Lowell Feb 3, 1840.

The Board held a special meeting

Doings of the Mr. Smith for the purpose of defining their duties

in relation to the case of Small Pox, which had

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mating a few days appeared in the City of the existence of which had been announced by their Chairman

as under his care. The Chairman remarked, that under the belief that all cases in relation to Small Pox had been referred by the Legislature of 1838

(which he believed had the general support) he had

felt that, in the two cases in which he had been personally called, the interference of the Board was not

necessary, that he was pursuing a strictly legal course

in permitting the subjects of them to remain in their

respective homes without consulting the Board, but that

from information derived from a report of a Joint Com

mittee of the present Legislature appointing to reconsider

the repealed sections of the 25th Chap. of the Revised

Statutes, he had learnt, that by this Board the duty of Boards of Health had only been modified

that the removal of S. P. patients had been made

detrimental instead of being obligatory upon them.

what is not that their duty to prepare Hospitals as before, to which, when it became expedient, such

patients were to be removed by them. Whereupon

on motion of Mr. Green, it was

Voted, that the Board do cordially and entirely

approve of the action of their Chairman in regard to the 2 cases of S. P. boarded to be without the

last few days he had been prudentially called

as the only true policy by which to secure the ex-

termination of the disease as being in their opin

ion a certain coincidence with the intention of the

Legislature of 1838 in the repealment of all the

sections of the 21st Chap. of the Revised Statutes

which had reference to S. P. if they recommend

that he pursue a similar course in relation to