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Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, March 24, 1885.

OTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's
Birthday will be kept on Saturday, the
6th of June next.

Foreign Office, April 24, 1885.

Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty a copy of a Telegram, dated the 18th instant, addressed to their Lordships by the British Commodore at Hong Kong, in which the latter reports that he has received from the French Commander-in-Chief a notification that the Blockade of the coast and ports of Formosa by the French naval forces is raised.

Privy Council Office, April 20, 1885. THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACT, 1882.

THE following scheme for the adjustment of the property, rights, liabilities, &c., of the existing Corporation of Wokingham and of the Local Board of the Local Government District of Wokingham, and for other purposes, as settled by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, is published in pursuance of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882.

"Whereas by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, it is enacted that where a petition for a charter of incorporation is referred to the Committee of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and it is proposed by the charter to extend the Municipal Corporations Acts to the municipal borough to be created by the charter, the said Committee of Council may settle a scheme for the purposes in the said Act named, and containing such provisions as are in the said Act particularised:

"And whereas certain inhabitant householders of the Local Government District of Wokingham, in the county of Berks, have petitioned Her Majesty the Queen praying for the grant of a charter of incorporation:

"And whereas the said petition for a charter has been referred to the Committee of Council, and it is proposed to create the said district a municipal borough and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, and by the charter to extend the

Municipal Corporations Acts to the municipal borough to be created by the charter:

"And whereas the existing town of Wokingham (which is included in the said Local Government District) is a place named in the schedule to the Municipal Corporations Act, 1883, and the area of the said town is not co-extensive with the area of the municipal borough proposed to be created by the said charter:

"And whereas by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1883, it is enacted that nothing in that Act shall prevent the application to any place of any charter applying the Municipal Corporation Acts which Her Majesty may be pleased to grant, or affect anything done in pursuance of those Acts or any scheme thereunder, and shall not affect the operation of any such charter, thing, or scheme, save that nothing in the said Acts or scheme shall authorize the establishment or continuance of any court for the trial of civil actions, and that nothing in that Act shall affect the right to the benefit of any charity, or shall alter or confer any power of altering the defined charitable purposes (if any) to which any property was by law applicable at the passing of that Act:

"And whereas the Local Board of the said District (herein referred to as the Local Board) and the Aldermen and Burgesses of the Town of Wokingham are local authorities within the meaning of Part XI of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882:

"And whereas the said Aldermen and Burgesses are a body corporate under and by virtue of certain royal or other charters:

"And whereas it is expedient, right, and just that a Scheme should be settled pursuant to Part XI of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, containing the provisions hereinafter contained:

"Now, therefore, the said Committee of Council have settled a Scheme containing the provisions herein, and do hereby order and declare as follows:—'

"1. This Scheme may be cited for all purposes as the Borough of Wokingham Scheme, 1885.

"2. This Scheme shall come into operation on the day of the first meeting of the Council of the municipal borough created by the charter above referred to or at the date of its confirmation by Parliament or Order in Council whichever is later. This date is herein mentioned as the commencement of this Scheme.'

"3. The Aldermen and Burgesses of the Town of Wokingham are herein referred to as the 'Old