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THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

TOWN OF WHITEHEAD.

17 & 18 Vic., c. 103.

WHEREAS the town of Whitehead is a town having Commissioners under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, and is situated in and forms part of the rural district of Larne, the Union of Larne, and the adminstrative county of Antrim:

And whereas the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland (in this Order referred to as "the Ministry") has received a petition from local government electors within the said town of Whitehead praying that the said town may be separated from the rural district of Larne and be constituted an urban sanitary district:

And whereas the Ministry has caused a local inquiry to be made as to the propriety of assenting to the prayer of the said petition, and it appears to the Ministry to be proper to assent thereto:

41 & 42 Vic., c. 52.

Now, therefore, the Ministry, in exercise of the powers vested in it by section seven of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, and by certain enactments in the Local Government Acts (Northern Ireland), 1898 to 1924, and of all other powers enabling it, hereby orders and directs as follows:—

1. (1) The provisions of the following articles of this Order shall come into operation on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, unless within three months from the date on which this Order is published in the "Belfast Gazette," the Ministry receives a petition against the Order from at least one-fourth of the local government electors within the town of White-

head or from the Board of Guardians of the Larne Union or from the Council of the Larne rural district.

- (2) If any such petition is so received by the Ministry as aforesaid, and this Order is confirmed by Parliament, the provisions of the following articles of this Order shall come into operation on the first day of April or first day of October next after such confirmation, whichever is the earlier date.
- (3) If any such petition, having been so received by the Ministry as aforesaid, is withdrawn before the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, the foregoing provisions of this article shall have effect in like manner as if the petition had not been received.
- 2. The town of Whitehead shall be separated from the rural district of Larne in the administrative county of Antrim, and shall be constituted an urban sanitary district (hereinafter called "the urban district of Whitehead"), subject to the provisions of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1918, as amended by the provisions of the Local Government Acts (Northern Ireland), 1898 to 1924, affecting sanitary districts.
- 3. There shall be transferred to the urban sanitary authority of the urban district of Whitehead (in this Order referred to as "the urban district council"):—
 - (a) The business of the rural district council of Larne in relation to public works as defined by the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, so far as respects the area of the said urban districts;
 - (b) The business of the county council of the administrative county of Antrim (so far as respects the area of the said urban district)