fifth Earl of Clonmell, and thereby succeeded to the dignity of Earl of Clonmell :

And to command that the said order and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

> Education Department, Whitehall, April 13, 1897.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACTS, 1870-1893.

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued an order this day for the election of one person by the Contributory District of Henllys, to sit on the School Board of Ceulan-y-Maesmawr. County of Cardigan.

Admiralty, 13th April, 1897.

THE undermentioned Engineers have been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet :-

Frederick Marwood Donald Spry. Dated 6th February, 1897.

Edward George Guyatt. Dated 18th February, 1897.

Engineer Richard Collingwood has been promoted to the rank of Acting Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 8th February, 1897.

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

(DATED 15TH APRIL 1897.)

(Swine-Fever Infected Area.)

THE Board of Agriculture, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in them vested under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1896, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. The Area described in the Schedule to this Order is hereby declared to be an area infected with swine-fever for the purposes of the Swine-Fever (Infected Areas) Order of 1896 dated the fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

2. This Order shall come into operation on the twenty-sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

In witness whereof the Board of Agriculture have hereunto set their Official Seal this fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

L. S.

J. T. Tennant, Authorized by the President.

SCHEDULE.

An Area in the county of Lancaster comprising the parishes of Cronton, Tarbock, Ditton, Halewood, and Hale, and also comprising the borough of Widnes.

Copies of the above Order can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Board of Agriculture, 4. Whitehall Place, London, S.W.

GENERAL ORDER of the Local Government Board. Rate Receipt Check Book and Demand Note: Prescribing Forms :-

To the Overseers of the Poor of every Parish in England and Wales in which is comprised Agricultural Land as defined by the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896 ;-

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by certain General and other Orders issued by the Poor Law Commissioners, the Poor Law Board, and by Us, the Local Government Board, provision was made with regard to the form of the Rate Receipt Check Book, and of the Demand Note for the payment of any Poor Rate ;

And whereas in order to meet the requirements of the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896, it is expedient that, as regards every Parish comprising Agricultural Land as defined by that Act, other Forms should be prescribed for the Rate Receipt Check Book and for the Demand Note to be printed therein :

Now therefore, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by the Statutes in that behalf, We hereby Order as follows with regard to every Parish in England and Wales in which is com-. prised Agricultural Land as defined by the Agricultural Rates Act. 1896, and in which a Rate Receipt Check Book shall be in use ; that is to say :-

I.-From and after the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninetyeight, or where the Overseers of the Poor so direct, from and after the date hereof, the Rate Receipt Check Book and the Demand Note to be printed therein shall, subject to any departure which may be assented to by Us, be in the Form set forth in the Schedule to this Order :

Provided that in the Demand Note the words "Amount payable by Owner, provided it be paid within the time prescribed by Section 5 of the Poor Rate Assessment and Collection Act, 1869," and in the Receipt and Counterfoil the words per cent." and "Allowance to Owner at "Received from Owner" may be omitted in any case where such words are not required, and it shall not be necessary to include in the Demand Note a reference to expenses other than those in respect of which the rate was made :

Provided also that in the Demand Note the purposes for which the Rate was made may, if the Overseer so direct, be printed on the back of the Demand Note, subject to the following con-

Rate" must be printed in bold type at the bottom of the front page.

(2.) The words "(Signed) "Collector or Assistant Overseer" must be inserted on the front page immediately above the words mentioned in condition (1).

(3.) The words "Purposes for which the Rate mentioned on the other side" must be substituted for the words "Purposes for which the above-mentioned Rate."

II.—In any Parish comprising Agricultural Land as defined by the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896, in which a Demand Note without a Rate Receipt Check Book shall be in use, the above provisions, so far as they refer to the Demand Note, shall apply.