Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Banff.

Alexander Edward Forbes Morison, Esq. younger, to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 8th March, 1897.

RULES PUBLICATION ACT, 1893. RULE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

THE following Draft Rule is published pursuant to the above mentioned Act :-

Order XXX. Rule 1 of Order XXX of the Rules of the Supreme Court, November 1893, is hereby annulled, and the following Rule shall be substituted in lieu thereof -

1.-(a.) Subject as hereinafter mentioned, in every action a summons for directions shall be taken out by the plaintiff returnable in not less than four days.

(b.) Such summons shall be taken out after appearance and before the plaintiff takes any fresh step in the action other than application for an injunction, or for a receiver, or for summary judgment under Order XIV.

(c.) The summons shall be in the Form No. 3 (a) Appendix K, with such variations as circumstances may require, and shall be addressed to and served upon all such parties to the action as may be affected thereby.

(d.) This Rule shall not apply to Admiralty actions within the meaning of section thirty-four of the Judicature Act, 1873, or to actions coming under the provisions of Order XVIIIA.

(e.) Where under Order XVIIIA the defendant applies for a statement of claim, the Judge may deal with such application as if the plaintiff had been entitled to take out and had taken out a summons for directions.

Copies of the above Draft Rule may be obtained from the Lord Chancellor's Office, House of Lords, S.W.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL PARCEL POST.

IN pursuance of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General hereby gives notice that a Warrant, dated the 5th day of March, 1897, has been made on his representa-tion by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Post Office Acts, ordering, directing, and declaring that on and from the 15th day of March, 1897, the registration fee imposed by clause 6, sub-clause (1), paragraph (b) of the Foreign and Colonial Parcel Compensation Warrant, 1894, in relation to the compulsory registration of a parcel, shall be four pence instead of eight pence.

And the Postmaster-General further gives notice that copies of the said Warrant may be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from Eyre and Spottiswoode, East Hardingstreet, Fleet-street, E.C.; or John Menzies and Co., 12, Hanover-street, Edinburgh, and 90, West Nile-street, Glasgow ; or Hodyes, Figgis, and Co. Limited, 104, Grafton-street, Dublin.

Lated this 11th day of March, 1897.

GENERAL ORDER of the Local Government Board : Altering General Consolidated Order : Out-door Labour Test :---

Farringdon Union.

To the Guardians of the Poor of the Farringdon Union :-

To the Overseers of the Poor of the several Parishes and Townships comprised in the said Union ;-

And to all others whom it may concern. WE, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by the Statutes in that behalf, hereby Order with respect to the relief of the Poor in the said Farringdon Union, as follows :-

ARTICLE 1.-Subject to the provisions of the General Order of the Poor Law Commissioners dated the twenty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, in force in the Union, every able-bodied male pauper who receives relief within the Union, and is relieved out of the Workhouse, shall be relieved in the following manner; that is to say,-

Half at least of the relief given to such pauper shall be given in food, clothing, and other articles of necessity.

No such pauper shall receive relief from the Guardians, or any of their officers, or any Overseer, while he is employed for wages or other hire or remuneration by any person; but every such pauper so relieved shall be set to work by the Guardians.

ARTICLE 2 .- The Guardians shall, within fourteen days after the day when this Order comes into force, and from time to time afterwards as the Local Government Board may require, report to the Local Government Board the place or places at which able-bodied male paupers shall be so set to work in the Union, the sort or sorts of work in which they or any of them shall be employed, the times and mode of work, and all such other matters relating to the employment of such able-bodied paupers as the said Guardians shall deem material to be communicated to the Local Government Board, or as the Local Government Board shall require.

ARTICLE 3.-If the Guardians shall depart, in any particular instance, from any of the regulations hereinbefore contained, and shall, within fifteen days after such departure, report the same and the grounds thereof to the Local Government Board. and if the Local Government Board shall approve of such departure, then the relief granted in such particular instance shall, if otherwise lawful, not be deemed to be unlawful, or be subject to be disallowed.

And whereas provision is made in a General Order of the Poor Law Commissioners, bearing date the twenty-fourth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, in force in the said Union, for the appointment of an officer, to be termed a Superintendent of Out-door Labour, and for the continuance in office of such officer, and it is expedient that further provision should be made as hereinafter mentioned ;

We therefore further Order, that if at any time the number of able-bodied male paupers requiring relief shall be so small as to render the services of a Superintendent of Out-door Labour unnecessary, the Guardians may dispense with the services of such an officer.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this eighth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.



Henry Chaplin, President.

S. B. Provis, Assistant Secretary.