

Assembly of the Church of England, or of any Act of Parliament."

And whereas drafts of the said Scheme have been duly published in accordance with the provisions of the said Measures, and Notices have been transmitted to the persons or bodies entitled under the said Measures to receive Notice requiring any objections to such draft Scheme to be stated or transmitted in writing to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules applicable to proceedings under the said Measures:

And whereas certain objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners after giving full consideration to such objections have deemed right to make no alterations in such draft Scheme.

And whereas public notice of the certification to His Majesty in Council of the said Scheme and the consent thereto in writing of the Bishop of Hereford has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

And whereas no appeal has been proceeded with to His Majesty in Council within the period of one month after the date of the said public notice in accordance with the provisions of the said Measure against the said Scheme or any part thereof by any person who has made objection as aforesaid to the said draft Scheme:

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 affirm the said Scheme and to order that the Benefices therein recommended to be united shall be united to the extent and for the purposes recommended in the said Scheme and further to order and direct that the said Scheme and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the date when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Measures.

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 Hereford.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,  
St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
20th September, 1940.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint the Reverend Francis Charles Synge, M.A., to be Deputy Priest to His Majesty.

#### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,  
24th September, 1940.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following Award:—

*The Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service:—*

Arthur Hendon Cole, Sergeant, Kent Special Constabulary.

An aircraft of the Royal Air Force taking off from the Biggin Hill aerodrome crashed and turned over in the garden of the house next to that occupied by Sergeant Cole. The pilot was trapped and hanging by his harness upside down. Cole ran to his assistance and, although expecting the aircraft to catch fire and blow up at any moment, he freed the pilot from his gear and dragged him away, saving his life. The aircraft caught fire and the petrol tank exploded a minute or two after the pilot had been released.

*Crown Office,  
House of Lords, S.W.1.  
20th September, 1940.*

Days and places fixed for holding the Autumn Assizes, 1940.

#### NORTH EASTERN CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice ASQUITH.

Thursday, October 10th, at Newcastle.

Monday, October 21st, at Durham.

Monday, November 4th, at York.

Mr. Justice ASQUITH.

Mr. Justice TUCKER.

Monday, November 11th, at Leeds.

*Treasury Chambers, S.W.1.*

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order under Section 19 of the Import Duties Act, 1932, viz.:—

The Additional Import Duties (No. 7) Order, 1940, reducing the rate of duty on certain dressed leather to 20 per cent. ad valorem.

The Order has been published as Statutory Rules and Orders, 1940, No. 1643, and copies may be purchased (price 1d. net) direct from His Majesty's Stationery Office, at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 120, George Street, Edinburgh 2; 26, York Street, Manchester 1; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

*Buckingham Palace,  
September 4, 1940.*

This day had Audience of The KING:—His Excellency Phra Manuvedya Vimolnart, to present his letters of credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the King of Thailand; and His Excellency Señor Doctor Don Jaime Jaramillo Arango, to present the letters of recall of his predecessor, Señor Doctor Don Alberto Camacho Angarita, and his own letters of credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Colombia.

*Whitehall, September 19, 1940.*

The KING has been pleased by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 6th instant, to appoint the Reverend Ieuan Delvin Powell Hughes, B.A., Curate of Holy Trinity, Hinckley, to the Living of Hedworth, in the County of Durham and Diocese of Durham, vacant by the resignation of the Reverend Sidney Wilton, B.A.