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FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1903.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 20th day of *May*, 1903.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., was, by His Majesty's command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

A. W. FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 20th day of *May*, 1903.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty in Council was this day pleased to appoint the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., President of the Board of Agriculture.

A. W. FitzRoy.

Privy Council Office, May 20, 1903.

This day, in the presence of the Lord President of the Council, the Right Honourable William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., was sworn President of the Board of Agriculture.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 20th day of *May*, 1903.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section sixteen of "The Pluralities Act, 1838," as amended by "The Pluralities Act, 1850," it is, amongst other things, enacted, "That whenever it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, with respect

to his own diocese, and whenever it shall be represented to him by the Bishop of any diocese, or by the Bishops of any two dioceses, that two or more benefices, or that one or more benefice or benefices, and one or more spiritual sinecure rectory or rectories, vicarage or vicarages, in his or their diocese or dioceses, being either in the same parish or contiguous to each other, and of which the aggregate population shall not exceed one thousand five hundred persons, may, with advantage to the interests of religion, be united into one benefice, the said Archbishop of the Province shall inquire into the circumstances of the case; and if on such inquiry it shall appear to him that such union may be usefully made, and will not be of inconvenient extent, and that the patron or patrons of the said benefices, sinecure rectory or rectories, vicarage or vicarages respectively, is or are consenting thereto, such consent being signified in writing under the hands of such patron or patrons, the said Archbishop shall, six weeks before certifying such inquiry and consent to His Majesty as hereinafter directed, cause with respect to his own diocese a statement in writing of the facts, and in other cases a copy in writing of the aforesaid representation to be affixed on or near the principal outer door of the church, or in some public and conspicuous place in each of such benefices, sinecure rectories, or vicarages, with notice to any person or persons interested, that he, she, or they, may, within such six weeks, show cause in writing under his, her, or their hand or hands to the said Archbishop, against such union; and if no sufficient cause be shown within such time, the said Archbishop shall certify the inquiry and consent aforesaid to His Majesty in Council, and thereupon it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council to make and issue an Order or Orders for uniting such benefices, sinecure rectory or rectories, vicarage or vicarages, into one benefice, with cure of souls, for ecclesiastical purposes only,"