

2. If at any time, owing to absence or illness, or other cause, there shall be in the Consular district of Shanghai no Judge of the Supreme Court available for duty, the Registrar shall, during such period, have all the power and authority of an Assistant Judge: Provided that such power and authority shall not extend to the hearing of criminal cases on a charge, or of civil actions with a jury, or of Admiralty actions, or of appeals, and shall cease and determine on the return to duty of a Judge; but nothing herein shall deprive the Registrar of the power of determining any matter which may have been part heard by him under the provisions hereof at the time of the return to duty of a Judge.

3. When an appeal is pending before the Supreme Court, and there is only one Judge available for the purpose of hearing and determining the same, such Judge may, by writing under his hand and seal, appoint any fit person, approved by the Minister, to sit with him to hear and determine such appeal; and for such purpose the person so appointed shall have all the power and authority of an Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court.

4. And the Right Hon. Arthur James Balfour, O.M., one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 6th day of *February*, 1917.

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, the Act of the 4th and 5th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 39, and the Act of the 31st and 32nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 114, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 11th day of January, in the year 1917, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, the Act of the 4th and 5th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 39, and the Act of the 31st and 32nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 114, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting a transfer of the ownership of the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the Church and Cure (hereinafter called "the said Benefice") of Cottered with Broadfield annexed, in the County of Hertford, and in the Diocese of Saint Albans:

"Whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the said

Benefice of Cottered with Broadfield is vested for an estate in fee simple, in possession, free from incumbrances, in Mrs. Constance Hobart-Hampden, wife of The Reverend Alfred Bertie Hobart-Hampden, of Redlands, Fairfax Road, Teddington, in the County of Middlesex, Clerk in Holy Orders:

"And whereas the said Constance Hobart-Hampden is desirous that the whole Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the said Benefice of Cottered with Broadfield, now vested in her as aforesaid, should be transferred to and be vested in the Right Reverend Edgar, now Bishop of Saint Albans, and his Successors in the same Bishopric:

"And whereas the said Edgar, Bishop of Saint Albans, is willing to accept such transfer, and in token of such his willingness, and also in token that the same transfer has that consent of the Bishop of the Diocese which by the Acts in the hereinbefore-mentioned Act recited, or by some or one of them, is made necessary, he, the said Edgar, Bishop of Saint Albans, has executed this Scheme as herein-after mentioned:

"And whereas the transfer of the Patronage of the said Benefice of Cottered with Broadfield, which is hereinbefore mentioned, and hereinafter recommended and proposed, will, in our opinion, tend to make better provision for the Cure of Souls in the Parish or District in or in respect of which the right of Patronage or Advowson, so recommended and proposed to be transferred as aforesaid, arises or exists, that is to say, in the Parish of Cottered with Broadfield annexed:

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Constance Hobart-Hampden, (in testimony whereof she has signed and sealed this Scheme), and with the consent of the said Edgar, Bishop of Saint Albans, (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme, and sealed the same with his Episcopal Seal), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose that upon and from the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme, and without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order, the whole Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the said Benefice of Cottered with Broadfield, now vested in her the said Constance Hobart-Hampden as aforesaid, shall be transferred to the said Edgar, Bishop of Saint Albans, and his Successors in the same Bishopric, and shall thereupon and thenceforth become and be absolutely vested in, and shall and may from time to time be exercised by, the said Edgar, Bishop of Saint Albans, and his Successors in the same Bishopric for ever.

"And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any further or other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Acts, or of any of them, or of any other Act of Parliament."

And whereas the said Scheme has been approved by His Majesty in Council:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said Scheme, and to order