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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACTS.

Alteration of Parish Areas.

FINAL ORDER No. XLV.

(PARISHES OF PENICUIK AND LASSWADE.)

WHEREAS it has been represented to me by the Parish Council of the Parish of Penicuik that I should issue an Order under section 51 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, and section 46 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894, annexing to the Parish of Penicuik that portion of the Parish of Lasswade contained within a line beginning at the middle of Auchendinny Bridge and running thence along the middle of the road leading southwards from that Bridge to the four cross roads at Cleckminn, thence in a south-easterly direction along the middle of said road to the point past the Fall Hills Toll House where it joins the boundary between the Parish of Lasswade and the Parish of Penicuik, thence running west and north along the march between the said Parishes and between the Parish of Penicuik and the Parish of Glencorse, till it rejoins the point at Auchendinny Bridge from which it started; and

Whereas, after consulting with the authorities concerned and causing a local inquiry to be held, I am of opinion that it is expedient to give effect to the said representation:

And whereas I caused the Proposed Order to be published in the Edinburgh Gazette of the 21st August 1903:

Now, therefore, I, the Right Honourable Alexander Hugh, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, K.T., His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, do, in virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the Local Government (Scotland) Acts, order as follows:—

(1) The portion of the said Parish of Lasswade above described shall cease to form part of the Parish of Lasswade, and shall form part of the Parish of Penicuik.

(2) The Parish Council of Penicuik shall assume responsibility for, and shall relieve the Parish Council of Lasswade of all advances which the latter body may be called upon to make for or on account of, any pauper whose claim is derived (1) from birth in the said portion of the Parish of Lasswade prior to the 15th day of May 1904, or (2) from residence for the statutory period in the said portion of the Parish of Lasswade prior to the 15th day of May 1904.

(3) Nothing herein contained shall affect the rights of creditors or of persons having vested interests; and all questions of adjustment consequent on the alterations of boundaries hereby made are expressly reserved.

This Order shall take effect on the 15th day of May 1904.

Given under my hand and seal at Whitehall this sixth day of October 1903.

L. S.

BALFOUR of BURLEIGH.