

(f) The Director-General of Military Aeronautics shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for so much of the business relating to the administration of the Army Air Service as is not subject to the control of either the Air Board or the Ministry of Munitions, and as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Secretary of State.

(g) The Director-General of Movements and Railways shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for so much of the business relating to the transport by rail or inland water-ways at home or abroad of the personnel and materiel of the Army as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Secretary of State.

(h) The Surveyor-General of Supply shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for so much of the business relating to the commercial administration of Army supplies as is not under the control of the Ministry of Munitions, and as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Secretary of State.

2. The Secretary of the War Office will act as Secretary of the Army Council, and will be charged with the interior economy of the War Office, and the preparation of all official communications of the Council, and with such other duties as the Secretary of State may from time to time assign to him.

3. During the period of the War the Military Members of the Army Council shall have precedence amongst themselves according to their Army Seniority.

4. This Order in Council shall be substituted for the Orders in Council dated the 10th day of August, 1904, the 22nd day of November, 1909, the 14th day of October, 1915, and the 27th day of January, 1916.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 20th day of *April*, 1917.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 6th and 7th years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, Chapter 77, of the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 113, and of the Act of the 37th and 38th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 63, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 29th day of March, in the year 1917, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Act of the 6th and 7th years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, Chapter 77, of the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 113, and of the Act of the 37th and 38th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 63, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme with respect to some of the Rural Deaneries within the Arch-

deaconry of Bedford, in the Diocese of St. Albans:

“ Whereas it has been represented to us by the Right Reverend Edgar, Bishop of Saint-Albans, that the arrangements which are hereinafter recommended and proposed with respect to some of the Rural Deaneries within the said Archdeaconry of Bedford are desirable and should be carried into effect, and we are of opinion that the same may be properly carried into effect:

“ Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Edgar, Bishop of Saint Albans, (in testimony whereof he has set his Hand and Episcopal Seal to this Scheme), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, humbly recommend and propose that, as from the day on which any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette, and without any assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order, *first* the Rural Deanery of Eaton comprising the Parishes of Bolnhurst, Colnworth, Eaton Socon, Ravensden, Renhold, Roxton with Great Barford, Thurleigh, and Wilden, shall cease to exist, and that the said Parishes of Bolnhurst and Colnworth shall be included in the Rural Deanery of Riseley; the said Parishes of Eaton Socon, and Roxton with Great Barford, shall be included in the Rural Deanery of Biggleswade; the said Parishes of Ravensden, Renhold, and Wilden shall be included in the Rural Deanery of Bedford; and the said Parish of Thurleigh shall be included in the Rural Deanery of Felmersham; and *secondly* the Parishes of Langford and Edworth shall be transferred from the Rural Deanery of Biggleswade to the Rural Deanery of Shefford, and that each of the Parishes hereinbefore referred to shall be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the Rural Dean of the Rural Deanery in which it is hereby included or to which it is hereby transferred, and shall not belong to or be a part of any other Rural Deanery, nor be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of any other Rural Dean.

“ And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other matter or thing with respect to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, by virtue of the said Acts, or of any of them, or of any other Act of Parliament.”

And whereas a notice of the said Scheme has, in accordance with the provisions of the secondly hereinbefore-mentioned Act, been transmitted to the Archdeacon affected by the Scheme, that is to say, to the Archdeacon of Bedford, and he has expressed his approval of the same:

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 and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts.

And His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said Diocese of St. Albans.

Almeric FitzRoy.