more in Number than Five, as Commissioners of Health in *Ireland;* and such Commissioners shall serve without any Salary, Fee, or Reward; and the said Lord Lieutenant may from Time to Time, as he may see fit, remove any such Commissioner, and may in the Stead of any Commissioner so removed, or who may refuse or decline to act, or become incapable of acting, appoint such other Person as the said Lord Lieutenant may think proper; and the Commissioners so appointed shall act as a Board of Health for carrying into execution the Provisions and Purposes of this Act, in such Manner and under such Regulations as the Lord Lieutenant or his Chief or Under Secretary may from Time to Time appoint.

A Central Board of Health to be appointed by the Lord Lieutenant.

The Lord Lieutenant may appoint Medical Officers for Unions, with Salaries.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Lord Lieutenant from Time to Time, as he may see fit, to appoint, during the Pleasure of the said Lord Lieutenant, for each and every Union for the Relief of the destitute Poor, a Medical Officer or Medical Officers, at such Salary as he may direct.

Expences and Salaries to be paid by the Commissioners of the Treasury.

III. And be it enacted, That the Expences incident to the Performance of the Duties of such Board of Health, and the Salary of every Medical Officer appointed as aforesaid by the Lord Lieutenant, shall be paid by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, out of any Funds which may be voted for that Purpose, upon Application to them by the said Lord Lieutenant in that Behalf.

Board of Health may direct Guardians of Unions to provide Fever Hospitals and Dispensaries, with Medicines and all other Necessaries for the Care and Treatment of Persons therein;

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Board of Health, by Writing under the Hands of any Two or more of them, from Time to Time to require the Board of Guardians of any Union for the Relief of the destitute Poor to rent, hire, or procure a fitting House, Building, or Rooms, other than the Workhouse of such Union, to be used as a Hospital for the Purpose of receiving and accommodating so many poor Persons affected with Fever or any other epidemic Disease as the said Board of Health may from Time to Time think necessary, and to provide such Nourishment, Bedding, Clothing, Medicines, and Medical Appliances, and other Necessaries, as may be requisite for the due Care and Treatment of every poor Person so affected as aforesaid in every such Hospital, and also such a Number of competent Nurses and Attendants as the said Board of Health may think necessary for each such Hospital, and also to rent, hire, or procure a House, Building, or Room, to be used as a Dispensary or Office for the said Medical Officer of such Union, and to provide such other Medicines and Medical Appliances, including Nutriment, if necessary for their Cure, in Cases where the poor Persons diseased are destitute, as such Medical Officer may require to be supplied to poor Persons affected as aforesaid who may not be received in any such House, Building, or Room, and generally to do or cause to be done all such Acts, Matters, and Things as shall from Time to Time be necessary for the Purpose of carrying out the Provisions of this Act.

and also Medicines and Nutriment, if necessary, for Out-patients.

The Fever Hospitals and Dispensaries to be under the Control of the Guardians of the Poor.

V. And be it enacted, That, subject to the Superintendence of the said Board of Health, every Hospital and Dispensary procured as aforesaid by the Guardians of any Union shall be managed by such Board of Guardians, and that poor Persons affected with Fever or other epidemic Disease may be admitted into such Hospital under the Authority of such Board of Guardians, or their Officers duly authorized by them, and not otherwise, and that the Medical Officer appointed as aforesaid shall be the Medical Officer of such Guardians for the Purposes of this Act.

Expences incurred under this Act, except the Salary of Medical

VI. And be it enacted, That the Poor Law Guardians of any Union for which a Medical Officer may have been appointed under the Provisions of this Act shall pay, out of the Rates raised or to be raised off such Union generally under the Authority of an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled

intituled *An Act for the more effectual Relief of the destitute Poor in Ireland*, or of any Act or Acts to amend the same, the Cost of all Medicine, Nourishment, Clothes, Bedding, and other Necessaries, and the Rent of any Hospital respectively provided as aforesaid, as well as the Expence incurred in conveying any poor Person from his or her Dwelling, or from elsewhere within such Union, to any such Hospital, and in the Maintenance of any such poor Person in such Hospital, and all other Expences of whatsoever Kind (the Salary of the Medical Officer or Officers excepted) necessarily incurred in or incidental to the carrying out of the Provisions of this Act within such Union.

Officers, to be paid out of the Poor's Rate.

VII. And be it enacted, That the said Board of Health shall, as and when the Lord Lieutenant may require, make a Report in Writing to the said Lord Lieutenant, and shall transmit the same to the Office of the said Chief Secretary, and shall, in each such Report, give a full and particular Account of all the Proceedings of the said Board subsequent to the Date of their last Report, in such Form as may be from Time to Time directed by the said Lord Lieutenant, or by the said Chief or Under Secretary; and that whenever it shall, by any such Report or by any other Means, appear to the Satisfaction of the said Lord Lieutenant that any Medical Officer appointed or Hospital or Dispensary provided for any Union under the Provisions hereof is no longer required in such Union, it shall be lawful for the said Lord Lieutenant, or for the said Chief or Under Secretary, by any Letter under his respective Hand, to signify to such Board of Health and to the Guardians and the said Medical Officer of such Union that they are no longer to exercise within such Union the Powers given to them by this Act, and thereupon all such Powers shall cease and determine, and the Salary of the said Medical Officer shall thenceforth cease.

Board of Health to report to the Lord Lieutenant;

and their Powers shall cease upon his Order to that Effect.

VIII. And be it enacted, That in the Construction of this Act all Words importing the Singular Number or the Masculine Gender only shall be understood to include several Matters as well as one Matter, and several Persons as well as one Person, and Females as well as Males; and that the Words "Lord Lieutenant" shall apply to and include any Chief Governor or Chief Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being; unless it be otherwise and specially provided, or there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction.

Interpretation Clause.

IX. And be it enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the First Day of the Month of *September* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and no longer, and that it shall extend only to *Ireland*.

Duration and Extent of Act.

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

Alteration of Act.

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