

as We may determine, and the Committee shall continue in office until their successors are appointed:

Provided that—

(i) the first appointment of such a Committee may be made at any time after the date of the operation of this Order; and

(ii) the Guardians may, subject to the provisions of this Order, at any time appoint additional members of the Committee.

(c) A member of the Committee shall continue in office until the expiration of the period for which he was appointed, or until he dies, or resigns, or becomes disqualified, or goes out of office as a Guardian.

(d) The Committee may from time to time appoint one of their members to act as secretary, and if no such appointment be made by the Committee the Guardians shall assign the duties of secretary to the Clerk to the Guardians or an Assistant Clerk.

(e) An account shall be kept on behalf of the Committee of any money received by them from the Guardians and of their disbursements and each member of the Committee who makes payments on behalf of boarded-out children shall keep an account of money advanced to him for that purpose and of his disbursements. Such accounts shall be laid before the Guardians at their meetings and audited by the District Auditor with the accounts of the Guardians.

(f) The quorum, proceedings, and place of meeting of the Committee shall, in other respects, subject to the provisions of this Order, be such as may be determined by Regulations of the Guardians, and, subject to such Regulations, shall be such as the Committee direct.

(g) It shall be the duty of the Committee to find and superintend homes for all children boarded-out by the Guardians within the Union and for any child in regard to whom an agreement has been made by them under paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of Article IV of this Order and to observe the regulations applicable to them prescribed by this Order or by any Order which may hereafter be issued by Us.

(2)—(a) A Boarding-out Committee constituted by persons acting for that purpose independently of the Guardians shall consist of persons who are approved by Us, who have signed an engagement in the Form No. 1 in the Schedule to this Order, and who have obtained Our written authority to make administrative arrangements with the Guardians for the purpose of finding and superintending homes for pauper children within an area specified in the said authority and generally for the execution of this Order.

(b) The area within which the Committee is authorized to find and superintend homes for pauper children may, with Our approval, be extended or diminished.

(c) The number of members of the Committee may, with Our approval, be altered, and, with Our approval, any person may be substituted as a member of the Committee for any existing member who shall cease to act as a member of the Committee.

A person shall not act as an additional or substituted member of the Committee until he

has signed an engagement in the Form No. 2 in the Schedule to this Order.

(d) The Committee shall from time to time appoint one of their members to act as secretary.

(e) The secretary shall forthwith inform Us of any vacancy occurring in the Committee by reason of the death, resignation, or disqualification of a member, or from any other cause; and shall report to Us as soon as practicable after the first day of July in every year the names and addresses of the members of the Committee in the Form No. 3 in the Schedule to this Order.

(f) Before a child is boarded-out by the Guardians in pursuance of administrative arrangements with a Boarding-out Committee constituted under subdivision (2) of this Article those arrangements shall be defined and embodied in an agreement made, with Our approval, between the Guardians and the Committee.

The agreement shall be in the Form No. 4 in the Schedule to this Order.

ARTICLE IV.—For the purposes of the execution of this Order the Guardians shall—

(1) in any case in which they board out children in homes within the Poor Law Union, either—

(a) appoint a Committee in accordance with subdivision (1) of Article III of this Order; or

(b) enter into administrative arrangements with a Committee constituted in accordance with subdivision (2) of Article III of this Order;

(2) in any case in which they board out children in homes beyond the limits of the Poor Law Union either—

(a) enter into administrative arrangements with a Committee constituted in accordance with subdivision (2) of Article III of this Order; or

(b) subject to Our approval, make an agreement with a Committee appointed in accordance with subdivision (1) of Article III of this Order by the Guardians of the Poor Law Union in which the child is to be resident.

ARTICLE V.—(1) A Boarding-out Committee shall furnish to Us or to any of Our Officers or to the Guardians, when so required, all reasonable information respecting the proceedings of the Committee and the children boarded-out under their superintendence, and shall keep a book containing a record of the proceedings at each meeting of the Committee, and all records or reports kept by or made to the Committee shall be in the custody of the secretary to the Committee and shall at all times be open to inspection by any of Our Officers.

(2) The Clerk to the Guardians of every Poor Law Union shall, as soon as practicable after the first day of January in every year, make a Return to Us, in the Form No. 5 in the Schedule to this Order, of every child boarded-out by the Guardians on that date.