

3.—(1) In the application of the election laws to elections of members to serve in the House of Commons for constituencies in Northern Ireland—

(a) references to constituencies shall be construed as references to constituencies named in Part II. of the Fifth Schedule to the Government of Ireland Act, 1920;

(b) references to parliamentary counties shall be construed as references to county constituencies named in Part II. of the said Schedule, whether consisting of one or more counties or of a county and a borough; and references to divisions of a parliamentary county shall not apply;

(c) references to parliamentary boroughs shall be construed as referring to the borough of Belfast; and references to divisions of a borough shall be construed as referring to the constituencies in the borough of Belfast which are named in Part II. of the said Schedule;

(d) references to the Dublin Gazette shall be construed as references to the Belfast Gazette.

(2) For the purposes of an election of members to serve in the House of Commons for any county constituency named in Part II. of the Fifth Schedule to the Government of Ireland Act, 1920—

(a) if the constituency consists of a single county, the under sheriff of the county shall be the returning officer;

(b) if the constituency consists of two counties or of a county and a borough, such one of the under sheriffs of the said counties or of the said county and borough as may be nominated by the Lord Lieutenant shall be the returning officer, but either of the other under sheriffs shall, if he so desires, be appointed by the returning officer to act in his behalf as assistant returning officer for the purpose of the execution of any powers and duties in the part of the constituency within the jurisdiction of such under sheriff, other than powers and duties which require to be executed by the returning officer in person, and any question as to the respective rights and obligations of any such returning officer or under sheriff under this provision shall be determined by the Lord Lieutenant whose determination shall be final; and

(c) in the case of any constituency to which either of the foregoing paragraphs applies, the place of election shall be such place as may be fixed by the returning officer with the approval of the Lord Lieutenant.

(3) Where an election is held for any constituency before the coming into force of the register the preparation of which is commenced next after the appointed day, the registers for the several areas comprised in the constituency which were at the time of the passing of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, separate constituencies (hereinafter referred to as old constituencies) shall together form the register for the constituency, and a separate letter or symbol shall be assigned by the returning officer to each of the old constituencies and shall, in the case of each elector or voter on the register for the old constituency, be deemed to form part of the number of the elector or voter which is required by section two of and rule 24 in Part I. of the First Schedule to the Ballot Act, 1872, to be

marked on the counterfoil of the ballot paper, and that section and that rule, as amended by or in pursuance of any subsequent enactments, shall have effect accordingly.

4. Sub-section (3) of the last preceding article shall apply as respects elections of members to serve in the House of Commons of Northern Ireland in like manner as it applies as respects elections of members to serve in the House of Commons.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 6th day of *December*, 1922.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

PURSUANT to Section 5 of the County Courts Act, 1903, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The Schedule to the County Courts Order in Council, 1904 (S.R. & O., 1904, No. 1784), as amended by the County Courts (Extended Jurisdiction) Order in Council, 1919 (S.R. & O., 1919, No. 2039), the County Courts (Extended Jurisdiction) Order in Council, 1920 (S.R. & O., 1920, No. 823), and the County Courts (Extended Jurisdiction) Order in Council, 1921 (S.R. & O., 1921, No. 1800), shall be further amended as follows:—

(i) In Circuit 29, (a) Circuit No. 29 is removed from the first column of the said Schedule, (b) Bangor, Rhyl and Conway are removed from the second column thereof, and (c) Llangefni, Holyhead, Menai Bridge, Denbigh, Ruthin and Llanrwst are removed from the third column thereof.

(ii) In Circuit 52 Midsomer Norton and Temple Cloud are removed from the third column of the said Schedule.

2. This Order may be cited as the County Courts (Extended Jurisdiction) Order in Council, 1922, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1923, and the County Courts Order in Council, 1904, as amended, shall have effect as further amended by this Order.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 6th day of *December*, 1922.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Act, 1919, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 23rd day of November, 1922, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Act, 1919, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting the union of three neighbouring Benefices, that is to say, the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Ashmansworth, the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Crux