

## COUNTY OF LONDON.

SCHEME of the London County Council for regulating the holding of Courts of Quarter Sessions for the County of London, as provided by section 42 (7) of the Local Government Act, 1888.

## Part I.—GENERAL.

1. The provisions of the Act 11, Geo. IV, and 1 Will. IV, cap. 70, as to the times for holding Quarter Sessions shall not apply to the county of London.

2. Quarter Sessions shall be held at Clerkenwell for business arising on the north as well as on the south side of the Thames in the months of January, April, July and October in every year, and the first Sessions held in each of those months shall be General Quarter Sessions.

3. Adjourned Quarter Sessions shall be held at Clerkenwell for all such business as aforesaid in each of the months aforesaid and in all the other months of the year at intervals of not less than two weeks or more than three weeks after the beginning of each preceding Quarter Sessions or adjourned Quarter Sessions.

4. In the month of November of every year the Clerk of the Peace shall prepare a list showing the days to be fixed for the Sessions to be held during the ensuing year, in accordance with the foregoing provisions. In the list so to be prepared, special days shall be appointed for hearing appeals. Such list shall be laid before the November Sessions, and shall be revised and settled at such Sessions, and be printed and issued by the Clerk of the Peace; and Sessions in accordance with such list, when so revised and settled, shall be held during the year.

5. The Sessions so fixed shall, so far as practicable, be continued from day to day, until the business to be dealt with at such Sessions is completed. And it shall be the duty of the justices to take the steps necessary to secure that there shall be as many Courts sitting at the same time as may be required for the discharge of the business with proper expedition. For this purpose, in addition to the Courts presided over by the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman, there may be, on the direction of the London County Council, with the approval of the Secretary of State, in pursuance of section 42 (6) of the Local Government Act, 1888, a third Court, and, if necessary, a fourth Court, each to be presided over by one of the justices. Any of the above-mentioned Courts may be held at the same time, and, subject to the provisions of this Scheme, shall be so held whenever necessary to prevent delay in the disposal of pending business.

6. It shall be the duty of the justices to take care that these provisions for the disposal of business shall, so far as is reasonably practicable, be strictly observed. Nevertheless, a committal for trial or recognizance shall not be invalidated, nor shall the power of the Sessions be affected by any disregard of the provisions of this Scheme; as to the place or time of trial, and every Court of Sessions held in and for the county of London, at whatever place or time such Court is held, shall have complete power to hear, determine and dispose of any case or matter arising in the said county, notwithstanding an objection that such case or

matter ought to be, or had been, heard and determined at the Sessions held at another place, or at another time.

7. Every Court of Sessions of the Peace, and every adjournment thereof, shall have the same jurisdiction in every respect, including the power of hearing and determining appeals, as if such Court were Quarter Sessions, and every Sessions shall, as circumstances require, be deemed to be Quarter or adjourned Quarter Sessions, and, if held simultaneously, to be divided Courts of the same Sessions.

## PART II.—APPEALS UNDER THE VALUATION (METROPOLIS) ACT, 1869.

1. At every adjourned January Quarter Sessions, sittings of the Court shall be fixed to hear appeals under the Valuation (Metropolis) Act, 1869.

2. Such sittings shall begin not earlier than the 1st of February then next ensuing, and shall be so arranged as to enable the Court to determine all appeals (except where a valuation list or valuation is ordered) before the ensuing 31st of March.

3. The Court shall at the same Sessions appoint, with the consent of the Local Government Board, a clerk and other persons to assist the Court in the performance of their duties under the Act.

4. Appeals may be heard at any place authorised for the time being for holding Quarter Sessions for the county of London, or in the city of London, or at one or both of such places, at the same time, or at different times, as the Court shall from time to time determine.

5. At every adjourned April Quarter Sessions the Court shall assign the remuneration (subject to the approval of the Local Government Board) of the clerk and other officers appointed as aforesaid for the year ended the 31st of March then last past.

6. A separate account shall be kept of the expenses incurred by the Court in respect of the exercise of its jurisdiction under the Valuation (Metropolis) Act, 1869, and such account, made up to the 31st of March in every year, shall be submitted to and be examined by the Court at the ensuing adjourned April Quarter Sessions.

7. Such account, when approved by the Court, shall be submitted by the Clerk of the Court for such audit as the Local Government Board may direct, with a view to the same, when audited, being paid in the manner prescribed by the Valuation (Metropolis) Act, 1869.

This Scheme shall come into operation on the 1st of January, 1914, and shall continue in force until 31st December, 1914, unless otherwise determined.

The Scheme dated the 18th of December, 1912, is hereby repealed.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1913.

Sealed by Order,

LAURENCE GOMME,

Clerk of the London County Council.

I hereby approve the foregoing Scheme.

R. McKenna,

One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,

Whitehall, S.W.

23rd December, 1913.

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