

Widnes, and all sums of money respectively payable to, from, or out of, and all liabilities charged upon or attaching to the said general district fund or general district rate shall be paid to, from, or out of, and shall be charged upon the said district fund and general district rate leviable in the said borough respectively.

" 12. The power of appointing two Governors of the said Foundation known as the Farnworth Grammar School, conferred upon the Local Board by the recited scheme, shall vest in and be exercisable by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said borough acting by the Council.

" 13. Any investigation, legal proceeding, or remedy in respect of any debt, liability, penalty, or forfeiture due to or incurred by or on behalf of the Local Board before the commencement of this Scheme may be continued, prosecuted, or enforced by or against the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said borough acting by the Council as the Sanitary Authority thereof.

" 14. The provisions of this Scheme shall be taken to be in addition to and not in derogation of the provisions of section 310 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

" 15. The accounts of the said Local Board and of their officers shall be (as soon as conveniently may be) audited by the district auditor in like manner and subject to the like powers, duties, provisions, and right of appeal as if the Charter had not been granted; the provisions of Sections two hundred and forty-seven and two hundred and fifty of the Public Health Act, 1875, as amended by the District Auditors Act, 1879, and any regulations duly issued by the Local Government Board with respect to the audit of accounts of Local Boards and of their officers, shall apply to such audit; and the provisions of this scheme, with respect to the Local Board, shall be construed so as to admit of such exceptions as may be necessary to enable such audit to be duly made; but such exceptions shall be strictly limited in time, character, and operation to the purposes of such audit; any sums certified to be due from any person by the district auditor, shall be paid by such person to the Treasurer of the said Borough.

" 16. In case any of the officers of the Local Board who shall have been employed by them for a period of at least five years shall not be employed by the Council of the said Borough, nor offered by the said Council a position in their employ of a similar character and of an equal value to that formerly held by him, he shall be entitled to be paid, by way of compensation for the loss of his position, out of the funds of or under the control of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Widnes, acting by the Council as the Urban Sanitary Authority for the said Municipal Borough, such annual allowance or such gratuity as on a full consideration of the circumstances of the case may seem to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to be a reasonable and just compensation for the loss of his position; and the said Commissioners in awarding the said compensation shall be guided by the principles which would be applicable in the case of an award of compensation under the provisions of the Superannuation Act, 1853, to a person retiring or removed from the public service in consequence of the abolition of his office, provided that no special minute within the meaning of the said Act stating any special grounds for granting such allowance shall be necessary or be made, and provided nevertheless that if any such officer be so employed by the said Council and discharged by them for any

other cause than inefficiency, breach of duty, or misconduct, within two years after the commencement of this scheme, he shall be entitled to compensation in the same manner as if he had not been employed by the said Council. Provided also that the term 'Officer' shall include only all salaried persons employed by the said Local Board whose salaries or emoluments are payable at intervals of not less than one month. Provided also that the said Lord Commissioners shall be the sole judges as to the right or claim of any officer to any compensation whatever and as to the amount thereof and upon any question whatever which may arise under this clause, and that every determination of the said Lords Commissioners upon any such right, claim, amount, or question shall be absolutely final and conclusive, and every statement or reference to any matter aforesaid made at any time in writing and signed by any two of the said Lords Commissioners for the time being, shall be final and conclusive upon any person claiming under or by virtue of this clause and upon the said Corporation."

War Office, March 18, 1892.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officer during the operations against the Lwe Saing Tonhon Kachins, and in the Wuntho District, Upper Burma:

To be Companion of the Distinguished Service Order:—

Surgeon - Captain George Ernest Hale,
Medical Staff.

Foreign Office, March 31, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. F. Stork as Netherland Consul at Rangoon; Mr. E. S. A. Gaspary as French Consul at Singapore; Mr. H. F. Bryson as Ecuadorian Consul at Birmingham; and Mr. J. P. Ford as Portuguese Vice-Consul at Port Elizabeth.

Foreign Office, April 7, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Hadj Mohammed Benhuna as Consul at Gibraltar for the Emperor of Morocco.

Downing Street, April 7, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Alexander Williamson, Esq., to be an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council, and Ralph Montague Rokeby Price, Esq., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, of the Colony of British Honduras.

Whitehall, April 7, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Duke of the said United Kingdom unto George Douglas, Duke of Argyll, in that part of the said United Kingdom called Scotland, K.G., K.T., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Duke of Argyll.