GENERAL ORDER of the Local Government Board. (Altering General Accounts Order):

Appointment of Stocktaker:—

LEEDS UNION.

To the Guardians of the Poor of the Leeds Union:—

And to all others whom it may concern.

Whereas by a General Order of the Poor Law Board, dated the 9th day of September, 1869, and addressed to the Guardians of the Poor of the Leeds Union (amongst others), and by an Order issued by Us, the Local Government Board, and dated the 20th day of January, 1879, and addressed to the said Guardians, it is required that in relation to the provisions, clothing, and other stores in the Workhouse and Infirmary, the Accounts when made up and balanced, shall be submitted to the Visiting Committee or to some Member thereof, who shall enter a memorandum at the foot of those Accounts, certifying to the same having been submitted, and to the correctness of the said Accounts as regards the stock remaining in store;

And whereas it is expedient to empower the said Guardians to appoint a competent person or persons to examine the stores at the Workhouse, and at any House (whatever be its designation or description) which belongs to the Guardians, in which any poor person is lodged and maintained, and to which the Orders hereinbefore mentioned apply, and to perform the other duties hereinafter set forth:

Now therefore, in the exercise of Our powers in that behalf, We do hereby Order as follows:—

ARTICLE I.—The Guardians of the Poor of the Leeds Union, as and when they shall think fit to do so, may appoint a competent person or persons to perform the duties of a Stocktaker as hereinafter set forth, and may revoke that appointment. Any appointment of a Stocktaker by the Guardians shall be notified to Us forthwith.

ARTICLE II.—Every appointment of a Stock-taker shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Regulations in force for the time being as to the appointment of Officers by the said Guardians, and a person appointed to the office of Stocktaker shall receive such remuneration as may from time to time be assigned to him by the said Guardians.

ARTICLE III.—No person, except with Our consent, shall be appointed to the office of Stocktaker while holding any other office under the Guardians.

ARTICLE IV.—The Stocktaker shall, on the day next after the termination of each quarter, and at any other time when required by the Guardians to do so, examine the stores at the Workhouse, and at any House such as is hereinbefore described, and compare the said stores with the quantities of stock remaining in store as shown by the entries in the proper columns in the Accounts termed respectively the "Quarterly Balance of the Provisions Account" and the "Quarterly Balance of the Necessaries and Miscellaneous Account," or in such additional Accounts as may be kept under the directions of the Guardians.

He shall also, on the day next after the termination of each half-year, and at any other time when required by the Guardians to do so, examine the stock of clothing at the Workhouse, and at any House such as is hereinbefore described, and compare the same with the balance

appearing in the Accounts termed respectively the "Clothing Materials Receipt and Conversion Account" and the "Clothing Receipt and Expenditure Account," and shall compare the various articles enumerated in the Inventory Books of the before-mentioned establishments, and see that the said articles are distributed in accordance with the entries therein.

ARTICLE V.—After making the examination and comparison referred to in Article IV, the Stocktaker, if he find the stock to be correct, shall sign a certificate at the foot of each of the balanced Accounts in the following form:—

"Submitted to me this day of 19, and found to be correct as regards the quantities of stock remaining in store.

"(Signed)..... "Stocktaker."

If he find the stock to be in any respect incorrect, he shall make such alteration in the said certificate as he may deem necessary, specifying the particulars in which he finds the quantities of stock to be incorrectly stated.

ARTICLE VI.—The Master of the Workhouse, and the Master, Steward, or Superintendent of any such House as aforesaid, shall, when required by the Stocktaker to do so, on the days and at the times referred to in Article IV, submit to him the stores and Accounts therein mentioned, and render to him such assistance as may be necessary for the purpose of such examination and comparison as aforesaid.

ARTICLE VII.—The Master of the Workhouse, and the Master, Steward, or Superintendent of any such House as aforesaid, shall lay each of the said Accounts before the Guardians at their next meeting after the date of the entry therein of any such certificate as aforesaid.

ARTICLE VIII.—So long as a Stocktaker is appointed it shall not be necessary for the Visiting Committee to examine the stores or to enter in any Account the memorandum required by any General Order or by any other Order applicable to the Leeds Union.

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Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this sixteenth day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and six.

John Burns, President.

H. C. Monro, Assistant-Secretary.

Admiralty, 26th February, 1906.

Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Captain Edward Harding Bockett-Pugh is placed on the Retired List, at his own request, with a gratuity. Dated 21st February, 1906

Royal Marines.

The undermentioned retired Officer is appointed to the Reserve of Officers in the rank last held by him whilst on the Active List:—

Captain Edward Harding Bockett-Pugh, Royal Marine Light Infantry. Dated 21st February, 1906.