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AT the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 21st day of December, 1870.

By the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education.

Their Lordships read, and approved, the following—

General Regulations as to passing Resolutions "for application for School Boards" in Parishes not situate within Municipal Boroughs, or within the Metropolis.

WHEREAS by the 12th section of "The Elementary Education Act, 1870," application may be made to the Education Department, in certain cases, for leave to form a School Board.

And whereas such application must be made by a Resolution passed in accordance with the provisions of the Second Part of the second Schedule to the said Act.

And whereas the passing of such Resolution must be in accordance with such Regulations as the Education Department may by Order prescribe.

Now, therefore, the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in them vested under the said Act, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered as follows :

The following Regulations as to passing any such Resolution as aforesaid shall be observed in any Parish not situate within a Municipal Borough, or within the Metropolis :—

1. Upon requisition in writing, signed by fifty ratepayers, or by one-third of the persons who are ratepayers (within the meaning of the said Act) of any Parish, the Summoning Officer shall, within 14 clear days after receiving such requisition, convene a meeting of the ratepayers, for the purpose of considering such Resolution as hereinafter mentioned.

The Summoning Officer shall be the Clerk of the Union of which any Parish forms part, or the person for the time being discharging the duties of such Clerk.

2. Seven clear days, at least, before the day of the meeting, the Summoning Officer shall publish a notice, stating that a requisition has been received by him requiring him to call a meeting of the ratepayers for the purpose of passing a Resolution that it is expedient that a School Board

should be formed for the said Parish, and that a meeting of the rate-payers will, accordingly, be held at some convenient time and place (to be specified in such notice), for the purpose of considering such Resolution.

3. Every person who, at the time of the meeting, is such ratepayer as aforesaid of the Parish, shall be entitled to be present, and to vote at such meeting, and every such ratepayer shall have one vote only.

4. At the time and place so specified, some person chosen at the Meeting shall take the Chair, and any ratepayer may propose such Resolution as aforesaid, to be seconded by some other ratepayer.

5. If no such Resolution is proposed and seconded at the time and place aforesaid, or if the same is withdrawn or negatived the Chairman shall declare the Resolution to have been negatived and shall publish notice thereof. The Resolution may at any time, before the taking of the poll, be withdrawn by the two ratepayers who proposed and seconded the same ; and, in such case, no further proceedings shall be taken in respect of the poll.

6. If the Resolution, duly proposed and seconded, is carried, and no demand for a poll is made, the Chairman shall declare the Resolution to have been passed, and shall publish notice thereof.

7. Any ten ratepayers may make demand in writing, to be delivered to the said Chairman at the meeting, that a poll be taken on such resolution, and the same shall be taken, unless the major part of such ratepayers so signing the writing withdraw the same by notice in writing to the Chairman at the meeting or to the Summoning Officer after the meeting, who shall publish notice thereof.

8. If a poll be taken the Summoning Officer shall fix the day of taking the poll, which shall be not less than ten clear days after the day fixed for such meeting as aforesaid, and the said Officer shall publish notice thereof.

9. The Summoning Officer shall determine the number and situate of the polling-places, and for this purpose may cause any Parish to be divided into polling districts. The said Officer shall cause the boundaries of such districts and the number and situation of the polling-places to be published not less than three clear days before the day fixed for the polling.

No public-house shall be used as a polling-place, or for the purposes of an election.