

CAP. XVIII.

An Act to prevent the spread of a disorder now existing in certain parts of the Counties of Gloucester and Northumberland.

Passed 26th April 1850.

Preamble.

WHEREAS a loathsome disease, supposed to be as pecies of Leprosy, ' has been for several years slowly extending itself among the French population on that part of the coast of the County of Gloucester immediately adjoining the County of Northumberland, at Tracadie, and also in parts of the said County of Northumberland; and it is therefore deemed absolutely necessary that measures should be adopted to prevent the further spread of the said disease, and as far as possible to relieve the unfortunate individuals infected with the same;

Governor in Council authorized to appoint Boards of Health for the Counties of or Districts in Gloucester and Northumberland.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That from and after the time limited for this Act to come into operation, it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Executive Council, to appoint three or more persons to constitute a Board or Boards of Health, to have authority in the said Counties or in either of them, or in such Parish or Parishes, District or Districts of them or either of them as he may deem necessary, to be called the Board of Health of such County or Counties, Parish or Parishes, District or Districts for which such Boards of Health shall be respectively appointed, and to displace all or any such persons and appoint others in the place or stead of such displaced person or persons, and also to increase the number of the members of such Board or Boards of Health.

Boards, with consent of the Governor in Council, authorized to erect or procure a Lazaretto,

II. And be it enacted, That any Board of Health so to be appointed, shall have full power and authority, with the consent and approbation of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, to erect or procure a suitable building or buildings as and for and to be styled and called a Lazaretto, to be erected or procured at such place or places in the said Counties of Gloucester or Northumberland as His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice aforesaid, may direct and appoint; and to take possession of and have the control of any Lazaretto or Hospital already erected under the provisions of an Act passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, under the same title of the present Act, and such Lazaretto shall be under the full and absolute control, management and direction of the Board of Health within whose district the same may be erected or procured, subject nevertheless to the rules and regulations hereinafter mentioned.

And take possession of any Lazaretto already erected under Act 7 V. c 28.

Members of the Boards, collectively and individually, authorized to examine persons suspected to have Leprosy, and remove the diseased to the Lazaretto.

III. And be it enacted, That each and every Board of Health to be appointed by virtue of this Act, and each and every member of any such Board in their respective Districts shall have full power and authority, collectively and individually, at all convenient times in the day time to visit, inspect and examine any person or persons suspected to be labouring under or infected with the disease hereinbefore mentioned, and for that purpose to enter into any house, building or enclosure in which it may be suspected that any such person or persons may be found, and to break open the same if necessary so to do in order to obtain entrance, and by order in writing under the hand of any member of such Board of Health, to cause to be removed to the Lazaretto all and every person or persons who upon such examination and inspection shall be found to be labouring under or infected with the said disease, there to be kept and detained subject to the rules and regulations made and ordained or to be made and ordained for the government of such Lazaretto.

Governor in Council may establish regulations for the Lazaretto, with penalties.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice aforesaid, from time to time to make, ordain and establish such bye laws, rules and regulations for the due care, government, management and support, medical, surgical and other superintendence, of any Lazaretto already erected under the provisions of any law now in force, or to be erected or procured under any of the provisions of this Act, as to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice aforesaid, shall appear expedient and necessary, and to rescind, cancel and annul any such bye laws, rules and regulations, and in his discretion with the advice aforesaid, others in their place to make and ordain, and to enforce the same and every thereof by the imposition of such moderate and reasonable fines and penalties to be expressed in such bye laws and regulations, not exceeding for