

of Ealing, as if the same had been made, entered into, or done by, to, or with reference to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Ealing, instead of the said Urban District Council or their predecessors, and may be proceeded on, and enforced in the same manner in all respects as if the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Ealing, instead of such Urban District Council or their predecessors had been party or privy to the same, and been named or referred to therein.

The accounts of the Urban District Council of Ealing and 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 and the provisions of sections 247 and 250 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 or Urban District Councils and of their officers shall apply to such audit, and the provisions of this scheme with respect to the said Urban District Council 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, extent, character, and operation to the purposes of such audit. Any sums certified by the District Auditor at such audit to be due from any person shall be paid by such person to the Borough Treasurer.

Compensation to Officers.

In case any Officer of the Urban District Council of Ealing who shall have been employed by the Local Board or Urban District Council of Ealing for a period of 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 Ealing acting by the Council as the Urban Sanitary Authority for the said municipal borough such gratuity or annual allowance and for such period as on a full consideration of the circumstances of the case may seem to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two or more of them 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, 1859," 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, provided nevertheless that if any such officer be so employed by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses and discharged by them (otherwise than for misconduct) within two years of 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 Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, provided that the term Officer shall include only persons employed by the said Local Board or Urban District Council whose salaries or emoluments are payable at intervals of not less than one month, and no other persons, provided also that the said Lords Commissioners, or any two or more

of them shall be the sole judges as to the right, title, or claim of any officer to any compensation whatever, and as to the amount thereof, and the said Lords Commissioners or any two or more of them shall be the only judges upon any question which may arise under this clause, and further every determination of the said Lords Commissioners upon any such right, title, claim, amount, or question, shall be absolutely final and conclusive, and every such officer shall have such rights only under this clause as the said Lords Commissioners or any two or more of them consider just and reasonable. Any determination of the said Lords Commissioners or any two or more of them may be evidenced by writing under the hands of any two of them.

Foreign Office, March 15, 1901.

THE question of the indemnities to be demanded from China in respect of recent events being now under discussion by the Foreign Representatives at Peking, Societies and others, who have not already done so, should now forward particulars of their claims to the Foreign Office for transmission to Peking.

Foreign Office, March 16, 1901.

INTRODUCTION OF FIRE-ARMS INTO SPAIN.

WITH a view to obviating the inconvenience caused to British travellers entering Spain by ignorance of the regulations governing the introduction of fire-arms into that country, His Majesty's Ambassador at Madrid has forwarded the following information on the subject to His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs:—

Travellers entering Spain with fire-arms must in all cases obtain a permit from the Governor of the Province of the place of entry. These permits are obtainable on application through one of His Majesty's Consular Officers.

On receipt of the permit the duties, as stated under numbers 69, 70, and 71 of the Custom House Tariff, have to be paid.

As, however, under Royal Orders of June 23rd, 1900, and January 26th, 1901, exception is made in favour of guns temporarily imported by sportsmen, travellers in possession of permits whose stay in Spain does not exceed six months, can obtain passes at the custom houses which hold good for that time, by registering the full description of their weapons.

War Office, March 19, 1901.

THE King has been graciously pleased to make the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath:

To be an Honorary Member of the Military Division of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross, of the said Most Honourable Order, viz.:—

Prince Luitpold Charles Joseph Guillaume Louis, Regent of Bavaria.

St. James's Palace, March 18, 1901.

THE King has been pleased to appoint Major-General Sir Arthur Ellis, K.C.V.O., C.S.I. (Extra Equerry to His Majesty), to be Comptroller of Accounts in the Lord Chamberlain's Department, in the room of the Honourable Sir Spencer Cecil Brabazon Ponsonby-Fane, G.C.B., resigned.