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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACTS.

Alteration of Parish Areas.

ORDER No. XXXVII.

PARISHES OF DUNBLANE, BLACKFORD, AND MUTHILL.

(NEW PARISH OF ARDOCH.)

WHEREAS by Decree of the Lords of Council and Session, dated 21st February 1855, certain portions of the Parishes of Dunblane, Blackford, and Muthill, all as more fully described in the said Decree, were disjoined from these Parishes and erected into a separate Parish, since known as the Parish of Ardoch, excepting only in so far as regards the support and management of the poor, and all matters and questions connected therewith;

And whereas it has been represented to the Secretary for Scotland by the School Board of Ardoch that he should issue an Order under section 51 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, and section 46 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894, forming the foresaid portions of the Parishes of Dunblane, Blackford, and Muthill, being the district under their jurisdiction, into a Parish;

and whereas the Authorities concerned have been consulted, and a local inquiry has been held;

And whereas I am of opinion that it is expedient to give effect to the said representation;

And whereas a doubt has arisen as to the boundaries of the Parish of Ardoch before men-

tioned, and it is desirable to define of new the boundaries of the Parish constituted by this Order;

And whereas the proposed Order was published in the Edinburgh Gazette of the 24th May 1898:

Now, therefore, I, the Right Honourable Alexander Hugh, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, do, in virtue of the powers conferred on me by the Local Government (Scotland) Acts, order as follows:—

1. The portions of the Parishes of Dunblane, Blackford, and Muthill contained within the boundary line described in the schedule annexed to this Order, shall be entirely disjoined from the Parishes of Dunblane, Blackford, and Muthill, and shall form a separate Parish, to be called the Parish of Ardoch.

2. The Parish Council of Ardoch shall assume responsibility for, and shall relieve the Parish Council of Dunblane and Lecropt, the Parish Council of Blackford, and the Parish Council of Muthill of all advances which the said Parish Councils respectively may be called on to make for or on account of, any pauper whose claim is derived from birth prior to the 6th day of December 1898, or from residence for the statutory period prior to the 6th day of December 1898, in the said respective portions of the Parishes of Dunblane, Blackford, and Muthill.

3. In lieu of the existing County Council electoral divisions of Deanston, Kilmadock, and Dunblane and Lecropt, the following shall be the County Council electoral divisions of the County of Perth, numbered 55, 56, and 57 respectively:—