

Any Gentleman who under these circumstances should desire to be presented to The Queen will observe the same regulations as are in force for Her Majesty's Levees.

The State Apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at two o'clock.

LATHOM,

Lord Chamberlain.

*Privy Council Office, Whitehall,
February 22, 1898.*

THE following Scheme for the adjustment of the property, rights, liabilities &c. of the Parish Council of Hemel Hempsted, and of the Rural District Council of Hemel Hempsted, in the county of Hertford, and for other purposes as settled by a Committee of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, is published in pursuance of the provisions 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 and town of Hemel Hempsted 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 by a Charter granted by King Henry the Eighth in the year 1539, the Bailiff and Inhabitants of the parish and town of Hemel Hempsted were incorporated with certain rights, powers, and privileges set out in the said Charter, and have since continued incorporated under that Charter and divers other Charters granted subsequently in and between the years 1577 and 1693:

And whereas the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by the said Charters have now become for the most part obsolete, or have been superseded by legislation, but certain property and rights in respect of markets and market tolls remain vested in the bailiff for the time being and inhabitants or in the bailiff for the time being of Hemel Hempsted:

And whereas Hemel Hempsted is a rural parish and has a Parish Council and Parish Meeting:

And whereas the Parish Council is the authority for the execution of the Lighting and Watching Act, 1833:

And whereas the parish of Hemel Hempsted forms part of the district of the Hemel Hempsted Rural District Council:

And whereas under section two hundred and two of "The Public Health Act, 1875," the said Rural District Council has delegated to a Parochial Committee consisting partly of members of the said Rural District Council representing the parish of Hemel Hempsted on the said District Council, and partly of members of the Hemel Hempsted Parish Council, all the powers of the said Rural District Council

as sanitary authority within the said parish of Hemel Hempsted, save only such powers as related to sewerage and the disposal of sewage within the said parish:

And whereas the said Rural District Council has appointed a Special Committee to exercise their powers relating to sewerage and the disposal of sewage within the said parish:

And whereas the councillors of the said Rural District are also the guardians of the poor of the Hemel Hempsted Union, and it is expedient that the councillors representing the parish of Hemel Hempsted should for all poor law purposes remain in office and exercise their functions as guardians until the date on which they would have retired if this Scheme had not been made:

And whereas under "The Highway Act, 1835," and the proviso to section twenty-five (1) of "The Local Government Act, 1894," the management of the highways within the parish of Hemel Hempsted is vested in the board for repair of the highways in the said parish elected by the Parish Council of Hemel Hempsted:

And whereas there is a School Board in the parish of Hemel Hempsted, and it is expedient that the said School Board should become the School Board of the Borough:

And whereas the said Parish Council of Hemel Hempsted and the said Rural District Council as sanitary authority and the said board for repair of the highways are local authorities within the meaning of Part XI of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1882," and it is expedient that all rights, powers, property, and liability vested in or attaching to the said bodies, so far as the same relate to the area of the Municipal Borough created by the said charter, should be transferred to and vest in the Council of the Borough in manner hereinafter provided:

And whereas the said Rural District Council have adopted "The Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889," and "The Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890," and it is expedient that the provisions of those Acts should be in force within the borough as if they had been adopted by the Council of the Borough:

And whereas there is an isolation hospital for persons suffering from infectious diseases, which is vested in the said Rural District Council, and it is desired to preserve to all the parishes which have contributed to provide the said hospital the same rights and liabilities in connection therewith as have heretofore existed:

And whereas it is expedient that all property, rights, and liabilities which now remain vested in or attaching to the said ancient borough of Hemel Hempsted, or the bailiff for the time being and inhabitants of the said borough, or the bailiff for the time being, should be transferred to and vest in the new Corporation, and it is expedient that the Mayor of the borough be authorized to use the ancient title of Bailiff as an honorary title in addition and without prejudice to his official title of Mayor:

And whereas it is expedient that the County Council of the administrative county of Hertford should retain in and for the borough of Hemel Hempsted all the powers, duties, and liabilities in relation to the several matters set out in section thirty-nine of "The Local Government Act, 1888," which have heretofore been exercisable or attached to the said County Council:

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: