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THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACT, 1882.

THE following Scheme for the adjustment of the property, rights, liabilities &c. of the Local Board of Rawtenstall and for other purposes, as settled by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, is published in pursuance of the Municipal Corporations Act:—

“WHEREAS, by the Municipal Corporations Acts, 1882 and 1885, it is enacted that where a Petition for a Charter of Incorporation is referred to a Committee of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and it is proposed by the Charter to extend the Municipal Corporations Acts to the Municipal Borough to be created by the Charter the said Committee of Council may settle a scheme for the purposes in the said Acts named and containing such provisions as are in the said Acts particularized.

“And whereas certain inhabitant householders of the Local Government District of Rawtenstall, in the county of Lancaster, petitioned Her Majesty the Queen praying for the grant of a Charter of Incorporation.

“And whereas the said petition for a Charter was referred to the Committee of Council and it was proposed by the Charter to extend the Municipal Corporations Acts to the Municipal Borough to be created by the Charter.

“And whereas by a Royal Charter a District co-extensive with the Local Government District of Rawtenstall then consisting of the township of Cowpe-Lenches, New-Hall-Hey and Hall-Carr and parts of the townships of Higher-Booths, Lower-Booths, Haslingden; Newchurch, and Tottington-Higher-End has been created a Municipal Borough by the name of the Borough of Rawtenstall and the said Charter extended the Municipal Corporations Acts to the said Borough of Rawtenstall.

“And whereas in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four under and by virtue of the Local Government Act, 1858, and the various Acts amending the same the Local Board for the Local Government District of Rawtenstall (hereinafter called the Local Board) was duly constituted and became invested with various powers and duties and the same became and was under the Public Health Act, 1875, the Urban Sanitary Authority for the said Local Government District of Rawtenstall and the said Local Government

District from the time of the creation thereof until the extension thereof in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three as hereinafter mentioned consisted of the District of Rawtenstall.

“And whereas under and by virtue of an Order in Council bearing date the thirteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, hereinafter referred to as ‘the Order of 1875’ the said Local Board became a Burial Board for the then existing district of such Local Board hereinafter referred to as ‘the Burial Board Area.’

“And whereas under and by virtue of ‘The Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Act, 1883’ (in this Scheme referred to as ‘the Act of 1883’) and the Rawtenstall Order thereto scheduled (hereinafter called the Order of 1883) the Local Government District of Rawtenstall was extended so as to include the whole of the district which was created a Municipal Borough by Charter as above mentioned and was divided into three Wards, viz.:—The North Ward, the Central Ward, and the East Ward.

“And whereas the Burial Board Area is co-extensive with the said Central Ward of the Local Government District of Rawtenstall and with the area made up of Ward No. 1 or Central Ward South and Ward No. 2 or Central Ward North being two of the Wards into which the Borough of Rawtenstall is by the said Charter divided.

“And whereas after the making of ‘the Order of 1875’ the said ‘Local Board’ acting as such Burial Board as aforesaid were empowered to and did construct and maintain a burial ground for the Burial Board Area.

“And whereas by the Act of 1883 the six members of the Local Board from time to time representing the said Central Ward were constituted the Burial Board for the Burial Board Area and were to be deemed to be a Burial Board elected under the Burial Acts for the time being in force (which Board is for convenience hereinafter called the Central Ward Burial Board) and all the powers, rights, duties, capacities, liabilities, obligations, and property which prior to the Order of 1883 were exercisable by or attaching to or vested in the Rawtenstall Local Board acting as a Burial Board under the said Order of 1875 were passed to and vested in the Central Ward Burial Board and other and further provisions were made in the said Act and whereas the said liabilities transferred as afore-