

franchise coroner shall cease on the next vacancy in that office which occurs after the passing of that Act, and that for all purposes relating to coroners the area in which the franchise coroner had jurisdiction shall thereupon, if and so far as it is not situated in a borough the Council of which have power to appoint a borough coroner, be merged in the County; and that where the area in which a franchise coroner had jurisdiction is merged in a County which is divided into coroners' districts, any consequential alteration of the division of the County into coroners' districts shall be effected in manner provided by the said Act.

And whereas it is provided by section 12 of the said Act that a County Council may submit to the Secretary of State a draft Order providing for such alteration of any existing division of the County into coroners' districts as appears to them to be suitable, and that the Secretary of State after taking into consideration any objections to the draft Order, made in the prescribed manner and within the prescribed time, may make an Order, either in the terms of the draft submitted to him, or with such modifications as he thinks fit.

And whereas by an Order in Council made on the 16th April, 1923, and coming into operation on the 1st May following, the division theretofore made of the County of Wilts for Coroners' purposes and for the purposes of the Coroners' Act, 1844, was altered, and the said County was thereby divided into two Coroners' Districts namely the First or North Wilts Coroners' District comprising the area mentioned in Part I of the Schedule to the said Order, and the Second or South Wilts Coroners' District comprising the area mentioned in Part II of the said Schedule.

And whereas there was excepted from the area comprised in the First or North Wilts Coroners' District the Liberty of the Manor of Corsham being an area for which a franchise coroner was appointed by the Court Leet of the said Manor,

And whereas the appointment of the said Coroner for the Liberty of Corsham was made annually at the Court Baron of the said Manor, and a vacancy has occurred in the Office of the said Coroner after the passing of the said recited Act, and thereupon the right to appoint a coroner for the said Liberty ceased by virtue of section 4 of the said recited Act, and the area of the said Liberty of Corsham became merged in the said County,

And whereas the County Council pursuant to section 12 of the said recited Act have submitted to the Secretary of State a draft Order for the alteration of the First or North Wilts Coroners' District,

And whereas the requirements of the Coroners (Orders as to Districts) Rules, 1927, made under section 12 of the said recited Act have been complied with,

Now therefore in pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by Section 12 of the said recited Act I hereby order as follows, that is to say:

The First or North Wilts Coroners' District as constituted by the said recited Order in Council of the 16th April, 1923, shall as from the date of this Order be altered by the inclusion in the said District of the Liberty of the Manor of Corsham.

Dated this eighth day of December 1927.

(Sgd.) *W. Joynson-Hicks,*

One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Whitehall,

*Downing Street,*

16th April, 1929.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of William Burton, Esq., to be a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of the Straits Settlements.

*Downing Street,*

18th April, 1929.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of William Henry Luxton, Esq., and George Roberts, Esq., to be Members of the Legislative Council of the Colony of the Falkland Islands, and for the appointment of George John Felton, Esq., to be a Member of the said Legislative Council for a further period.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTS, 1920-1928.

DECISION OF THE HIGH COURT ON A REFERENCE BY THE MINISTER OF LABOUR, PURSUANT TO SECTION 10 (1), PROVISIO (ii), OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT, 1920.

##### *Contributions payable.*

On the 26th March, 1929, Mr. Justice Roche gave judgment in the High Court on a question referred by the Minister for decision:—

whether the employment of a person as a carpenter and general estate and farm repairer on a private estate

was, or was not, such employment as to make that person an employed person within the meaning of the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920-1928.

The Judge held that the employment of the person in question was not "Employment in agriculture including horticulture and forestry," and, accordingly, was not excepted under paragraph (a) of Part II of the First Schedule to the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920. Contributions were, therefore, payable in respect of the employment.