



Source 7

Task

7a. Why was this petition sent? What were the people objecting to?

7b. Why do they believe that a Local Board of Health is not needed?

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A petition sent by people in Ormskirk to the General Board of Health.

<http://www.learningcurve.gov.uk/victorianbritain/healthy/source7.htm>



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 To the Honourable
 The General Board of Health.

The humble petition of the owners of property and rate payers of the Township of Omskirk in the County of Lancashire.

That your Petitioners strongly object to the introduction of the public health Act into Omskirk inasmuch as the following grounds, i.e.

Inasmuch as the very great expense and burden it will be to the Omskirk ratepayers generally, and what they are unable to bear.

That there is a sufficient supply of good and pure water in the town, inasmuch that some of the Omskirk pumps and wells have been repaired and rendered useless.

That your Petitioners are fully convinced that the Omskirk, Omskirk, and Omskirk Acts of 1848 and 1850 are quite sufficient without the introduction of the public health Act of 1875, the local board will appoint a joint and proper person to inspect Omskirk, all nuisances in the town will immediately disappear.

That Omskirk is only 13 miles from Liverpool and a great number of poor Omskirk have come from there into Omskirk in a day's stage, and this accounts for the great number of deaths.

That your Petitioners are prepared to prove that the town of Omskirk is one of the cleanest towns in Lancashire, and also one of the most healthy.

That the evidence taken by Mr. Hamilton, who reports the insufficient supply of water is wholly false, and which your Petitioners are prepared to prove.

