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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACTS.

Alteration of Parish Areas.

ADJUSTMENT ORDER No. XVIII.

PARISHES OF LOGIE AND ALVA.

WHEREAS the Boundary Commissioners for Scotland did, by Order dated 13th December 1890, confirmed by Act of Parliament 54 and 55 Vict. cap. 153, and coming into operation on 15th May 1891, *inter alia*, transfer a portion of the Parish of Logie (hereinafter called the transferred area) from the said Parish to the Parish of Alva;

And whereas, acting under the power given by section 50 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, the Parochial Boards of the said Parishes did in September 1891 enter into an agreement for the adjustment of liabilities in view of the alteration of areas above referred to, which agreement provided for certain annual payments being made by the Parish of Alva to the Parish of Logie in each of the five years succeeding the date of transfer, and for the Parish of Logie being during that quinquennium responsible for the paupers connected with the transferred area chargeable at the date of transfer, and for all the pauperism connected with the said area that might arise during the five years;

And whereas the Parish Council of Alva, when invited in 1896 to enter into a new agreement, declined to do so on the ground that the before-mentioned agreement was a final settlement of all questions requiring adjustment arising out of the foresaid Order;

And whereas the Parish Council of Logie, with the concurrence of the County Council of Stir-

ling, subsequently made a Representation to me, craving me—upon the footing that the before-mentioned agreement was not intended finally to adjust liabilities between the two Parishes affected by the foresaid Order, but that it was contemplated by the parties thereto that new arrangements in regard to their respective liabilities should from time to time be made—to make such adjustment of liabilities between them and the Parish Council of Alva as I might consider fair and proper in all the circumstances of the case;

And whereas I appointed Sir John Cheyne, Q.C., Sheriff of Renfrew and Bute, to hold a local inquiry and to report to me in the matter of the said Representation, and the said Sir John Cheyne has held an inquiry, and has reported that the authorities interested have by Joint Minute and with his concurrence agreed that, in the event of my holding the before-mentioned agreement not to constitute a final adjustment of liabilities in respect of the alterations of areas effected by the foresaid Order of the Boundary Commissioners, an Order to the effect following shall be issued, and shall be accepted as a final adjustment of liabilities in respect of the said alterations of areas;

And whereas I am advised and am of opinion that, upon a sound construction of the before-mentioned agreement, the view of it presented by the Parish Council of Logie is the correct one, or, in other words, that, while what was done under the said agreement must be kept in view in any further adjustment, it does not bar me from now making an adjustment of liabilities between the two authorities;