

necessary We may re-adjust the representation of the foresaid Town Councils on the Joint Committee.

*Tenure of Office of Members.*

(5)—The said members to be appointed by the said District Committees shall be appointed at the first meetings of these Committees held after the trienna lection of County Councillors takes place; the said members to be appointed by the said Town Councils shall be appointed at meetings of the said Town Councils in the month of November. Each of the said members to be appointed by the said District Committees shall hold office for the period of three years from the date of his appointment, or for such shorter period as he shall remain a member of the Committee appointing him; and each of the said members of the said Town Councils shall hold office for one year from the date of his appointment, or for such shorter period as he shall remain a member of the Town Council appointing him. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-appointment. The names and addresses of the said members shall, immediately after their respective appointments, be intimated to the Clerk of the Joint Committee by the Clerks of the District Committees and Town Councils making the respective appointments.

*Filling up Vacancies.*

(6)—In the event of any vacancy occurring in the Joint Committee from any cause, the District Committee, or the Town Council, as the case may be, in whose representation the vacancy has occurred, may fill up the same *ad interim*, and upon such interim appointment being made, the name and address of the member so appointed shall be intimated to the Clerk of the Joint Committee. Each of the members appointed *ad interim* shall hold office till the first ensuing triennial or annual appointment, as the case may be, of members of the Joint Committee by the District Committee or Town Council whose representative he is, or for such shorter period as he may remain a member of the District Committee or Town Council appointing him.

*Appointment of First Representatives.*

(7)—The first appointment of members of the Joint Committee shall be made as early as practicable after the date of this Order, by the said District Committee and Town Councils, in as nearly as may be the manner above provided in regard to triennial and annual appointments of said members; the names and addresses of the said members so first appointed shall be intimated to the Clerk of the Perth District Committee, who shall convene the first meeting of the Joint Committee, to be held at Perth; each of the members so first appointed by the said District Committees shall, if he remains a member of the District Committee appointing him, hold office till the month of December in the year in which the next election of County Councillors, after the date of this Order, takes place, when representatives of the said District Committee shall be appointed for the then ensuing three years; and each of the members so first appointed by the said Town Councils shall, if he remain a member of the Town Council appointing him, hold

office till the month of November in the year 1918, when representatives of the said Town Councils shall be appointed for the then ensuing year.

*Quorum.*

(8)—The quorum of the Joint Committee shall, unless that Committee otherwise determine, be three members. The Joint Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy or vacancies caused by insufficient appointment of members or otherwise, provided that a quorum exists.

*Annual Meeting—Election of Chairman, &c.*

(9)—A general meeting of the Joint Committee shall be held annually on such date in the month of January or February as the Committee shall determine. At that general meeting, or some adjournment thereof, the members shall elect one of their member to be chairman for the year then ensuing, and another to be vice-chairman for the same period: Provided that at the first meeting of the Joint Committee convened in terms of Article 2 (7), the members shall elect one of their number to be chairman for the period till the first annual general meeting in terms hereof, and another to be vice-chairman for the same period.

*Meetings and Powers of Joint Committee.*

(10)—The Joint Committee shall meet for the despatch of business at such other times and at such place or places as they may from time to time fix. They shall have power (1) to make Standing Orders regulating their proceedings and business; (2) to fix the quorum for meetings; (3) to appoint such sub-committees as they may from time to time consider necessary; (4) to appoint a clerk (who may also be treasurer), and such other officers and servants as may be considered necessary, and to pay them such salaries as the Joint Committee may from time to time think proper; and (5) to delegate to the sub-committees and officers so appointed such of their powers as they may see fit.

(11)—The decisions of the Joint Committee shall not be subject to the review of any of the Combining Authorities.

*Finance—Basis of Contributions—Requisition for Funds.*

Article 3 (1)—The whole expenditure incurred by or under the authority of the Joint Committee in carrying out the Regulations referred to in Article 1 hereof, under deduction of the sums received by them from Government Grant and other sources, shall be defrayed by the Combining Authorities in proportion to the populations of their respective districts according to the latest available Census Returns.

(2)—The Joint Committee shall, between the 15th day of May and the 15th day of June in each year, prepare an estimate of their expenditure under this Article during the year to the 15th day of May succeeding, and shall, not later than 15th June, transmit a copy of such estimate to each of the Combining Authorities, and shall at same time certify to each of such Combining Authorities the proportion of the total estimated expenditure falling to be defrayed by them.

(3)—The Joint Committee shall fix (a) the date in each year on or before which the proportions of the amount of the estimated expendi-