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THE following Scheme for the adjustment of the property, rights, liabilities, &c., of the Old Corporation of Malmesbury, 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:—

Municipal Corporations Act, 1882.  
Malmesbury Scheme.

"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 town of Malmesbury, petitioned Her Majesty the Queen, praying for the grant of a charter of incorporation:

"And whereas the said petition for a charter was referred to the Committee of Council:

"And whereas it was proposed by the charter to extend the Municipal Corporations Acts to the Municipal Borough to be created by the said charter, and Her Majesty by and with the advice of Her Council was pleased to approve the grant of a charter so doing:

"And whereas Malmesbury 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 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 pur-

poses (if any) to which any property was by law applicable at the passing of that Act:

"And whereas the Alderman and Burgesses of the borough of Malmesbury in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1883, named, are a body corporate under or by virtue of certain Royal charters:

"And whereas the said Alderman and Burgesses are a Local Authority within the meaning of Part XI of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882:

"And whereas by virtue of the Act of the 38th George III, chap. 59, intituled 'An Act for paving the footways, and for cleansing, lighting, and regulating the streets, and other public passages and places within the borough of Malmesbury, in the county of Wilts, and the avenues leading into the same, and for removing and preventing nuisances, annoyances and obstructions therein' certain Commissioners commonly called 'The Malmesbury Improvement Commissioners,' were appointed for the purpose of putting that Act into execution, and such Commissioners were previous to the commencement of this scheme the Urban Sanitary Authority for those portions of the municipal borough proposed to be created by the said charter which form the old borough of Malmesbury aforesaid:

"And whereas the portions of the municipal borough created by the said charter, not situate within the area of the district of the said Improvement Commissioners, formed part of the district of the Rural Sanitary Authority, of the Malmesbury Union (which portions of the district of the said Rural Sanitary Authority are hereinafter called 'the Area abstracted from the district of the said Rural Sanitary Authority'):

"And whereas the said Malmesbury Improvement Commissioners and the said Rural Sanitary Authority are Local Authorities 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 Improvement Commissioners and the said Rural Sanitary Authority, so far as the same relate to the area of the proposed borough, should be transferred to the New Corporation in manner hereinafter provided:

"And whereas by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1883, it is enacted that in the event of a charter not being granted to Malmesbury, the property of the Corporation thereof shall continue to be held, managed, and enjoyed as heretofore, in like manner as if a scheme of the Charity