

2nd Midlothian and Peebles, The undermentioned Officers resign their Commissions:—

Captain Ebenezer Dawson, jun. Dated 20th December, 1882.

Lieutenant Charles Scutar France. Dated 20th December, 1882.

1st Stirlingshire, Captain John MacEwen resigns his Commission; also is permitted to retain his rank, and to continue to wear the uniform of the Corps on his retirement. Dated 20th December, 1882.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875 (38 Vic., c. 17).

WHEREAS by Section 68 of the above-named Act, it is provided as follows:—

"The Council of any Borough which is assessed to the county rate of any county by the Justices of such county, and the Commissioners of any Improvement District, may, by order of a Secretary of State made upon the application of such Council or Commissioners, and published in the London Gazette, be declared to be a Local Authority for the purposes of this Act, and thereupon shall become a Local Authority accordingly for such part of their borough or district as is not included in any harbour, to the exclusion of the Justices in Petty Sessions:—"

And whereas an application has been made to me by the Town Council of St. Albans, in the county of Hertford, to be declared a Local Authority for the purposes of the said Act, in accordance with the provision aforesaid.

Now I, the Right Honourable Sir William Vernon Harcourt, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby, in virtue of the powers contained in the said section, declare the said Town Council of St. Albans to be a Local Authority for the purposes of the said Act.

W. V. Harcourt.

Whitehall, December 15, 1882.

Treasury Chambers, December 16, 1882.

THE Secretary of State for the Home Department, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, hereby gives notice that the undermentioned situation in the Scotch Prison Service is added to Schedule B of the Order in Council of the 4th of June, 1870, viz.:—

Female Scripture Reader in Glasgow Prison.

GENERAL ORDER of the Local Government Board: Regulations with respect to Casual Paupers.

To the Guardians of the Poor of the several Unions in England and Wales for the time being;

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by a General Order dated the 22nd day of November, 1871, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of Section 6 of the "Pauper Inmates Discharge and Regulation Act, 1871," prescribed Regulations with reference to Casual Paupers;

And whereas the said Act has been amended by the "Casual Poor Act, 1882," and it is expedient that the said Order should be rescinded to the extent hereinafter specified, and that other Regulations should be substituted for those contained in that Order;

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by

the several Statutes in that behalf, hereby Order as follows:

Art. 1.—The said Order dated the 22nd day of November, 1871, shall be rescinded on the 31st day of December, 1882, except so far as that Order rescinded other Orders.

Art. 2.—The following Regulations shall take effect on and after the 1st day of January, 1883, with regard to the several Unions in England and Wales for the time being.

Admission.

Art. 3.—A Casual Pauper shall not be admitted into any Casual Ward except upon an Order signed either—

By a Relieving Officer or an Assistant Relieving Officer,

Or, in cases of sudden and urgent necessity, by an Overseer.

Provided as follows:

1. The Master of the Workhouse (or during his absence or inability to act, the Matron,) or the Superintendent of the Casual Ward shall admit any Casual Pauper without an Order, where the case appears to be one of sudden or urgent necessity.
2. The Master or Matron of any Workhouse or the Superintendent of any Casual Ward in the Metropolis shall admit without an Order any person brought to the Casual Ward by a Constable, in pursuance of Section 4 of the "Metropolitan Houseless Poor Act, 1865," if there be room for him in such Ward.
3. Where a person is refused admission to a Casual Ward, a record of the name of the applicant and of the circumstances under which he was refused admission shall be entered by the Master, Matron, or Superintendent in a Book, and laid before the Guardians at their next Meeting.

Art. 4.—The following regulations, subject, however, as regards the Metropolis, to the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 of the "Metropolitan Houseless Poor Act, 1865," shall be observed with respect to Orders of Admission:—

1. The Order shall, in addition to any other particulars which may be required, show the hour and place at which it was given:
2. The Order shall be available only on the day on which it was issued:
3. The Order shall not be available for admission earlier than four o'clock in the afternoon during the months between October and March, both inclusive, or earlier than six o'clock in the afternoon during the months between April and September, both inclusive, nor unless it is presented within a reasonable time after it has been obtained, except where at the time of the presentation of the Order, the Master or Matron of the Workhouse, or the Superintendent of the Casual Ward may consider the case to be one of sudden or urgent necessity.

Art. 5.—Every Casual Pauper shall immediately upon admission be searched, in the case of a male, by or under the inspection of the Master or other Male Officer, and in the case of a female, by or under the inspection of the Matron or other Female Officer, and all articles which may be found upon the person of such pauper shall be taken away, and (except as regards any money which may be dealt with in the manner prescribed by Section 10 of the "Poor Law Amendment Act, 1848,") shall be restored to him at the time of his discharge.

Art. 6.—Every Casual Pauper shall, as soon as practicable after his admission, be cleansed in a