



# Metropolis Management Act 1855

## 1855 CHAPTER 120

### *Duties and Powers of Vestries and District Boards*

#### **CXXXIV Vestries and District Boards to appoint Medical Officers of Health.**

Every Vestry and District Board shall from Time to Time appoint One or more legally qualified Medical Practitioner or Practitioners of Skill and Experience to inspect and report periodically upon the sanitary Condition of their Parish or District, to ascertain the Existence of Diseases, more especially Epidemics, increasing the Rate of Mortality, and to point out the Existence of any Nuisance or other local Causes which are likely to originate and maintain such Diseases, and injuriously affect the Health of the Inhabitants, and to take cognizance of the Fact of the Existence of any contagious or epidemic Diseases, and to point out the most efficacious Mode of checking or preventing the Spread of such Diseases, and also to point out the most efficient Modes for the Ventilation of Churches, Chapels, Schools, Lodging Houses, and other public Edifices within the Parish or District, and to perform any other Duties of a like Nature which may be required of him or them; and such Persons shall be called " Medical Officers of Health;" and it shall be lawful for the Vestry or Board to pay to every such Officer such Salary as they think fit, and also to remove any such Officer at the Pleasure of such Vestry or Board.