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At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 5th day of *May*, 1908.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section twenty-six of the Pluralities Act, 1838, after reciting that "Whereas in some instances tithings, hamlets, chapelries, and other places or districts may be separated from the parishes or mother churches to which they belong, with great advantage, and places altogether extra-parochial may in some instances with advantage be annexed to parishes or districts to which they are contiguous, or be constituted separate parishes for ecclesiastical purposes," it is, amongst other things, enacted "That when with respect to his own diocese it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, or when the Bishop of any diocese shall represent to the said Archbishop that any such tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place or district within the diocese of such Archbishop, or the diocese of such Bishop, as the case may be, may be advantageously separated from any parish or mother church, and either be constituted a separate benefice by itself, or be united to any other parish to which it may be more conveniently annexed, or to any other adjoining tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place, or district, parochial, or extra-parochial, so as to form a separate parish or benefice, or that any extra-parochial place may with advantage be annexed to any parish to which it is contiguous, or be constituted a separate parish for ecclesiastical purposes; and the said Archbishop or Bishop shall draw up a scheme in writing (the scheme of such Bishop to be transmitted to the said Archbishop for his consideration) describing the mode in which it appears to him that the alteration may best be effected, and how the changes consequent on such alteration in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction, glebe lands, tithes, rent charges, and other ecclesiastical dues, rates, and payments, and in respect

"to patronage and rights to pews, may be made with justice to all parties interested; and if the patron or patrons of the benefice or benefices to be affected by such alteration shall consent in writing under his or their hands to such scheme, or to such modification thereof as the said Archbishop may approve, and the said Archbishop shall, on full consideration and inquiry, be satisfied with any such scheme, or modification thereof, and shall certify the same and such consent as aforesaid, by his report to His Majesty in Council, it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council to make an Order for carrying such scheme, or modification thereof, as the case may be, into effect."

And whereas by section six of the Church Building Act, 1839, it is, amongst other things, enacted that any such scheme or modification as aforesaid may be drawn up according to the regulations and directions in the hereinbefore in part recited Act contained, subject to the consent in writing of the patron or patrons of the benefice or benefices to be affected thereby, under his or their hands, notwithstanding the vacancy of such benefice or benefices, and that it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council thereupon to make an Order for carrying such scheme or modification thereof as the case may be into effect; and that such Order be registered in the registry of the diocese as directed by the hereinbefore in part recited Act, shall come into operation and shall be forthwith binding on all persons whatsoever notwithstanding such vacancy or vacancies.

And whereas the Right Reverend Huyshe, Lord Bishop of Worcester, hath—pursuant to the enactment aforesaid—represented in a writing dated the twenty-fifth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and seven, to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

"I, Huyshe, Bishop of Worcester, beg leave to represent to your Grace that in the report of the