Assessments as in other respects, as fully to all Intents and Purposes as if this Act had not passed.

Continuance of Act.

XII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force from the passing thereof for Two Years, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and no longer.

Act may be altered this Session.

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 And be it enacted, That this Act may be altered, amended, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in the present Session of Parliament.

CAP. X.

An Act for the Prevention, as far as may be possible, of the Disease called the Cholera, or Spasmodic or *Indian* Cholera, in *England*. [20th *February* 1832.]

'WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God to visit the United Kingdom with the Disease called the Cholera, or Spasmodic or *Indian* Cholera: And whereas with a view to prevent, as far as may be possible, by the Divine Blessing, the spreading of the said Disease, it may be necessary that Rules and Regulations should from Time to Time be established within Cities, Towns, or Districts affected with or which may be threatened by the said Disease; but it may be impossible to establish such Rules and Regulations by the Authority of Parliament with sufficient Promptitude to meet the Exigency of any such Case as it may occur:' 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 it shall and may be lawful for the Lords and others of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, or any Two or more of them (of whom the Lord President of the Council or One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the Time being shall always be One), by any Order or Orders to be by them from Time to Time made, to establish, and again from Time to Time, by any such Order or Orders, to revoke, renew, alter, and vary all such Rules and Regulations, or to substitute any such new Rules and Regulations as to them may appear necessary or expedient for the Prevention, as far as may be possible, of the spreading of the said Disease called the Cholera, or Spasmodic or *Indian* Cholera, in *England* and *Wales* or any Part thereof, or for the Relief of any Persons suffering under or likely to be affected by the said Disease, and for the safe and speedy Interment of any Person or Persons who may die of the said Disease.

Lord President of Council, &c. empowered to issue Orders at any Time to prevent the spreading of Cholera in England.

Orders to be certified by a Clerk of the Privy Council, and received as Evidence.

II. And be it further enacted, That every such Order as aforesaid shall be certified under the Hand of One of the Clerks in Ordinary of His Majesty's Privy Council; and that the Publication of any such Order in the *London Gazette* shall, for all Intents and Purposes, be taken, admitted, and received in all Courts, and by and before all Judges, Justices, Magistrates, and others, as good and sufficient Evidence of the making and of the Date and Contents of any such Order.

Penalty for Violation of Orders.

III. And be it further enacted, That any Person who shall or may violate or wilfully and knowingly infringe the Provisions of any such Order, or who shall or may refuse or wilfully neglect or omit

omit to act in obedience to or in conformity with any such Order, or who shall resist, oppose, or obstruct the lawful Execution thereof, shall for every such Offence be and be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, and shall also incur and become liable to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than One Pound, to be recovered in the Manner herein-after mentioned: Provided always, that no Person against whom any such Penalty shall be so recovered, or shall have suffered the Imprisonment awarded for Non-payment thereof, shall be liable to be indicted or proceeded against in respect of the same Offence as for a Misdemeanor.

Recovery of Penalties.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all such Penalties as aforesaid shall be recovered by any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same before any Two Justices of the Peace having Jurisdiction within the County, Riding, City, or Place in which the Offence shall have been committed; and that the Amount of Penalties to be inflicted upon any such Offenders shall, within the Limits herein-before prescribed, be in the Discretion of such Justice.

Proceedings in case of Information, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace, in all Cases where any Information shall be laid before them, on Oath, of any such Offence as aforesaid, and they are hereby required, to issue their Summons to any Person or Persons whom they may have reason to suppose capable of giving any material Evidence on the hearing of such Information, requiring every such Person or Persons to appear and to give Evidence at a Time and Place to be specified in such Summons; and if any Person so summoned shall not appear before such Justices at the Time and Place so specified in the said Summons, or shall not offer any reasonable Excuse for such Default, to the Satisfaction of the said Justices, or appearing shall not submit to be examined as a Witness, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Justices, and they are hereby authorized, (Proof on Oath in the Case of any Person not appearing to such Summons having been first made before such Justices of the due Service of such Summons on such Person, by delivering the same to him or her, or by leaving the same at his or her usual Place of Abode,) by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of such Justices to commit any such Person so making Default as aforesaid to some Gaol, House of Correction, or Bridewell within the Jurisdiction of the said Justices, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Fourteen Days, or until such Person shall submit to be examined and give Evidence.

Justices to levy Penalties.

VI. And be it further enacted, That all Justices of the Peace shall and are hereby empowered, on the Conviction of any Person before them for any such Offence as aforesaid, in default of Payment of any such Penalty as aforesaid, to cause the same to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of such Justices, together with the reasonable Costs of such Distress and Sale; and in case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of such Justices, either by the Confession of the Offender, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, that such Offender hath not Goods and Chattels, within the Jurisdiction of such Justices, sufficient whereon to levy any such Costs and Charges, such Justices may, without issuing any Warrant of Distress, commit such Offender to any

any such Gaol, House of Correction, or Bridewell as aforesaid, for any Time not exceeding Fourteen Days, unless such Penalty, Costs, and Charges be sooner paid, in such Manner as if a Warrant of Distress had been issued, and a Return of Nulla bona made thereon, in which Case also it shall be lawful for such Justices to commit any such Offender for such Term of Fourteen Days, or for any shorter Period, to any such Prison as aforesaid.

Application of Penalties.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all such Penalties as aforesaid shall be applied in or towards the Relief of the Poor of the Parish or Place in which any Offence as aforesaid may have been committed.

One Justice empowered to order Payment of Monies for Purposes of this Act.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Expences which may be reasonably or properly incurred in carrying into effect any Order or Orders of the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council so to be made as aforesaid shall, in the first instance, under and by virtue of an Order or Orders in Writing of One Justice of the Peace dwelling in or near the Parish or Division, and which said Order or Orders any such Justice is hereby empowered and directed to make from Time to Time as Occasion may require, commanding the Churchwardens, Overseers or Guardians of the Poor for the Time being, to pay a certain sufficient Sum of Money for such Purposes, to be defrayed out of the Rates for the Relief of the Poor of the Parish, Township, or Extra-parochial Place maintaining its own Poor, in which the same shall be so incurred, and in other Extra-parochial Places out of the Poor's Rate of the Parish nearest adjoining.

One Person in Privy Council Office to send Letters and Packets from London free from Duty during such Time only as this Act shall continue in operation.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord President for the Time being of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council to authorize and direct One Person in the Privy Council Office (whose Name shall be from Time to Time transmitted to the Secretaries of the General Post Office in *London* and *Dublin*) to send Letters and Packets by the General Post from *London* to Places within the United Kingdom free from the Duty of Postage during such Time only as the several Clauses and Enactments herein contained shall continue and be in operation, and no longer; provided all such Letters and Packets shall relate solely and exclusively to the Execution of this Act, and of the Directions, Powers, and Authorities herein contained, and shall be in Covers with the Words "On His Majesty's Service, Council Office," printed on the same, and be signed or subscribed on the Outside thereof, under such Words, with the Name of the Person so to be authorized as aforesaid, in his own Handwriting, and provided all such Packets shall be sealed with the Seal of the said Office; and the Person so to be authorized is hereby strictly forbidden so to subscribe and seal any Letter or Packet whatever, except such only concerning which he shall receive the special Directions of his superior Officer, or which he shall himself know to relate solely and exclusively to the Execution of this Act, and the Directions, Powers, and Authorities herein contained; and if such authorized Person, or any other Person, shall send, or cause or permit to be sent, under any such Cover, any Letter, Paper, or Writing, or any Inclosure, other than what shall relate to the Execution of this Act, and the Directions, Powers, and Autho-

rities herein contained, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, and be dismissed from his Office.

Orders of Council to be laid before Parliament.

X. And be it further enacted, That every Order which may be so made as aforesaid by the Lords of His Majesty's Privy Council, or by any Two or more of them, shall be forthwith laid before both Houses of Parliament, if Parliament shall be then sitting, and that such Orders as shall be so made when Parliament shall not be sitting shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within Fourteen Days next after the Commencement of the first Session which shall ensue upon the Date of any such Order.

Continuance of Act.

XI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue in force until the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and from thence until the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

Act may be altered this Session.

XII. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, amended, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

CAP. XI.

An Act for the Prevention, as far as may be possible, of the Disease called the Cholera, or Spasmodic or *Indian* Cholera, in *Scotland*. [20th *February* 1832.]

'WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God to visit the United Kingdom with the Disease called the Cholera, or Spasmodic or *Indian* Cholera: And whereas, with a view to prevent, as far as may be possible, by the Divine Blessing, the spreading of the said Disease, it may be necessary that Rules and Regulations should from Time to Time be established within Cities, Towns, or Districts affected with or which may be threatened by the said Disease; but it may be impossible to establish such Rules and Regulations by the Authority of Parliament with sufficient Promptitude to meet the Exigency of any such Case as it may occur:' 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 it shall and may be lawful for the Lords and others of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, or any Two or more of them (of whom the Lord President of the Council or One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the Time being shall always be One), by any Order or Orders to be by them from Time to Time made, to establish, and again from Time to Time, by any such Order or Orders, to revoke, renew, alter, and vary all such Rules and Regulations as to them may appear necessary or expedient for the Prevention, as far as may be possible, of the spreading of the said Disease called the Cholera, or Spasmodic or *Indian* Cholera, within *Scotland* or any Part thereof, or for the Relief of any Persons suffering under or likely to be affected by the said Disease, and for the safe and speedy Interment of any Person or Persons who may die of the said Disease; with Power also to the said Honourable Privy Council to appoint Persons resident in *Scotland* to superintend and assist in the Execution of this Act, and to vest such Persons with

Lord President of Council, &c. empowered to issue Orders at any Time to prevent the spreading of Cholera in Scotland.