

ment of persons to hold the office of Nurse at the said Workhouse:

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by the Statutes in that behalf, hereby Order and Direct that, notwithstanding anything contained in the above-cited Order, if the Guardians of the Poor of the said Union shall submit to Us for Our approval a Statement showing the total number of persons which the said Guardians consider it necessary to appoint to hold the office of Nurse at the said Workhouse, and the salaries or scale of salaries to be assigned to such Nurses, and We approve that Statement, it shall not be necessary for the said Guardians to report to Us each appointment under the said Order of a person to hold the office of Nurse in the said Workhouse, nor to obtain Our approval to the remuneration of any such person, so long as the number of persons so appointed and their salaries do not exceed the number of persons and the scale of salaries shown in the said Statement and approved by Us:

Provided as follows:—

- (1.) This Order shall not apply to the appointment of any Superintendent Nurse appointed subject to the provisions of the Nursing in Workhouses Order, 1897.
- (2.) A person who has not reached the age of twenty-one years shall not be employed in the capacity of Probationary Nurse.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this tenth day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and five.



G. W. Balfour,
President.

H. C. Monro, Assistant-Secretary.

GENERAL ORDER of Local Government Board:
(Altering General Accounts Order): Appointment of Stocktaker:—

WEST HAM UNION.

To the Guardians of the Poor of the West Ham Union:—

And to all others whom it may concern.

Whereas by General Orders of the Poor Law Board, dated respectively the 14th day of January, 1867, and the 16th day of February, 1869, and addressed to the Guardians of the Poor of the West Ham Union (amongst others) and by other Orders made by Us, the Local Government Board, dated respectively the 7th day of March, 1881, and the 5th day of August, 1903, and addressed to the said Guardians, it is required that in relation to the provisions, clothing, and other stores in the Workhouse, and at Premises provided by the said Guardians at Leytonstone and appropriated for the purposes of a School and Infirmary respectively for the reception and treatment of poor persons belonging to the said Union, the Accounts when made up and balanced, shall be submitted to the Visiting Committee or to some Member thereof, who shall enter a memorandum at the foot of those Accounts, certifying to the same having been submitted, and to the correctness of the said Accounts as regards the stock remaining in store;

And whereas it is expedient to empower the said Guardians to appoint a competent person or persons to examine the stores at the Workhouse, and at any House (whatever be its designation or description) which belongs to the

Guardians, in which any poor person is lodged and maintained, and to which the Orders hereinbefore mentioned apply, and to perform the other duties hereinafter set forth:

Now therefore, in the exercise of our powers in that behalf, We do hereby Order as follows:—

ARTICLE I.—The Guardians of the Poor of the West Ham Union, as and when they shall think fit to do so, may appoint a competent person or persons to perform the duties of a Stocktaker as hereinafter set forth, and may revoke that appointment. Any appointment of a Stocktaker by the Guardians shall be notified to Us forthwith.

ARTICLE II.—Every appointment of a Stocktaker shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Regulations in force for the time being as to the appointment of Officers by the said Guardians, and a person appointed to the office of Stocktaker shall receive such remuneration as may from time to time be assigned to him by the said Guardians.

ARTICLE III.—No person, except with Our consent, shall be appointed to the office of Stocktaker while holding any other office under the Guardians.

ARTICLE IV.—The Stocktaker shall, on the day next after the termination of each quarter, and at any other time when required by the Guardians to do so, examine the stores at the Workhouse, and at any House such as is hereinbefore described, and compare the said stores with the quantities of stock remaining in store as shown by the entries in the proper columns in the Accounts termed respectively the "Quarterly Balance of the Provisions Account" and the "Quarterly Balance of the Necessaries and Miscellaneous Account," or in such additional Accounts as may be kept under the directions of the Guardians.

He shall also, on the day next after the termination of each half-year, and at any other time when required by the Guardians to do so, examine the stock of clothing at the Workhouse, and at any House such as is hereinbefore described, and compare the same with the balance appearing in the Accounts termed respectively the "Clothing Materials Receipt and Conversion Account" and the "Clothing Receipt and Expenditure Account," and shall compare the various articles enumerated in the Inventory Books of the before-mentioned establishments, and see that the said articles are distributed in accordance with the entries therein.

ARTICLE V.—After making the examination and comparison referred to in Article IV, the Stocktaker, if he find the stock to be correct, shall sign a certificate at the foot of each of the balanced Accounts in the following form:—

"Submitted to me this _____ day of 19____, and found to be correct as regards the quantities of stock remaining in store.

"(Signed).....
"Stocktaker."

If he find the stock to be in any respect incorrect he shall make such alteration in the said certificate as he may deem necessary, specifying the particulars in which he finds the quantities of stock to be incorrectly stated.

ARTICLE VI.—The Master of the Workhouse, and the Master, Steward or Superintendent of any such House as aforesaid, shall, when required by the Stocktaker to do so, on the days and at the times referred to in Article IV, submit to him the stores and Accounts therein mentioned, and render to him such assistance as may be necessary for the purpose of such examination and comparison as aforesaid.

ARTICLE VII.—The Master of the Workhouse, and the Master, Steward or Superintendent of any