

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT, 1876.

GENERAL ORDER of the Local Government Board: Applications to Relief Committees for School Fees.

To the Guardians of the Poor of the several Unions named in the Schedule to this Order ;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by certain General Orders, bearing date the 22nd day of March, 1877, and the 4th day of June, 1877, addressed, amongst others, to the Guardians of the Poor of each of the unions named in the schedule to this Order, the Local Government Board made regulations with respect to the proceedings of the Guardians under the Elementary Education Act, 1876, by reason whereof all applications by parents, not being paupers, for payment of school fees, whether made directly to the Guardians or through an Inquiry Officer, are exclusively controlled and managed by the Guardians of the Union sitting as a Board ;

And whereas the Guardians of the said several Unions are empowered by the Orders of the Poor Law Commissioners, the Poor Law Board and the Local Government Board, respectively, to appoint a Committee or Committees for the purpose hearing and determining applications for relief, and it is expedient that the Committee or Committees so appointed, hereinafter termed the Relief Committee or Relief Committees, should be authorized to deal with the applications made as aforesaid for the payment of school fees :

Now therefore, we, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given by the Statutes in that behalf, hereby order as follows ; that is to say,—

ARTICLE I.—The Guardians of the Poor of each of the Unions named in the schedule to this Order may, if they think fit to do so, authorize the Relief Committee or Committees who are appointed or may be appointed by them, to deal with all applications for payment of school fees on account of parents, not being paupers, residing or being in the district, or part of the district, which may have been so assigned to such Committee or Committees ; and such Committee or Committees shall thereupon hear and determine all such applications, and give all directions respecting the continuance of the payment of the fees, in such manner as the Guardians, acting as a Board, are now or may hereafter be authorized to do.

Provided that nothing in this Order contained shall at any time prevent the Guardians acting as a Board from rescinding or altering any order of such Relief Committee or Relief Committees in regard to school fees not previously paid, or from considering and deciding on any application from any parent as aforesaid, or determining on the continuance or cessation of any weekly or other fee which shall not have been actually paid.

ARTICLE II.—Whenever the Guardians of a Union give authority to the Relief Committee or Committees in pursuance of Article I of this Order, the following Regulations shall take effect :—

No. 1.—Each Inquiry Officer whose district or any part thereof is assigned to a Relief Committee shall submit to the Committee at every meeting the School Fees Application and Report Book, which he is required to keep by the General Order of the Local Government Board first above-recited ; and a note of the decision or direction of the Committee upon every application for school fees, whether made through an Inquiry Officer or directly

to the Relief Committee, shall be inserted at the meeting of the Committee in the proper columns of such book, and authenticated in the proper column by the initials of one of the members of the Committee, or of the Clerk or the Assistant Clerk to the Board of Guardians.

No. 2.—A School Fees Order Book according to the form prescribed by the General Order of the Local Government Board first above recited shall be kept for the use of each Relief Committee ; and the first four columns in such book shall, as far as practicable, be entered up by the Clerk or the Assistant Clerk before each meeting of the Committee, and the remaining columns, containing the particulars of the decisions or directions of the Committee, shall be filled up at the meeting by one of the members of the Committee, or by the Clerk or the Assistant Clerk.

No. 3.—The School Fees Order Book, filled up as above required and signed by the Clerk or the Assistant Clerk, shall be laid before the Board of Guardians at their ordinary meeting held on the same day as the sitting of the Relief Committee, or at their next ordinary meeting after such sitting, as may be more convenient ; and thereupon the Clerk shall enter on the minutes of the Board of Guardians the fact of the same having been so laid before them.

ARTICLE III.—In this Order,—

The term "Guardians" includes any body of persons performing the functions of Guardians within the meaning of the Acts relating to the relief of the Poor.

The term "Union" means any Union or Incorporation of Parishes under any General or Local Act, and any single Parish having Guardians as above defined, under any General or Local Act.

SCHEDULE.

Altrincham.	Depwade.
Ashton-under-Lyne.	Durham.
Barnsley.	Edmonton.
Barrow-upon-Soar.	Ely.
Barton Regis.	Fulham.
Barton-upon-Irwell.	Fylde, The
Basford.	Glanford Brigg.
Bedminster.	Glossop.
Belper.	Great Yarmouth.
Biggleswade.	Greenwich.
Birmingham.	Hackney.
Blackburn.	Halifax.
Blything.	Haslingden.
Bodmin.	Hexham.
Bolton.	Hitchin.
Bradford (York).	Holborn.
Bramley.	Huddersfield.
Burnley.	Huntingdon.
Burton-upon-Trent.	Keighley.
Bury.	Kingston.
Cambridge.	Lancaster.
Cardiff.	Leigh.
Carlisle.	Lexden and Winstree.
Chelmsford.	Linton.
Chester.	Liskeard.
Chesterton.	Loughborough.
Chippenham.	Luton.
Chorley.	Maidstone.
Chorlton.	Maldon.
Clitheroe.	Manchester.
Colchester.	Mansfield.
Cosford.	Monmouth.
Coventry.	Morpeth.