

immediately, from and after the commencement of this Scheme, pass to and be exercisable by and vest in the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Municipal Borough, and it shall be lawful for the said Mayor to use the title of Bailiff as an honorary title in addition but without prejudice to his official title of Mayor. Provided that so much of the property as consists of or is held for the purposes of a market shall be held by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses subject to the provisions of "The Public Health Act, 1875."

11. The inhabitants of the borough shall, in respect of the isolation hospital now vested in the Hemel Hempsted District Council for persons suffering from infectious disease, have and enjoy such interests, rights, and benefits, as nearly as may be, as were before the commencement of this Scheme vested in or attaching to the parishioners of Hemel Hempsted, subject nevertheless to the same liabilities as have heretofore existed in connexion therewith in respect of the said parishioners, and subject to such adjustment (if any) of property and liabilities as may be made by agreement or in default thereof fixed by an Arbitrator appointed by the parties or in case of difference as to such appointment nominated by the Local Government Board and the provisions of section 62 of "The Local Government Act, 1888," shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as if the Scheme were a Scheme within the meaning of that Act.

12. The Council of the said Borough shall not exercise any of the powers or duties or be subject to the liabilities under any of the Acts relating to the Police Force or other matters mentioned in section thirty-nine of "The Local Government Act 1888," but all the powers duties and liabilities in respect of such matters shall be exercised by and attached to the County Council of the Administrative County of Hertford and the area of the borough shall for all purposes of the Acts relating to the County Police Force or other matters mentioned in the said section form part of the county in like manner as if it were not a borough.

13. The Bye-laws and Regulations made by the said Rural District Council with respect to new streets and buildings, nuisances, slaughter-houses, the regulation of lodging-houses, and under the Dairies and Milkshop Order, 1885, and in force at the commencement of this Scheme, shall apply to the borough, but shall, with the exception of the Regulations made under the Dairies and Milkshop Order, 1885, cease to have effect from and after the expiration of one year from the commencement of this Scheme.

14. In case any officer of the Parish Council of Hemel Hempsted, or of any other local authority for whom the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Hemel Hempsted, or the Council of the said borough, are respectively substituted, who shall have been employed by the said Parish Council, or by any such local authority, as the case may be, shall not be employed by the Council of the said borough, nor offered by the said Council a position in their employment of a similar character, and of an equal value to that formerly held by him, such officer shall be entitled to be paid by way of compensation for the loss of his position, out of the funds of or under the control of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, such gratuity or annual allowance as on a full consideration of the circumstances of the case may seem to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury or any two or more of them to be a reasonable and just compensation for the loss of his position; and the said Lords Commissioners, in awarding the said compensa-

tion, shall be guided by the principles which would be applicable in the case of an award of compensation under the provisions of "The Superannuation Act, 1859," to a person retiring or removed from the public service in consequence of the abolition of his office: Provided that no special minute within the meaning of the said Act stating any special grounds for granting such allowance shall be necessary: Provided, nevertheless, that if any such officer be so employed by the said Council and discharged by them (otherwise than for misconduct) within two years of the first meeting of the Council, he shall be entitled to compensation in the same manner as if he had not been employed by the said Council: Provided also that the term "officer" shall include any person employed by the Parish Council or District Council or by any local authority whose salary or emolument was, or were, payable at intervals of not less than one month, and no other persons: Provided also that the said Lords Commissioners or any two or more of them shall be the sole judges as to the right, title, or claim of any officer to any compensation whatever, and as to the amount thereof; and shall be the only judges upon any question which may arise under this clause; and, further, every determination of the said Lords Commissioners or any two or more of them upon any such right, title, claim, amount, or question shall be absolutely final and conclusive; and every such officer shall have such rights only under this clause as the said Lords Commissioners or any two or more of them consider just and reasonable.

Any determination of the said Lords Commissioners may be evidenced by writing under the hands of any two of them.

15. Nothing contained in this Scheme shall prejudice or affect the constitution, rights, powers, or liabilities of any Burial Board having jurisdiction within the area of the said borough.

16. Nothing contained in this Scheme shall prejudice or affect the title of the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in right of the Crown to any land or hereditaments, or to any rights of whatsoever description; neither shall anything in this Scheme contained extend or take away, prejudice, diminish, or alter any of the estates, rights, privileges, powers, or authorities vested in or enjoyed or exercisable by the Queen's Majesty, Her heirs or successors.

*Windsor Castle, February 19, 1898.*

THIS day had audience of Her Majesty:—

His Excellency Count de Rascon, to present his Credentials as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Her Majesty the Queen Regent of Spain.

*Foreign Office, February 23, 1898.*

[The following Notification is substituted for that which appeared in the London Gazette of November 23, 1897.]

*Foreign Office, November 17, 1897.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Herbert Thirkell White, Esq., C.I.E., a Member of Her Majesty's Indian Civil Service, and Her Majesty's Commissioner of the Mandalay Division of Burmah, to be Her Majesty's Commissioner under Article VI of the Agreement of February 4, 1897 between Great Britain and China, relative to Burmah and Thibet.