

of the said Act, in accordance with the provision aforesaid.

Now I, the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby, in virtue of the powers contained in the said section, declare the said Council of the borough of Neath to be a Local Authority for the purposes of the said Act.

Richard Assheton Cross.

Whitehall, June 19; 1876.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875.

BYE-LAWS AS TO HOUSES LET IN LODGINGS.

WHEREAS application has been made to the Local Government Board by the Guardians of the Poor of the Sunderland Union, in the county of Durham, being the Sanitary Authority for the Rural Sanitary District of the said Union, to declare, by notice to be published in the London Gazette, the enactment contained in the 90th section of the Public Health Act, 1875, to be in force within the township of Ford, which is included within the district of the said Rural Sanitary Authority.

Now, therefore, we, the Local Government Board, do hereby give notice and declare, that the said enactment is in force within the township of Ford aforesaid.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board this 19th day of June, 1876.



(Signed) *John Lambert,*
Secretary,
Acting on behalf of the said
Board, under the authority
of a General Order dated the
13th day of August, 1873.

[Bridgwater] Union.—Parish of North Petherton.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of North Petherton, in the County of Somerset;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS the population of the parish of North Petherton, in the county of Somerset, according to the last census, exceeds two thousand persons:

And whereas at a Meeting of the Vestry of the said parish, pursuant to public notice in that behalf, on Monday, the 27th day of March, 1876, it was resolved,—

“That an application be made by the Churchwardens to the Poor Law Commissioners to make an Order that the Statute 13 and 14 “Vict., c. 57, be put in force within the parish, with the view of the appointment of a Vestry Clerk therein.”

And whereas the Churchwardens of the said parish have made application in writing to the Local Government Board, pursuant to the above resolution:

Now therefore, we, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given by the Statutes in that behalf, hereby order as follows:

ARTICLE I.—So much of the Act passed in the fourteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled “An Act to prevent the holding of Vestry or other Meetings in Churches, and for regulating the Appointment of Vestry Clerks,” as relates to the appointment of a Vestry Clerk,

shall forthwith be applied to and be put in force in the said parish of North Petherton.

ARTICLE II.—The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said parish shall pay to the person for the time being appointed to the office of Vestry Clerk under the provisions of the above-mentioned Act and of this Order a salary at the rate of five pounds per annum, or such other remuneration for the performance of the duties of that office as the Local Government Board may from time to time direct or approve.

ARTICLE III.—Such remuneration, in the case of an annual salary, shall be considered as accruing from day to day, and be apportionable in respect of time accordingly, in pursuance of the provisions of “The Apportionment Act, 1870,” and shall be paid quarterly on the 24th day of June, the 29th day of September, the 25th day of December, and the 25th day of March, in each year.

ARTICLE IV.—A copy of this Order shall be published in the London Gazette.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this twelfth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

G. Solater-Booth, President.

Thos. Salt, Secretary.

In Parliament.—Session 1876.

Metropolis Gas (Surrey Side).

Amendment or Repeal (wholly or in part) of Acts relating to the Phoenix Gas Light and Coke Company, the London Gas Light Company, the Surrey Consumers Gas Company, and the South Metropolitan Gas Light and Coke Company, and of the “Metropolis Gas Act, 1860,” and “City of London Gas Act, 1868;” Powers of Amalgamation; Definition and Alteration of the Capitals and Dividends of the Companies; Power to raise Additional Capital; Alteration of Price of Gas; Uniformity in the Districts of the Companies as to Price, Illuminating Power, and Purity of Gas; and other purposes.

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the present session for leave to introduce a Bill, and to pass an Act, to effect the objects following, or some of them, that is to say:—

1. To alter, amend, and so far as may be necessary to repeal all or some of the Acts of Parliament (Local and Personal) relating to the Phoenix Gas Light and Coke Company, the London Gas Light Company, the Surrey Consumers Gas Company, and the South Metropolitan Gas Light and Coke Company (hereinafter referred to as “the Companies”), and so far as it is practicable to place those Companies under the same or similar Parliamentary regulations with respect to the price, illuminating power, and quality of the gas supplied by them respectively, and to enable those Companies, or any of them, to amalgamate their undertakings upon such terms and conditions as they may agree upon and as shall be sanctioned by Parliament.

2. To alter, regulate, and define the share capital and borrowing powers of the Companies, and to enable the Companies, or any or either of them, to raise additional capital with or without preference or priority in the payment of dividends, or otherwise, and subject to such restrictions and conditions as shall be defined in the intended Act.

3. To alter the rates of dividend and interest payable by the Companies, and to alter the profits