



CHAPTER ii.

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board under the provisions of the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1867, relating to the Parish of Birmingham. A.D. 1891.
[26th March 1891.]

WHEREAS the Local Government Board have made the Provisional Order set forth in the schedule hereto, under the provisions of the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1867:

30 & 31 Vict.
c. 106.

And whereas it is requisite that the said Order should be confirmed by Parliament:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. The Order set out in the schedule hereto shall be and the same is hereby confirmed, and all the provisions thereof shall have full validity and force. Order in
schedule
confirmed.

2. This Act may be cited as the Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (Poor Law) Act, 1891. Short title.

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SCHEDULE.

PARISH OF BIRMINGHAM.

Provisional Order for altering a Local Act.

To the Guardians of the Poor of the Parish of Birmingham ;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

1 & 2 Will. 4.
c. lxxvii.

WHEREAS by a Local Act of Parliament passed in the first and second years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for better regulating the Poor within the Parish of Birmingham, in the County of Warwick ; and for empowering the Guardians of the Poor to grant building leases of certain lands vested in them, or otherwise to sell and dispose of the same, and to apply the monies to arise therefrom in the enlargement or rebuilding of the present Workhouse ; and for other purposes," (herein-after referred to as "the Local Act,") the persons who were at the commencement thereof Guardians of the Poor of the Parish of Birmingham, under or by virtue of the Act thereby repealed, and their successors to be elected and appointed in manner therein directed, were incorporated by the name of "The Guardians of the Poor of the Parish of Birmingham," for the purpose of better regulating the Poor within the said Parish ;

46 & 47 Vict.
c. lxxxii.

And whereas the Local Act was partially repealed and altered by a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board dated the Fifth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and duly confirmed by the Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Poor Law) (No. 3) Act, 1883 (which Order and Act are herein-after respectively referred to as "the Order" and "the Confirming Act") ;

And whereas by Article IV. of the Order provision was made with respect to the nomination and election of the said Guardians, and by subdivisions (8), (9), (10), and (11) of that Article it was provided as follows :—

"(8.) If less than sixty duly qualified persons shall have been nominated and shall have consented to act, such number of duly qualified persons as will be necessary to complete the number of sixty Guardians shall be elected at the meeting of ratepayers on the day of election."

"(9.) If more than sixty duly qualified persons shall have been nominated and shall have consented to act, sixty of such persons shall be elected as Guardians at the meeting of ratepayers on the day of election."

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“(10.) Every ratepayer of the Parish of Birmingham who shall be qualified in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 of the Local Act, and shall have delivered to the chairman of the meeting a certificate in the form contained in Section 14 of the Local Act may, between the hours of nine in the morning and four in the evening of the day of election, deliver to the chairman, or to some person appointed by him to receive the same at the place of meeting, a separate paper written or printed containing the Christian and surname of each of the persons for whom he votes (not exceeding in number the persons to be elected at the meeting), together with the residence, calling or quality, and qualification of such person.”

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“(11.) The chairman of such meeting, or any person or persons whom he may appoint for that purpose, shall, after the hour of four in the evening of the day of election, ascertain whether the several persons named in such notice or notices are qualified in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 of the Local Act, and the number of votes given for such of the persons who are so qualified; and the requisite number of the persons qualified who shall have obtained the largest number of votes shall be deemed to be elected and shall be so certified by the chairman under his hand.”

And whereas the said Guardians have applied to the Local Government Board to issue an Order under the provisions of Section 2 of the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1867, to further alter the Local Act as amended by the Order :

30 & 31 Vict.
c. 106.

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by Section 2 of the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1867, and by any other Statutes in that behalf, do hereby Order that, from and after the date of the Act of Parliament confirming this Order, the following provisions shall take effect; namely,—

Art. I. Subdivision (9) of Article IV. of the Order shall be altered by the addition of the following words : “and the said Clerk shall cause voting papers in the form in the Schedule to this Order to be prepared for use at the meeting, and shall insert therein, in the alphabetical order of the surnames, the names of the duly qualified persons so nominated, but it shall not be necessary to insert more than once the name of any person nominated; and the said Clerk shall, upon application made to him, or to any person or persons deputed by him, by any ratepayer, between the hours of ten in the morning and five in the evening on any of the three days next preceding the day of the meeting, or, on that day, between the hours of nine in the morning and four in the evening, cause one of such voting papers to be supplied to such ratepayer. Each voting paper so supplied shall be authenticated in such manner as the Guardians shall prescribe.”

Art. II. The Order shall be further altered by the omission of subdivision (10) of Article IV., and the insertion in lieu thereof of the following provision; viz,—

“(10.) Every ratepayer of the Parish of Birmingham who shall be qualified in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 of the Local Act, and shall have delivered to the chairman of the meeting a certificate in the form contained in Section 14 of the Local Act may, between the hours of nine in the morning and four in the evening of the day of election, deliver to the

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chairman, or to some person appointed by him to receive the same, at the place of meeting—

(a.) If more than sixty duly qualified persons shall have been nominated and shall have consented to act;—a voting paper to be obtained as aforesaid, and in the proper column of which he shall have placed a cross (×) against the name or names of the person or persons (not exceeding sixty) for whom he intends to vote; or

(b.) If less than sixty duly qualified persons shall have been nominated and shall have consented to act;—a separate paper, written or printed, containing the Christian and surname of each of the persons for whom he votes (not exceeding in number the persons to be elected at the meeting), together with the residence, calling or quality, and qualification of such person.

Art. III. Subdivision (11) of Article IV. of the Order shall be altered by the insertion of the words “in such voting paper or separate paper or papers, as the case may be,” in lieu of the words “in such notice or notices.”

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The SCHEDULE above referred to.

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VOTING PAPER for the Election of Guardians of the Poor of the Parish of
 BIRMINGHAM.

A cross (×) to be placed in this column against the Names of the Persons for whom the vote is intended to be given.	Names of the Persons nominated as Guardians arranged in alphabetical order.		Residence of the Persons nominated.	Quality or Calling of the Persons nominated.	Qualification of the Persons nominated.
	Surnames.	Christian Names.			

DIRECTIONS TO THE VOTER.

- (1.) The voter is entitled to vote for sixty Guardians and no more.
- (2.) The voter must himself place a cross × in the proper column against the name of every person for whom he votes.
- (3.) If the cross is placed against more than sixty names the vote of the ratepayer will be wholly lost.
- (4.) If any cross is so placed as to render it doubtful against what name it was intended to be placed, the vote will, to this extent, be lost.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this
 Thirty-first day of January, One thousand eight hundred and
 ninety-one.

(L.S.)

CHAS. T. RITCHIE, President.
 HUGH OWEN, Secretary.

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