

4th Volunteer Battalion, the Norfolk Regiment, Lieutenant W. C. Crawshaw to be Captain. Dated 1st June, 1888.

2nd (Renfrewshire) Volunteer Battalion, Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), Honorary Major and Adjutant Henry Gipps resigns his Commission, and is placed on a retired allowance; also is permitted to retain his rank, and to continue to wear the uniform of the Battalion on his retirement. Dated 16th July, 1888.

1st (Ross Highland) Volunteer Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, the Duke of Albany's), Colin Mackenzie, M.B., to be Acting Surgeon. Dated 14th July, 1888.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the South Staffordshire Regiment, Captain J. Duce resigns his Commission. Dated 14th July, 1888.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the Royal Sussex Regiment, Lieutenant H. N. Newton resigns his Commission. Dated 14th July, 1888.

1st (Hullamshire) Volunteer Battalion, the York and Lancaster Regiment, Captain Francis Edward Wallerstein, 1st Battalion, to be Adjutant, vice Captain G. V. Turner, the King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry), whose period of service has expired. Dated 16th July, 1888.

GENERAL ORDER of the Local Government Board: Altering General Accounts Order: Appointment of Stocktaker:—

Barton-upon-Irwell Union.

To the Guardians of the Poor of the Barton-upon-Irwell Union, in the county of Lancaster;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by General Orders of the Poor Law Board, dated respectively the 14th day of January, 1867, and the 16th day of February, 1869, addressed (among others) to the Guardians of the Poor of the said Barton-upon-Irwell Union, it is required that certain Accounts relating to the provisions, clothing, and other stores in the Workhouse, when made up and balanced, shall be submitted to the Visiting Committee or to some Member thereof, who shall enter a memorandum at the foot of such Accounts, certifying to the same having been submitted, and to the correctness, or otherwise, of such Accounts as regards the stock remaining in store;

And whereas it is expedient to empower the said Guardians to appoint a competent person or persons to examine the stores at the Workhouse belonging to the said Union, and to perform the other duties hereinafter set forth;

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by the Statutes in that behalf, hereby order as follows:—

ARTICLE I.—The Guardians of the Poor of the said Barton-upon-Irwell Union may, as and when they shall think fit to do so, appoint a competent person or persons to perform the duties of a Stocktaker as hereinafter set forth.

ARTICLE II.—Every such appointment shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Regulations as to the appointment of Officers in force in the said Union for the time being.

ARTICLE III.—The Guardians shall pay to the person or persons appointed under this Order such salary or remuneration as We may from time to time direct or approve.

ARTICLE IV.—Every person appointed under this Order shall hold office until he shall die, or

resign, or be dismissed by the Guardians, subject to Our consent, or be removed by Us, or be proved to be insane by evidence which We may deem sufficient; and the said Guardians shall give notice to Us of every such death or resignation, and state the cause of such resignation, so far as it may be known to them.

Provided nevertheless, that the Guardians may, if they think fit, with Our assent, appoint a person or persons to discharge the duties hereby prescribed for the Stocktaker for a limited period only.

ARTICLE V.—The Stocktaker shall, on the day next after the termination of each quarter, and at any other time when required by the Guardians to do so, examine the stores at the Workhouse and compare the same with the quantities of stock remaining in store as shown by the entries in the proper columns in the Accounts termed respectively the "Quarterly Balance of the Provisions Account" and the "Quarterly Balance of the Necessaries and Miscellaneous Account."

He shall also, on the day next after the termination of each half-year, and at any other time when required by the Guardians to do so, examine the stock of clothing at the Workhouse and compare the same with the balance appearing in the Accounts termed respectively the "Clothing Materials Receipt and Conversion Account" and the "Clothing Receipt and Expenditure Account."

ARTICLE VI.—After making the examination and comparison referred to in Article V, the Stocktaker, if he find the stock to be correct, shall sign a certificate at the foot of each of the aforesaid Accounts in the following form:—

"Submitted to me this _____ day of _____ 18____, and found to be correct as regards the quantities of stock remaining in store.

"(Signed) _____
"Stocktaker."

If he find the stock to be in any respect incorrect, he shall make such addition to the said certificate as he may deem necessary, specifying the particulars in which he finds the quantities of stock to be incorrectly stated.

ARTICLE VII.—The Master of the Workhouse shall, when required by the Stocktaker to do so, on the days and at the times referred to in Article V, submit to him the stores and Accounts therein mentioned, and render to him such assistance as may be necessary for the purpose of such examination and comparison as aforesaid.

ARTICLE VIII.—The Master of the Workhouse shall lay each of the said Accounts before the Guardians at their next meeting after the date of the entry therein of any such certificate as aforesaid.

ARTICLE IX.—So long as a Stocktaker is appointed it shall not be necessary for the Visiting Committee to examine the stores or to enter in any Account the memorandum required by the above-cited Order dated the fourteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this tenth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

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Chas. T. Ritchie,
President.

S. B. Provis, Assistant Secretary.