

The undermentioned Quartermasters and Honorary Captains, retired pay, are granted the honorary rank of Major. Dated 25th November, 1891 :—

Patrick O'Leary.
Richard Croisdale.

RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Honorary Major W. N. Conyers-d'Arcy, late Captain, 3rd Battalion, the King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry), to be Captain. Dated 25th November, 1891.

GENERAL ORDER of the Local Government Board: 4 and 5 Will. IV, c. 76, s. 40: Mode of taking Votes of Ratepayers and Owners of Property :—

To the Overseers of the Poor of the several Parishes in England and Wales ;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by Section 40 of the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1834 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1834"), it is enacted that wherever the consent of the Owners of Property or Ratepayers in any Parish shall be required for any of the purposes of that Act, except when otherwise expressly provided for in that Act, the votes of such Owners and Ratepayers shall be given or taken in writing, collected, and returned in such manner as the Poor Law Commissioners (now the Local Government Board) shall direct ;

And whereas by Section 3 of the Union and Parish Property Act, 1835 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1835"), it is provided that no sale or exchange or letting of any Workhouses, Tenements, Buildings, or Land of any Parish shall take place by virtue of the powers contained in that Section, except with the consent of a majority of the Ratepayers of such Parish, and of the Owners of Property therein, entitled to vote under and by virtue of the Act of 1834, assembled at a Meeting to be duly convened and held for the purpose, after public notice of the time and place and purpose of holding such Meeting shall have been given in like manner as Notices of Vestry Meetings are published and given, such majority to be ascertained in manner provided by the Act of 1834 ; but by Section 8 of the Poor Law Act, 1889, (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1889"), it is provided that no consent other than that of the Local Government Board shall be required to the sale or exchange or letting by the Board of Guardians of any Separate Parish of any Workhouse, Tenements, Buildings, or Land belonging to such Parish ;

And whereas by virtue of Section 1 of the Sale of Exhausted Parish Lands Act, 1876, the consent of the Ratepayers and Owners of Property in the Parish, as set forth in Section 3 of the Act of 1835, is required to the sale of Land allotted to or otherwise acquired by a Parish, for the purpose of the supply of materials for the repair of the public roads and highways in such Parish, and also for the repair of private roads therein, or for some other purpose, public or private, the materials in which Land are exhausted, or are not suitable or required ;

And whereas in cases where the consent of the Owners of Property and Ratepayers in a Parish is required to be given to a conveyance of Land belonging to a Parish under the provisions of Section 7 of the Open Spaces Act, 1887, the same is to be given in manner provided by the Act of 1835 ;

Now therefore, in pursuance of the powers

given to Us by the Statutes in that behalf, We, the Local Government Board, by this Our Order, direct that whenever the consent of Ratepayers of a Parish, or part of a Parish, and of Owners of Property therein, is required to the sale, exchange, letting, grant, or conveyance of any Workhouses, Tenements, Buildings, Land, or Property of such Parish, or of any part of such Parish, under the provisions of the Act of 1835, as amended by the Act of 1889, the Sale of Exhausted Parish Lands Act, 1876, or the Open Spaces Act, 1887, the votes of such Ratepayers or Owners shall be given or taken in writing, collected, and returned in manner following ; that is to say,—

ARTICLE I.—The Overseers of the Poor of the Parish to which or to part of which the property belongs shall cause public notice of the time, place, and purpose of holding the Meeting, according to a Form to be supplied by Us, to be given in like manner as Notices of Vestry Meetings are published and given.

ARTICLE II.—On the day appointed for the holding of the Meeting, a Resolution according to a Form to be supplied by Us, having been duly proposed and seconded, and entered in a book to be provided for the purpose by the Overseers, the Ratepayers and Owners of Property lawfully entitled to vote on the question, and desirous of voting, shall write their names in such book, on alternate pages whereof the affirmative and the negative of the proposal shall respectively be written, and at the close of the Meeting the number of votes entered therein, calculated according to the scale of votes by law allowed in this behalf, shall be cast up by the Overseers, and the Chairman of such Meeting shall, at the hour appointed for closing the Meeting, declare the said proposal to be carried or lost, according as there may be a majority of the votes in the affirmative or in the negative, unless some Ratepayer or Owner of Property lawfully entitled to vote shall demand that the voting be continued for another day, in which case the Chairman shall adjourn the Meeting to such hour of such day and to such place as he shall determine, and he shall, at the time of the adjournment, fix and announce the hour at which the voting will close.

ARTICLE III.—At the adjourned Meeting the persons entitled to vote and desirous of voting shall record their votes in the said book in manner aforesaid ; and, at such hour in the afternoon of that day as shall have been fixed as aforesaid, the voting shall be closed, and the number of votes, calculated as aforesaid, shall be cast up by the Overseers, and the Chairman of the adjourned Meeting shall declare the proposal to be carried or lost, according as there may be a majority of the total number of votes in the affirmative or in the negative.

ARTICLE IV.—Any person voting, if unable to write his or her name, shall make his or her mark in the said book, which mark shall be attested by the Chairman of the Meeting or by one of the Overseers.

ARTICLE V.—The Overseers shall, as soon as practicable after the result has been declared by the Chairman, communicate it to Us.

ARTICLE VI.—The term "Parish" means any place for which a separate poor rate is or can be made, or for which a separate Overseer is or can be appointed, and for the purposes of the Sale of Exhausted Parish Lands Act, 1876, shall mean a Parish as defined by Section 7 of that Act.

The term "Overseers" includes any person or body of persons performing the duties of Over-