

William Dunkley Paine, Esq., late Lieutenant-Colonel, to be Honorary Colonel. Dated 19th September, 1883.

1st *Sutherland (Highland)*, Lieutenant John Mac-Kintosh to be Captain. Dated 19th September, 1883.

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 Council of the borough of Bootle-cum-Linacre, 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 Council of the borough of Bootle-cum-Linacre, to be a Local Authority for the purposes of the said Act. *W. V. Harcourt.*

Whitehall, September 13, 1883.

GENERAL ORDER of the Local Government Board. Poor Law Conferences.

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 Section 2 of the Poor Law Conferences Act, 1883, contains the following enactment;

“The Guardians of any Union may, when empowered by and subject to any regulations made by the Local Government Board (which regulations the said Board is hereby authorised from time to time to make, vary, or rescind), pay the reasonable expenses of any Guardian or Guardians, or Clerk to the Guardians, incurred in attending any conference of Guardians held for the purpose of discussing any matter which is connected with the duties which devolve on them, and any reasonable expenses incurred in purchasing reports of the proceedings of any such conference, and may charge the amount to their Common Fund, or, if they have no Common Fund, to the Fund under their control.”

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board do, by this Our Order, empower the Guardians of the Poor of the several Unions in England and Wales to pay the reasonable expenses incurred in attending any such conference as is mentioned in the above-recited Section, and in purchasing reports of the proceedings of any such conference, subject to the following regulations:

(1.) The expenses incurred in attending a conference shall only be paid in respect of attendance at the Central Conference held in London, or at a Conference convened for a

District including the Union from which the persons attending as representatives are sent, and held at a place distant not more than one hundred miles from such Union.

(2.) The attendance at any conference of a Guardian, or Guardians, or the Clerk to the Guardians of any Union, shall be expressly authorised by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Guardians of such Union, a written or printed notice that the proposal is to be considered at that meeting having been sent, by post or otherwise, to each Guardian not less than four days prior to the date of the meeting; and where the attendance of more than one Guardian is authorised, the number of Guardians authorised to attend shall be specified in the resolution.

(3.) The maximum number of Guardians authorised to attend any conference shall be three, and in the case of the Central Conference held in London only one Guardian shall be authorised to attend from any Union which is at a distance of more than fifty miles from the place of meeting.

(4.) The number of copies which may be purchased by the Guardians of any Union of the Report of the Central Conference, or of any conference for a District including the Union, shall be such as the Guardians of the Union may, by resolution, determine.

In this Order—

The expression “Union” means a union of Parishes under a General or Local Act with a separate Board of Guardians, and includes a parish for which there is a separate Board of Guardians.

The expression “Guardians” means Guardians appointed under the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1834, and the Acts amending the same, and includes Guardians or other body of persons performing under any Local Act the like functions as Guardians under the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1834.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this seventeenth day of September, in the year One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.



Charles W. Dilke,
President.

Hugh Owen, Secretary.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 255.)—NORTH SEA—NETHERLANDS.

Hook of Holland Canal—Withdrawal of Wreck Buoy, and Re-exhibition of Leading Lights.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 208, of 21st July, 1883, on intended removal of wrecks, and re-exhibition of leading lights at the Hook of Holland Canal Entrance:—

The Netherlands Government has given further notice, dated 18th August, 1883, that the wreck of the dredger is removed, and that there is a depth of 19½ feet at ordinary low water over the position. The work of removing the wreck of the “Anastasia” will now be commenced, and consequently, on or about 18th August, 1883, the buoy, showing a red light, would be withdrawn.

Also, that on the same date, the red leading lights would be re-exhibited, but from new buildings on the north shore.

The high (eastern) light is shown from Spanjaards Sand Hill, northward of the houses; it is