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THE following Scheme for the adjustment of the property, rights, liabilities, &c., of the existing Corporation of Higham Ferrers, 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 particularized :

And whereas certain inhabitant householders of the parish of Higham Ferrers 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 Higham Ferrers is a place named in the schedule to the Municipal Corporations Act, 1883, and the area of the said place 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 Corporations 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 Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough and parish of Higham Ferrers are a Local Authority within the meaning

of Part XI of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882 :

And whereas the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses are a body corporate under and by virtue of certain Royal or other Charters :

And whereas previous to the commencement of this Scheme the parish of Higham Ferrers formed part of the district of the Rural Sanitary Authority of the Wellingborough Union, and the said Sanitary Authority is a Local Authority within the meaning of Part XI of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, and it is expedient that all property and liabilities vested in or attaching to the said Rural Sanitary Authority should, so far as the same relate to the parish of Higham Ferrers, be transferred to the new Corporation in the manner hereinafter provided :

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 Higham Ferrers 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 Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough and parish of Higham Ferrers are herein referred to as the "Old Corporation." The Corporation of the municipal borough created by the charter above-mentioned is herein referred to as the "New Corporation."

4. The municipal borough created by the charter above referred to shall be placed immediately on, from, and after the day of the first meeting of the Council of the municipal borough aforesaid within the jurisdiction of the Council of the said municipal borough as the Sanitary Authority, and shall no longer be within the jurisdiction, authority, or district of the Rural Sanitary Authority of the Wellingborough Union.

5. Immediately from and after the commencement of this Scheme the Old Corporation shall be and the same is hereby abolished, and shall thenceforth be dissolved and cease to exist, together with all the franchises, rights, privileges, powers, juris-