

hundred and four, in which certain duties are assigned to the Members of the Army Council therein named.

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

The First Military Member of the Army Council, who has hitherto been styled Chief of the General Staff, shall hereafter be styled Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *November*, 1909.

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 the Right Reverend Huyshe, Lord Bishop of Worcester, hath, pursuant to the enactment aforesaid, represented in a writing dated the twenty-fourth day of February, one

thousand nine hundred and nine, 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 Commissioners appointed to inquire into the needs and resources of the church in the rural deaneries of East Worcester and West Worcester within my diocese, it is recommended that certain alterations of the boundaries of the parishes of Saint Martin and Saint Peter the Great, Worcester, should be carried out by, amongst other things, annexing certain portions of the parish of Saint Martin to Saint Peter and annexing portions of the parish of Saint Peter and the chapelry of Whittington to the said parish of Saint Martin.

"That the said parish of Saint Peter comprises the chapelry known by the name of Whittington the boundaries whereof are well known and defined and which said chapelry adjoins the parish of Saint Martin.

"That the said chapelry contains seven hundred and thirty-seven acres or thereabouts and a population of four hundred and fifty or thereabouts.

"That the apportioned rent-charge payable in lieu of vicarial tithes of the lands within the said chapelry amounts to forty-five pounds and the glebe land within the said chapelry contains seventeen acres or thereabouts.

"That the net annual income arising from or in respect of the said chapelry is estimated at sixty pounds.

"That it does not appear that any inhabitants of the parish of Saint Peter have any right by faculty or otherwise to the exclusive use of any of the pews or sittings in the church of the said chapelry of Whittington nor does it appear that any of the inhabitants of the said chapelry have any such right to the exclusive use of any of the pews or sittings in the parish church of Saint Peter.

"That it appears to me that in accordance with the recommendations of the said Commissioners the said chapelry of Whittington and the places or districts or portions of land hereinafter referred to may be advantageously separated from the parish of Saint Peter and be annexed to the parish of Saint Martin, to which they are contiguous, for ecclesiastical purposes as the spiritual cure of the inhabitants thereof will thereby be more conveniently and effectually provided for.

"That the population of the said parishes of Saint Martin and Saint Peter with Whittington amounts to three thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight and eight thousand three hundred and four respectively or thereabouts but when all the recommendations relating to such parishes are carried into effect the population of the parish of Saint Martin as at present estimated will amount to four thousand or thereabouts and the population of the parish of Saint Peter as at present estimated will considerably exceed five thousand.

"That the yearly incomes of the benefices of Saint Martin and Saint Peter are two hundred and eight pounds and four hundred and twenty-eight pounds respectively and these amounts will by the scheme hereinafter referred to, and by carrying into effect certain other recommendations of the said Commissioners, become two hundred and ninety-six pounds and three hundred and forty pounds respectively.

"That pursuant to the directions of the twenty-sixth section of the Act first and second Victoria chapter one hundred and six I have drawn up in writing a scheme appended to this