

1st *Dumbartonshire*, Captain R. G. Whitelaw resigns his Commission. Dated 4th May, 1898.

Surgeon-Captain J. Wylie, M.B., resigns his Commission. Dated 4th May, 1898.

7th (*Clackmannan and Kinross*) *Volunteer Battalion, Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders)*, Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel R. Archibald resigns his Commission; also is permitted to retain his rank, and to continue to wear the uniform of the Battalion on his retirement. Dated 4th May, 1898.

7th *Middlesex (London Scottish)*, Surgeon-Lieutenant J. G. Turner to be Surgeon-Captain. Dated 4th May, 1898.

*Treasury Chambers, April 30, 1898.*

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer has appointed the Honourable Harold Finch Hatton to be Steward and Bailiff of the Manor of Northstead.

*House of Lords, April 29, 1898.*

RULES PUBLICATION ACT, 1893.

CLERGY DISCIPLINE ACT, 1892.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Draft Rule has been prepared in substitution for Rule 34 of the Rules under the above Act. Copies can be obtained on application at the Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.

ORDER of the Local Government Board: District Auditors Act, 1879: Assignment of Duties and District:—

Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire Audit District.

To Rowland Metzner Estcourt, District Auditor;—

To the Guardians of the Poor of the several Poor Law Unions named in the first Schedule to this Order;—

To the Overseers of the Poor of the several Parishes comprised within the said Unions respectively;—

To the Rural District Councils of the several Rural Districts named in the Second Schedule to this Order;—

To the School Boards for the United School Districts named in the Third Schedule to this Order;—

To the Authorities referred to in Article I (3) of this Order;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by Section 4 of the District Auditors Act, 1879, it is enacted that the Local Government Board may from time to time assign to District Auditors their Duties, and the Districts in which such Auditors respectively are to act, and may from time to time change wholly or in part such Duties or Districts;

And whereas the said Rowland Metzner Estcourt is a District Auditor duly appointed under the provisions of the Statutes in that behalf, and is acting as Auditor for the Northamptonshire Audit District;

And whereas William Augustus Casson is a District Auditor duly appointed under the provisions of the Statutes in that behalf, and is acting as Auditor for the Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire Audit District;

And whereas another District has been assigned to the said William Augustus Casson, and it is expedient that the Buckinghamshire and Bedford-

shire Audit District should be assigned to the said Rowland Metzner Estcourt (hereinafter referred to as "the said District Auditor"), in lieu of the said William Augustus Casson:

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, hereby certify the appointment of the said District Auditor accordingly, and hereby Order and Prescribe as follows:—

ARTICLE I.—It shall be the duty of the said District Auditor, on and after the date hereof, to audit the Accounts of the following Authorities and their Officers; namely,—

- (1.) The Guardians of the Poor of the several Poor Law Unions named in the First Schedule to this Order.
- (2.) The Overseers of the Poor of the several parishes comprised in the said several Unions.
- (3.) The several other Authorities for the time being whose Accounts are or may be by law subject to be audited by a District Auditor, and whose Districts or the areas of whose jurisdiction are for the time being wholly situate within one or more of the said Unions.
- (4.) The Rural District Councils for the several Rural Districts named in the second Schedule to this Order, such Districts being partly within one or more of the said several Unions.
- (5.) The School Boards for the United School Districts named in the third Schedule to this Order, such Districts being partly within one or more of the said Unions.
- (6.) Such other Authorities whose Accounts are or may be by law subject to be audited by a District Auditor, and whose Districts or the areas of whose jurisdiction are for the time being partly situated within one or more of the said Unions, as We may by Order under Our Seal hereafter prescribe.

ARTICLE II.—The said District Auditor shall audit the said Accounts according to the provisions of the several Statutes and of the Orders issued by competent authority, in force for the time being in that behalf, and shall perform all such duties and exercise all such powers in connection with the audit of such Accounts as are prescribed and conferred by the said Statutes and Orders.

ARTICLE III.—The District in which the said District Auditor shall, on and after the date hereof, act as Auditor, and which We hereby assign to him in lieu of to the said William Augustus Casson, for the performance of his duties under this Order, and which shall be termed "The Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire Audit District," shall, until We otherwise prescribe, comprise the area for the time being included in the several Poor Law Unions, Rural Districts, and United School Districts named in the Schedules to this Order, and the Districts or areas subject to the jurisdiction of any such Authority as is mentioned in paragraph (6) of the said Article I.

ARTICLE IV.—Nothing in this Order shall affect or interfere with the performance or exercise of the duties and powers of the said William Augustus Casson as regards any Audit which he has already commenced or for which he has given notice as District Auditor for the said Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire Audit District, or as regards any proceedings which may have been already commenced by him as such Auditor, or, until We otherwise direct, with the performance or exercise of the duties and powers of the said Rowland Metzner Estcourt as District Auditor for the said Northamptonshire Audit District.