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Britain: Health and the people: c1000 to the present day

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A cartoon titled ‘Let the safety of the people be the supreme law’ published in 1832.

It shows John Vaughan, the owner of the Southwark Water Works, whose factory supplied water from the Thames to South London. He was often mocked as ‘The King of the Scented Streams’.

The Thames is shown at low tide, and Vaughan is sitting on top of the water intake that supplied his water works from the river. He has an upturned chamber pot for a hat and is carrying a trident with the remains of dead animals hanging from its points. In his other hand is a cup spilling brown liquid.

People are lining the river bank and some are shown as calling out the following:

‘Give us clean water! Give us pure water!’

‘What torrents of filth come from that sewer!’

‘What! Do they drink that?’

‘We shall all have cholera.’

‘It makes me sick!’

Let the safety of the people be the supreme law



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