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## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE:

TAKEN BEFORE THE

## ROYAL SANITARY COMMISSION.

Monday, 26th April 1869.

PRESENT:

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE CHARLES BOWYER ADDERLEY, M.P., IN THE CHAIR.

The EARL OF DUCIE.

The Right Hon. LORD ROBERT MONTAGU, M.P.

The Right Hon. RUSSELL GURNEY, M.P., Q.C.

The Right Hon. STEPHEN CAVE, M.P.

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FRANCIS THOMAS BIRCHAM, Esq.

(1.) TOM TAYLOR, Esq., examined.

1. (Chairman.) Will you state the office which you fill?—I am secretary of the Local Government Act Office, in connexion with the Home Office.

2. What is the relation of the Local Government Office to the Home Office?—The head of our office is the Home Secretary, and all our official acts are done in his name and through him, the powers which we administer under the Local Government Acts and the Sanitary and Sewage Utilization Acts being functions of the Home Office.

3. Have you any other functions besides those which arise under the Acts which you have named?—We have none which are imposed upon us by Acts of Parliament. We give opinions and advice on matters arising under the Nuisance Removal Acts, but that is not *ex officio*.

4. By what authority do you give advice under the Nuisance Removal Acts?—We do so because those matters come naturally within the functions which are imposed upon the office by Act of Parliament.

5. How long have you been connected with the office which you now occupy?—I began to work with the General Board of Health early in 1850. I have been acting ever since, without intermission, in the same work, in connexion with either the General Board of Health or the Local Government Act Office.

6. Is it a fact that the Board of Health ceased to exist in the year 1858, and that the Local Government Act Office commenced from that period?—The General Board of Health existed until 1854 in the form in which it was originally constituted, namely, a board consisting of the head of the Office of Works, or the Office of Woods and Works as it was then, an unpaid member and two paid members. In 1854 the original board expired and was succeeded by a board constituted of a president and *ex-officio* members, namely, the President and Vice-President of the Board of Trade, and the Principal Secretaries of State. That board continued to act from 1854 to 1858 when the distinct existence of the General Board of Health ceased, and its functions were transferred to the Home Office. From that time the work which we have done has been done through the Home Office, and as part of the work of the Home Office.

7. So that the change in 1858 was to transfer the central authority from the Board of Health to the Home Office?—Yes.

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8. And at that period the Local Government Act Office began to exist?—Yes, under that name; it continued in the same premises which it had occupied under the name of the General Board of Health, but its work has been done under the name of the Local Government Act Office from the year 1858.

9. So that you have not only been at the head of the Local Government Office ever since it first existed, but you are also acquainted with the proceedings relating to the Board of Health?—Yes, from 1850, in fact, continuously.

10. Will you state what have been the principal changes within your experience in the administration of these Acts?—As regards the central authority, I have already pointed out the principal change, namely, in 1854 from an office consisting of four members to one consisting of a single member, while in 1858 there was a total extinction of the separate General Board of Health, and a transfer of its work to the Home Office. From that time the Acts have continued to be administered by the Home Office. I may also state that within that time the Burial Acts have come into operation, which are also administered by the Home Office.

11. Through you?—Not through me, but through a separate inspector, that is to say through a separate branch of the Home Office. The work of sanitary inspection proper, which used to be carried on by the General Board of Health, has been transferred to the Medical Department of the Privy Council, which was created in 1858. Then a very important change in the central administration of sanitary law took place in 1866 when, what is called the Sanitary Act of 1866 was passed, the 49th section of which gives an appeal to the Home Secretary in all cases of default by local authorities administering general Acts for purposes of local improvement, whether the Local Government Act, the Sanitary Act, or the Nuisances Act.

12. Is the Act to which you have just referred the only Act which gives an appeal to the Home Secretary?—There are specific appeals on special points under the Local Government Act, but that is the only Act which gives a general appeal.

13. When you refer to the Burial Acts and the medical department, am I to understand you to say that with reference to those two particular subjects

Tom Taylor,  
Esq.

26 April 1869.