

ORDRE EN CONSEIL.



A LA COUR ROYALE DE L'ILE DE GUERNESEY

Le treize novembre, mil neuf cent trente-sept, par devant Victor Gosselin Carey, écuyer, Baillif; présents: Jean Allès Simon, John Roussel, Osmond Priaulx Gallienne, Arthur Dorey, Ernest de Garis, Jean Nicolas Robin, Cyril de Putron, Aylmer Mackworth Drake, John Leale et James Frederick Carey, écuyers, Jurés.

Monsieur le Baillif ayant ce jour communiqué à la Cour un Ordre de Sa Majesté en Conseil en date du vingt-deux octobre mil neuf cent trente-sept ratifiant un Projet de Loi intitulé "Loi ayant rapport aux Secours Publics (1937)." — La Cour, après avoir eu lecture du dit Ordre, ouïes les conclusions des Officiers du Roi, a ordonné que le dit Ordre en Conseil sera enregistré sur les Records de cette Ile, duquel Ordre la teneur suit :—

At the Court at Buckingham Palace,

The 22nd day of October, 1937.

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty

LORD PRESIDENT

VISCOUNT GOSCHEN

MR. SECRETARY MALCOLM MACDONALD

SIR RONALD GRAHAM.

Whereas there was this day read at the Board a Report from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council for the Affairs of Guernsey and Jersey, dated the 30th day of July, 1937; in the words following, viz. :—

LE 13 NOVEMBRE 1937.

Your Majesty having been pleased by Your General Order of Reference of the 18th day of December, 1936, to refer unto this Committee the humble Petition of the States of the Island of Guernsey, setting forth:—

1. That pursuant to the resolution of the States of Deliberation of the 7th day of October, 1936, the Royal Court on the 8th day of May, 1937, adopted a Bill or Projet de Loi intituled "Loi ayant rapport aux Secours Publics (1937)," and requested the Bailiff to submit the same to the States for their approval: 2. That on the 30th day of June, 1937, the said Bill or Projet de Loi was duly considered by the States, when a resolution was passed approving the same and authorizing the Bailiff to present a most humble Petition to Your Majesty in Council praying for Your Royal Sanction thereto: 3. That the said Bill or Projet de Loi is in the words and figures set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed. And most humbly praying that Your Majesty would be graciously pleased to grant Your Royal Sanction to the Bill or Projet de Loi of the States of Guernsey intituled "Loi ayant rapport aux Secours Publics (1937)," and to order and direct that the same shall have the force of Law within the Island of Guernsey.'

The Lords of the Committee, in obedience to Your Majesty's said Order of Reference, have taken the said Petition and the said Projet de Loi into consideration, and do this day agree humbly to report, as their opinion, to Your Majesty, that it may be advisable for Your Majesty to comply with the prayer of the said Petition and to approve of and ratify the said Projet de Loi."

His Majesty having taken the said report into consideration is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of and ratify the said Projet de Loi, and to order, as it

is hereby ordered that the same shall have the force of Law within the Island of Guernsey.

And His Majesty doth hereby further direct that this Order, and the said Projet de Loi (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) be entered upon the Register of the Island of Guernsey and observed accordingly.

AND the Lieutenant Governor or Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Guernsey, the Bailiff and Jurats, and all other His Majesty's Officers, for the time being, in the said Island, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

M. P. A. HANKEY.

PROJET DE LOI referred to in the foregoing Order.

PROJET DE LOI

INTITULÉ

**LOI AYANT RAPPORT AUX SECOURS
PUBLICS (1937).**

VU la délibération des Etats en date du 7 octobre 1936 :

Les Etats ont approuvé les dispositions suivantes rédigées en anglais, lesquelles, moyennant la Sanction de Sa Très Excellente Majesté en Conseil, auront force de loi en cette Ile.

ARTICLE I.

**STATES PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
AUTHORITY.**

(1) On such date as the Royal Court shall by Ordinance appoint, (such date being hereinafter referred to as "the appointed date") the functions of the various Boards constituted under the Law entitled "Loi ayant rapport à l'Administration des Pauvres de l'Ile" registered on the Records of this Island on the 13th day of August 1925 and of the Board constituted under the Law entitled "Loi ayant rapport à l'Asile des Enfants" registered on the Records of this Island on the 24th day of November 1928 shall, subject to the provisions of this Law, be transferred to and, thereafter, such functions shall be exercised by the States Public Assistance Authority constituted under this present Law.

(2) The States Public Assistance Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority") shall be composed of the following Boards and Committee, that is to say :—

- (a) The Hospital Board.
- (b) The Central Outdoor Assistance Board.
- (c) Ten Parochial Outdoor Assistance Boards,
- (d) The Children Board,

(e) The Stranger Poor Assistance Committee, and those Boards and that Committee shall have and exercise the functions in this Law allotted to them respectively.

(3) The cost of the Public Assistance Services administered by the constituent Boards and Committee of the States Public Assistance Authority shall be borne out of moneys provided by the States.

ARTICLE II.

PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

(1) There shall be a President of and a Secretary to the Authority.

(2) No person not being a Member of the States shall be qualified to hold the office of President.

(3) The President of the Authority shall be elected by the States and shall hold office for a period of three years. A retiring President shall be eligible for re-election.

(4) The President of the Authority shall be the President of the Hospital Board, of the Central Outdoor Assistance Board and of the Stranger Poor Assistance Committee.

(5) The Secretary shall be a salaried official appointed by the States Appointments Board.

ARTICLE III.

CONSTITUTION OF THE HOSPITAL BOARD.

(1) The Hospital Board shall be composed of the President of the Authority and fifteen other Members, of which latter three shall be ladies.

(2) Of the fifteen other Members of the Board, five (hereinafter referred to as "the Town Members") shall be elected by the States from among Members of the States resident in the Parish of Saint Peter Port, five (hereinafter referred to as "the Country Members") shall be

electd by the States from among Members of the States resident in some other parish or parishes and the remaining five Members of the Board (hereinafter referred to as "the co-opted Members") shall be co-opted to the Board by vote of the President and States-elected Members thereof.

(3) The President shall have power from time to time to nominate a Vice-President of the Board from among the Members of the Board elected by the States and the person so nominated shall hold office as Vice-President of the Board until the expiration of the calendar year in which he was so nominated.

(4) One of the Town Members, one of the Country Members and one of the co-opted Members shall retire from office on the 31st day of December, 1938, and annually thereafter. In each case, the Member who has held office longest since he was last elected or co-opted to the Board shall be the Member to retire and, in the case of Members elected or co-opted on the same date, the order of their retirement shall be determined by lot.

(5) Every retiring Member shall, if not otherwise disqualified, be eligible for re-election or re-co-option, as the case may be.

(6) A Member of the Board upon ceasing to be a Member of the States shall be disqualified from sitting on the Board otherwise than as a co-opted Member.

(7) A Town Member shall be disqualified from sitting as such on the Board upon ceasing to be a resident of Saint Peter Port, and a Country Member shall be disqualified from sitting as such on the Board upon ceasing to reside within the other Parishes.

(8) In the event of a Member, other than the President, ceasing to hold office otherwise than by effluxion of time, a new Member shall be elected or co-opted, as the case may require, for the un-

expired portion of the term of office of the Member to be replaced.

(9) For the purposes of a Meeting of the Hospital Board, any eight Members thereof shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE HOSPITAL BOARD.

The Hospital Board—

(a) shall be responsible to the States for the administration of such hospital or hospitals (not being a hospital or hospitals specifically placed by the States under the control of some other Board or Committee) as may from time to time be provided by the States and shall have full control thereover;

(b) shall meet at least once in every calendar month :

(c) shall make such Regulations as may be deemed necessary or expedient for the proper working of any such hospital or hospitals with power from time to time to modify Regulations so made :

Provided that Regulations so made or modified shall be submitted to the Royal Court for approval and that no such Regulation or modification thereof shall become operative until such approval has been obtained :

(d) shall prepare and submit annually to the President of the States Finance Committee the Hospital Budget in respect of the then next succeeding financial year :

(e) shall approve and submit annually to the President of the States Board of Administration the Hospital Accounts in respect of the then last preceding financial year :

(f) shall elect from time to time from among the

States-elected Members of the Hospital Board a Member of the Stranger Poor Assistance Committee.

ARTICLE V.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CENTRAL OUTDOOR ASSISTANCE BOARD.

(1) The Central Outdoor Assistance Board shall be composed of the President of the Authority and of thirty other Members, that is to say:—

The Procureur of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Peter Port.

The five senior Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Peter Port.

The senior or only Procureur of the Poor of each of the other Parishes.

Six Members of the Saint Peter Port Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board elected by that Board from among the States-elected Members thereof.

One Member of each of the other Parochial Outdoor Assistance Boards elected by those Boards respectively from among the States-elected Members thereof.

(2) The President shall have power from time to time to nominate a Vice-President of the Board from among those Members of the Board who are States-elected Members of Parochial Outdoor Assistance Boards and the person so nominated shall hold office as Vice-President of the Board until the expiration of the calendar year in which he was so nominated.

(3) Two of the Members elected by the Saint Peter Port Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board and three of the Members elected by the other Parochial Outdoor Assistance Boards shall retire from office on the 31st day of December 1938 and annually thereafter. In each case the Members who have held office longest since they

were last elected shall be the Members to retire and, in the case of Members elected on the same date, the order of their retirement shall be determined by lot.

(4) Every retiring elected Member shall, if not otherwise disqualified, be eligible for re-election.

(5) An elected Member of the Central Outdoor Assistance Board shall cease to be a Member of that Board upon ceasing to be a Member of the Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board by which he was elected.

(6) In the event of an elected Member of the Central Outdoor Assistance Board, other than the President, ceasing to hold office on that Board otherwise than by effluxion of time, a new Member shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the term of office of the Member so ceasing to hold office by the Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board by which such last mentioned Member was elected.

(7) For the purposes of a Meeting of the Central Outdoor Assistance Board, any twelve members shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE VI.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CENTRAL OUTDOOR ASSISTANCE BOARD.

The Central Outdoor Assistance Board—

(a) shall be responsible to the States for and shall control the administration of Outdoor Assistance (other than the Outdoor Assistance of Stranger Poor):

(b) shall make such Regulations as may be deemed necessary or expedient for the proper administration of Outdoor Assistance with power from time to time to modify Regulations so made:

Provided that Regulations so made or

- modified shall be submitted to the Royal Court for approval and that no such Regulation or modification thereof shall become operative until such approval has been obtained.
- (c) shall prescribe from time to time the ordinary maximum rates of outdoor assistance so as to ensure a uniform basis of such assistance throughout the Island.
 - (d) shall oversee the work of the Parochial Outdoor Assistance Boards :
 - (e) shall meet at least once in every calendar month for the purpose of considering
 - (1) the reports of the Parochial Outdoor Assistance Boards :
 - (2) the exceptional cases in which, since the last meeting of the Board or before the Board again meets, it may have been or may be necessary to grant outdoor assistance at a rate in excess of the ordinary maximum rate fixed by the Board :
 - (3) such other matters as may require the consideration of the Board :
 - (f) shall prepare and submit annually to the President of the States Finance Committee the Outdoor Assistance Budget in respect of the then next succeeding financial year :
 - (g) shall approve and submit annually to the President of the States Board of Administration the Outdoor Assistance Accounts in respect of the then last preceding financial year :
 - (h) shall elect from time to time from among those of its members who are States-elected Members of Parochial Outdoor Assistance Boards a Member of the Stranger Poor Assistance Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PAROCHIAL
OUTDOOR ASSISTANCE BOARDS.

(1) The Saint Peter Port Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board shall be composed of twenty-three Members, as follows:—

Twelve members elected by the States from among Members of the States who are resident in the Parish of Saint Peter Port.

The Procureur of the Poor and the ten Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Peter Port.

The Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board of each other Parish shall be composed of seven Members, as follows:—

Four Members elected by the States from among Members of the States who are resident in that Parish.

The Senior Constable of that Parish.

The two Procureurs of the Poor for that Parish or, if for that Parish there is only one Procureur of the Poor, then the Procureur of the Poor for that Parish and one resident of that Parish who shall be elected by a Meeting of Ratepayers of that Parish and shall hold office as a Member of the Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board of that Parish for a period of three years from the date of his election and who shall, upon retirement, be eligible, if still a resident of that Parish, for re-election if willing to serve.

(2) For the purposes of a meeting of the Saint Peter Port Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board, any ten Members shall constitute a quorum.

(3) For the purposes of a meeting of any other Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board, any four Members shall constitute a quorum.

(4) Each Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board shall elect a President and Vice-President from time to time from among those of its Members who are States-elected Members and such President and Vice-President shall hold office until the expiration of the calendar year in which they were elected respectively.

(5) The Senior or only Procureur of the Poor of each Parish shall convene the first meeting of the Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board of that Parish and shall preside over that meeting for the purpose of the election of a President of the Board.

(6) One out of every four Members of each Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board elected by the States shall retire from office on the 31st day of December 1938 and annually thereafter.

In each case the Members who have held office longest since they were last elected to the Board shall be the Members to retire and, in the case of Members elected on the same date, the order of their retirement shall be determined by lot.

Every retiring member shall, if not otherwise disqualified, be eligible for re-election.

(7) A States-elected Member of any Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board upon ceasing to be a Member of the States shall cease to be a Member of that Board.

(8) A Member of the Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board of any Parish shall cease to be a Member thereof upon ceasing to be a resident of that Parish.

(9) In the event of any elected Member of a Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board ceasing to hold office otherwise than by effluxion of time, a new Member shall be elected thereto for the unexpired portion of the term of office of the Member to be replaced.

ARTICLE VIII.
POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE
PAROCHIAL OUTDOOR ASSISTANCE
BOARDS.

- (1) Each Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board—
- (a) shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer or a Secretary and a Treasurer,
 - (b) shall prepare and submit annually to the Central Outdoor Assistance Board on or before such date as shall be fixed by the latter the Outdoor Assistance Budget of the Parish concerned in respect of the then next succeeding financial year :
 - (c) shall approve and submit annually to the Central Outdoor Assistance Board on or before such date as shall be fixed by the latter the Outdoor Assistance Accounts of the Parish concerned in respect of the then last preceding financial year :
 - (d) shall consider all reports made to it by a Procureur of the Poor of its Parish and (in the case of the Saint Peter Port Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board) by any Overseer of the Poor :
 - (e) shall generally oversee and administer Outdoor Assistance in its Parish :
 - (f) shall submit to the Central Outdoor Assistance Board exceptional cases in which it may have been, or may become, necessary to grant Outdoor Assistance at a rate in excess of the ordinary maximum rate thereof prescribed by that Board :
 - (g) shall prepare and submit to the Central Outdoor Assistance Board such reports as may be required to be made thereto from time to time :
 - (h) shall elect from time to time, from among those of its Members who are States-elected Members, those Members of the Central

Outdoor Assistance Board who are to be elected by the Parochial Outdoor Assistance Boards, that is to say, six Members in the case of the Saint Peter Port Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board and one Member in the case of each of the other Parochial Outdoor Assistance Boards.

(2) The person to be appointed as Secretary and Treasurer by the Saint Peter Port Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board shall be the Secretary to the Authority.

ARTICLE IX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHILDREN BOARD.

(1) The Children Board shall be composed of a President and twelve other Members of which other Members not more than four shall be ladies.

The President shall be elected by the States from among Members of the States and shall, subject to the provisions of this Article, hold office for a period of three years.

Six other Members of the Board shall be elected by the States from among Members of the States.

The remaining six Members of the Board shall be persons co-opted to the Board by the President and States-elected Members thereof.

Of the co-opted Members, two shall be Members of the States of whom one shall be a Member of the Hospital Board and the other shall be a Member of the Central Outdoor Assistance Board.

The ladies elected or co-opted to the Children Board shall be ladies interested in Child Welfare.

(2) The President shall have power from time to time to nominate a Vice-President of the Board from among those Members of the Board who are elected thereto by the States and the person so nominated shall hold office as Vice-President of the Board until the expiration of the calendar year in which he was so nominated.

(3) One States-elected Member and one co-opted Member shall retire on the 31st day of December 1938 and annually thereafter. In each case, the Member who has held office longest since he was last elected or co-opted shall be the Member to retire and, in the case of Members elected or co-opted on the same date, the order of their retirement shall be determined by lot.

(4) Upon the President or any States-elected Member ceasing to be a Member of the States, he shall cease to be a Member of the Board.

(5) The President and every other retiring Member, if not otherwise disqualified, shall be eligible for re-election or re-co-option, as the case may be.

(6) In the event of a Member, other than the President, ceasing to hold office otherwise than by effluxion of time, a new Member shall be elected or co-opted, as the case may require, for the unexpired portion of the term of office of the Member to be replaced.

(7) For the purposes of a Meeting of the Children Board, any seven members shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE X.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CHILDREN BOARD.

The Children Board—

- (a) shall meet at least once in every calendar month ;
- (b) shall be responsible for the control and administration of the Children's Home ;
- (c) shall make such Regulations as may be deemed necessary or expedient for the proper working of the Children's Home or otherwise in relation to the work of the Children Board with power from time to time to modify Regulations so made ;

- (d) shall exercise such powers and carry out such duties as are entrusted to it under any Law for the time being in force concerning the Protection of Children and Young Persons and under the provisions not repealed by this Law of the Law entitled "Loi ayant rapport à l'Asile des Enfants" registered on the Island Records on the 24th day of November 1928 :
- (e) shall prepare and submit annually to the President of the States Finance Committee the Budget of the Children Board in respect of the then next succeeding financial year :
- (f) shall approve and submit annually to the President of the States Board of Administration the Accounts of the Children Board in respect of the then preceding financial year.

ARTICLE XI.

CONSTITUTION OF THE STRANGER POOR ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE.

(1) The Stranger Poor Assistance Committee shall consist of five permanent Members, that is to say :—

The President of the Authority.

A States-elected Member of the Hospital Board elected to the Committee by that Board.

A Member of the Central Outdoor Assistance Board elected to the Committee by that Board from among those of its Members who are States-elected Members of Parochial Outdoor Assistance Boards.

The President of the Children Board.

The President of the Saint Peter Port Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board.

and, for the purpose of the consideration of any particular case of Stranger Poor Assistance, there

shall be joined to the Committee that Procureur of the Poor of the appropriate Country Parish, or that Overseer of the Poor of the appropriate District of the Parish of Saint Peter Port, that the case may require.

(2) The President shall have power from time to time to nominate a Vice-President of the Committee from among the permanent Members thereof and the person so nominated shall hold office as Vice-President of the Committee until the expiration of the calendar year in which he was so nominated.

(3) The elected Members of the Stranger Poor Assistance Committee first elected to that Committee shall retire from office on the 31st day of December 1938 and thereafter the elected Members of that Committee shall retire from office annually on the thirty-first day of December.

(4) Every such retiring Member shall, if not otherwise disqualified, be eligible for re-election.

(5) Any ex-officio Member of the Committee ceasing to hold the office which entitles him to Membership of the Committee and any elected Member thereof ceasing to hold the office which entitled him to be elected to Membership of the Committee shall cease to be a Member of the Committee.

(6) For the purpose of a Meeting of the Stranger Poor Assistance Committee, any three Members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XII.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STRANGER POOR ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE.

The Stranger Poor Assistance Committee—

- (a) shall consider and investigate all cases in which public assistance has been applied for by Strangers, whether such assistance takes the form of Outdoor Assistance, Hospital

treatment or Maintenance in the Children's Home.

- (b) shall resolve upon the action to be taken with regard to each case.
- (c) shall consider the advisability of repatriation in each case and, if repatriation be decided upon, shall take the steps necessary to that end.
- (d) shall inform the Board or Boards concerned with each case of the action decided upon in connection therewith.
- (e) shall allocate the expenses incurred to the Board (or between the Boards) concerned.
- (f) shall make such Regulations as may be deemed necessary or expedient for the proper administration of Public Assistance in relation to Stranger Poor with power from time to time to modify Regulations so made.

Provided that Regulations so made or modified shall be submitted to the Royal Court for approval and that no such Regulation or modification thereof shall become operative until such approval has been obtained.

ARTICLE XIII.

It shall be the duty of each Board constituted under this Law to report forthwith to the Stranger Poor Assistance Committee every case in which public assistance is applied for to that Board by any person who has not acquired a settlement in this Island for the purposes of the administration of public assistance or who having acquired such a settlement, has ceased to possess such a settlement.

ARTICLE XIV.

CASTING VOTE.

In case of an equal division of the votes of any

Board or Committee constituted under this Law upon any matter, the presiding member of that Board or Committee shall be entitled to exercise a casting vote in addition to his original vote as a Member of that Board or Committee.

ARTICLE XV.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

The Secretary to the Authority, in addition to such duties in relation to States Public Assistance as shall be assigned to him by the President of the Authority, shall act as Secretary to and Treasurer of—

- (a) The Hospital Board :
- (b) The Central Outdoor Assistance Board :
- (c) The Saint Peter Port Outdoor Assistance Board :
- (d) The Children Board : and
- (e) The Stranger Poor Assistance Committee.

ARTICLE XVI.

COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES.

Each Board constituted under this Law shall have power to appoint from among its Members such Committees and the Committee constituted under this Law shall have power to appoint from among its Members such sub-committees, the whole as may from time to time be deemed necessary or expedient.

ARTICLE XVII.

GENERAL.

(1) In each of the parishes of St. Sampson, the Vale, the Castel and St. Martin, there shall be two Procureurs of the Poor; in each of the other parishes of this Island there shall be one Procureur of the Poor only. The Procureurs of

the Poor of each of the parishes of this Island in office at the date of the commencement of this Law shall continue to carry out the office of Procureur of the Poor until the expiration of the period for which they were respectively elected to that office.

(2) In the parish of St. Peter Port, there shall be ten parochial officers who shall be called "Overseers of the Poor" and who shall be elected by the ratepayers of the said parish and whose duties and functions shall be those which have hitherto been exercised by the ten Overseers of the Poor of the said parish, subject at any time to every such alteration regarding such duties and functions as shall be prescribed by regulation of the Central Outdoor Assistance Board.

(3) Every Procureur of the Poor and Overseer of the Poor elected after the commencement of this Law, otherwise than for the completion of the unexpired term of a Procureur or Overseer vacating office on death or removal from the parish or whose discharge on account of illness or other circumstances may have been granted by the Ordinary Court, shall remain in office during the two calendar years which shall expire after the commencement of his term of office.

(4) Every Procureur of the Poor and Overseer of the Poor elected in the case of a vacancy on account of death, removal from the parish, or discharge granted by the Ordinary Court shall remain in office for the unexpired portion only of the term of office of his predecessor.

(5) No person who has already filled the office of Procureur of the Poor in this Island shall be elected Procureur of the Poor, either in a parish in which he has already filled that office or in another parish, unless he consents to serve, and no person who has already filled the office of Overseer of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Peter Port shall be elected Overseer of the Poor of the said parish or Procureur of the Poor in any other parish, unless he consents to serve :—

- (a) if within the ten years preceding the date of the election he shall have filled such office for a period which, together with the period for which the candidate elected at such election will be compelled according to the provisions of this Law to serve, would exceed three years : or
- (b) if since he vacated office he has served in this Island in a parochial office superior to that of Procureur of the Poor or Overseer of the Poor, as the case may be.
- (6) The Procureurs of the Poor of the parishes of this Island shall be elected by the ratepayers of those parishes respectively.
- (7) Every Procureur of the Poor and Overseer of the Poor vacating office shall be eligible for re-election.
- (8) Subject to the provisions of this Law, the duties of the Procureurs of the Poor in their respective parishes shall continue as in the past but, as regards every parish in which there are two Procureurs of the Poor, it shall be lawful for the Central Outdoor Assistance Board to make regulations with regard to the duties to be undertaken by each thereof.
- (9) The ten Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Peter Port in office at the time of the commencement of this Law shall continue in office until the expiration of the period for which they were respectively elected.
- (10) The Procureurs of the Poor of the parishes and the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Peter Port hereinafter elected shall be sworn before the Royal Court.
- (11) The qualifications for the offices of Procureur of the Poor of the parishes and of Overseer of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Peter Port shall be the same as those prescribed in the case of the office of Parish Constable by the laws now and hereafter from time to time in force.

(12) The Jurats of the Royal Court shall be ineligible to serve on the Boards and Committee constituted under this Law.

(13) The Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Peter Port and the Procureurs of the Poor of the other Parishes shall have power to grant immediate relief in urgent cases at a rate not in excess of the ordinary maximum rate prescribed by the Central Outdoor Assistance Board without first obtaining the authority of the appropriate Parochial Outdoor Assistance Board.

(14) The Parochial Outdoor Assistance Boards shall have power without first obtaining the authority of the Central Outdoor Assistance Board and until the next Meeting of that Board, to grant assistance in appropriate cases in which assistance is urgently necessary at a rate in excess of the applicable maximum rate prescribed by that Board.

ARTICLE XVIII.

CONSTITUTION OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEE.—REGULATIONS.

(1) So soon as may be after the date of the registration on the Records of the Island of Guernsey of the Order of His Majesty in Council sanctioning this Law, membership of the various Boards and Committee constituted under this Law shall be filled in accordance with the provisions thereof and such of those Boards and Committee as are empowered by this Law to make Regulations shall proceed with the preparation of such Regulations as they may respectively deem necessary for the purposes of this Law with which they are respectively concerned and with the submission to the Royal Court for approval of Regulations so made.

(2) Regulations so made and approved before the appointed date shall, unless expressed to come

into operation on some date after the appointed date, become operative on the appointed date.

(3) In the event of the Regulations of any of such Boards or Committee in relation to any matter under the control or administration of that Board or Committee not becoming operative on the appointed date, then and in that event Regulations made in relation to that matter, under any enactment which is to stand repealed as from the appointed date, by the Council known as "Le Conseil Central des Pauvres" shall, notwithstanding such repeal, continue to have effect to the extent to which such Regulations are not in conflict with the provisions of this Law until the Regulations of that Board or Committee in relation to that matter shall become operative.

ARTICLE XIX.

Where, under any enactment, any disability results, whether expressly or by implication, from the granting of Poor Law Relief (whether called by that name in such enactment or referred to therein in other terms) or by reason of a person being an inmate of a Poor Law Institution, that enactment shall have effect on and after the appointed date as if for the expressions therein denoting Poor Law Relief and Poor Law Institution there were substituted the terms "Public Assistance" and "Public Assistance Institution" and the expression "Public Assistance Institution" shall be deemed to include any institution under the control of any Board or Committee constituted under this Law.

ARTICLE XX.

The Law entitled "Loi ayant rapport à l'Asile des Enfants" sanctioned by Order of His Majesty in Council registered on the Island Records on the 24th day of November 1928 shall henceforth have effect as though,

- (a) for the words " Conseil des Pauvres d'une paroisse " appearing in Article II thereof, there were substituted the words " Conseil dit ' Children Board ' " : and
- (b) the words which follow the expression " Conseil des Enfants " in Article VI thereof were deleted :

and the words " Conseil des Enfants dont la constitution et les pouvoirs et devoirs seront ceux qui sont ci-après spécifiés " appearing in Article II of that Law and the expression " Conseil des Enfants " appearing in that Article and in Articles V and VI of that Law shall henceforth be interpreted as meaning the Children Board whose constitution, powers and duties are regulated by this Law.

ARTICLE XXI.

TRANSFER OF BUDGET CREDITS.

(1) The portion unexpended before the appointed date of the amount budgeted for by the Council called " Conseil Central pour l'Administration des Pauvres " in respect of the calendar year 1937 and voted by the States on the 23rd day of December 1936 shall be deemed to have been budgeted for by the Authority in respect of that portion of the calendar year 1937 which commences on the appointed date and to have been voted by the States accordingly and the same shall be made available to the several constituent Boards and Committee of that Authority in the proportions which the anticipated expenditure of those Boards and Committee respectively bear to the amount thereof.

(2) The portion unexpended before the appointed date of the sum budgeted for by the States Board of Administration under the heading " Children Act—Maintenance " in respect of the calen-

dar year 1937 and voted by the States on the 23rd day of December 1936 shall be deemed to have been budgeted for by the Children Board under the same heading in respect of that portion of the calendar year 1937 which commences on the appointed date and to have been voted by the States accordingly and the same shall be made available to the Children Board.

ARTICLE XXII.

The Royal Court is authorised to pass such Ordinances as it may deem necessary for the purposes of giving full effect to the provisions of this Law.

ARTICLE XXIII.

In this Law, unless the contrary intention appears—

- (a) Words importing the masculine gender shall include females, and
- (b) Words in the singular shall include the plural, and words in the plural shall include the singular.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SHORT TITLE.

This Law may be referred to as The Public Assistance Law, 1937.

ARTICLE XXV.

REPEALS.

As from the appointed date, the enactments mentioned in the Schedule to this Law shall stand repealed to the extent mentioned in the second column of that Schedule:

Provided that nothing in this repeal shall affect anything lawfully done under the enactments so repealed.

SCHEDULE.

<i>Title of Law and Date of Registration.</i>	<i>Extent of Repeal.</i>
<p>“Loi ayant rapport à l'Administration des Pauvres de l'Ile” registered on the 13th day of August 1925.</p>	<p>The whole of the provisions not hitherto repealed.</p>
<p>“Loi ayant rapport à l'Asile des Enfants” registered on the 24th day of November 1928.</p>	<p>Articles I, III, IV.</p>
<p>“Loi supplémentaire à la Loi ayant rapport à l'Administration des Pauvres de l'Ile” registered on the 21st day of March 1936.</p>	<p>The whole Law.</p>

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