



Source 5

Task

5a How many people had signed the petition in Ormskirk?

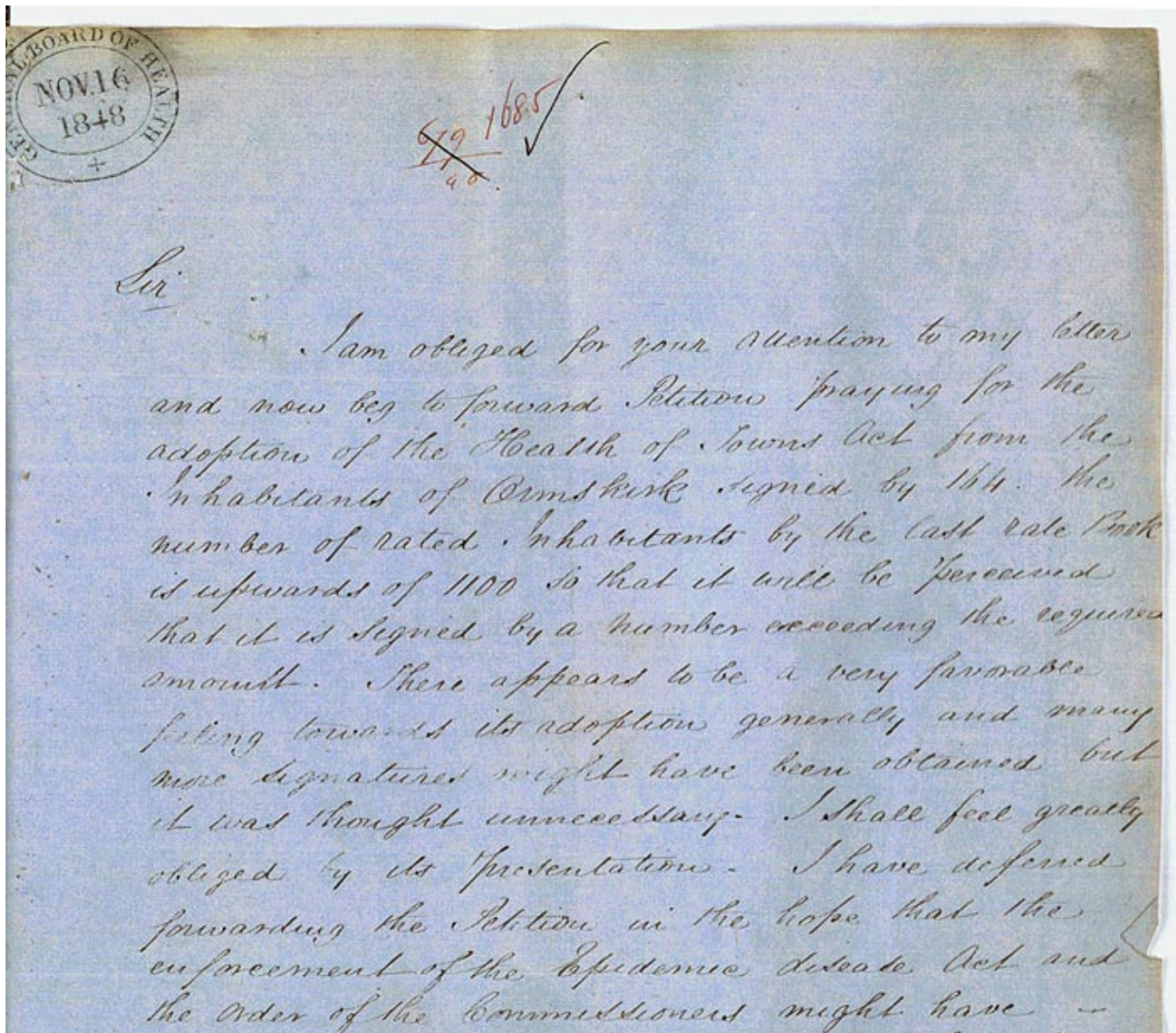
5b What are the reasons for sending the letter?

5c Which of the reasons would help prevent cholera? Which would not?



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This is a letter written by the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee of Ormskirk to the General Board of Health in 1848. Towns could ask the General Board to set up a Local Board, but at least ten percent of the ratepayers had to sign a petition. The General Board would then send an inspector to town to inspect the sanitary state of the town.





answered our purpose but perceiving that there is
 no apparent available power of dealing summarily
 with Irish Lodging Houses which have become from
 our proximity to Liverpool quite a pest to the Town
 it will avail little as a permanent remedy. The
 Town wants sewerage too and an ample supply of
 water without which no efficient Sanatory measure
 can be carried out. The attendance of an Officer
 as early as practicable is earnestly requested in
 the meantime. I will as Chairman of the Sanatory
 Committee under the directions of the Guardians work
 out the order of the Commissioners as far as practicable.
 I shall be glad to give all publicity to the intention
 of the officers attendance, to make the necessary enquiry
 and shall be glad of any information to enable me to assist
 him in his enquiries. Perhaps you will intimate whether
 the Surveying Officer will make the necessary enquiry
 for himself or he will expect the Inhabitants to be prepared
 with evidence for his consideration.

I am, Sir, Yours most obediently
 Wm. H. H. H.

Brinsford
 15th Oct. 1848

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