

against, vest in or attach to the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough acting by the Council as the Sanitary Authority of the borough and from and after the commencement of this Scheme the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of Wallsend shall be and continue the legal successors of the Urban District Council of Wallsend for all purposes.

The Bye-laws made by the District Council and allowed as aforesaid and any regulations made under the Dairies Cowsheds and Milkshops Order of 1885 and in force within the Urban District of Wallsend at the commencement of this Scheme shall unless duly repealed revoked or varied continue in force and have operation in the borough in like manner and with like effect as if the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses acting by the Council and their officers and the borough were referred to therein instead of the Local Board or the District Council as the case may be and their officers and the district.

Notwithstanding the creation of the borough the District of Wallsend shall be and continue a United School District and the School Board for the United School District of Wallsend shall continue to be the School Board for such district to the same extent and in the same manner in all respects as if at the time of the formation of the United District of Wallsend by the said order of the County Council of Northumberland the said district had been formed by uniting the said borough and the parishes of Willington Quay and Willington not included in the said borough and the said School Board had been formed for a United School District formed as last aforesaid and everything in connection with the said Board and District shall be done and had accordingly provided however that every act or omission done or made by the School Board of the District of Wallsend before the commencement of this Scheme shall be valid and effectual for all purposes in the same manner as if the said borough had been created coincidentally with the commencement of this Scheme and any Bye-laws made by the School Board in force at the date of this Scheme shall continue in force.

In case any officer of the District Council who shall have been employed by the District Council for a period of five years shall not be employed by the Council of the borough nor offered by the Council a position in their employ of similar character and of an equal value to that formerly held by him he 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 Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Wallsend acting by the Council as the Urban Sanitary Authority for the borough 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 Commissioners in awarding the said compensation 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 ground for granting such allowance shall be necessary or be made. 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 after the commencement of this Scheme he

shall be entitled to compensation in the same manner as if he had not been employed by the said Council. Provided that the term "officer" shall include only persons employed by the Local Board or District Council whose salaries or emoluments are 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 the said Lords Commissioners or any two or more of them shall be the only judges upon any question which may arise under this clause and further every determination of the said Lords Commissioners 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 or any two or more of them may be evidenced by writing under the hands of any two of them.

The accounts of the District Council and their officers shall be (as soon as conveniently may be) audited by the District Auditor in like manner and subject to the like powers duties provisions and right of appeal as if the Charter had not been granted and the provisions of sections two hundred and forty-seven and two hundred and fifty of "The Public Health Act 1875" as amended by "The District Auditors Act 1879" and any regulations duly issued by the Local Government Board with respect to the audit of accounts of Local Boards or Urban District Councils and of their officers shall apply to such audit; and the provisions of this Scheme with respect to the District Council shall be construed so as to admit of such exceptions as may be necessary to enable any such audit to be duly made but such exceptions shall be strictly limited in time extent character and operation to the purposes of such audit; any money certified to be due from any person by the District Auditor at such audit shall be paid by such person to the Treasurer of the Borough.

*Saving for Rates &c.*

Notwithstanding the incorporation of the borough and the provisions of this Scheme all rates assessments compositions charges mortgages contracts leases conveyances deeds documents acts matters and things made entered into or done before the commencement of this Scheme by to or with reference to the District Council shall be as good valid and effectual to all intents and purposes whatsoever for against and with reference to the Corporation as if the same had been done entered into or done by to or with reference to the Corporation instead of the District Council and may be proceeded on or enforced in the same manner in all respects as if the Corporation instead of the District Council had been party or privy to the same and had been named or referred to therein.

*Foreign Office, October 5, 1900.*

THE date of Mr. Frederick Bonar's appointment as Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Pensacola should be August 20, 1900, and not August 25, as stated in the London Gazette of October 2.