

May it please Your Majesty,—

Your Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by

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G. MILLIGAN, D.D.,
Moderator.

Edinburgh, 25th May 1923.

*Scottish Office,
Whitehall, S.W. 1,
30th May 1923.*

The Secretary for Scotland has been pleased by Warrant under his hand and seal, dated the 29th instant, to appoint Mr. Alexander Nisbet MacDougal, Solicitor, to be Clerk to the Justices of the Peace of the County of Berwick, in the room of Mr. George Rankin, W.S., resigned.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of May 1923.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS MAJESTY having been pleased to deliver the custody of the Privy Seal to the Right Honourable Edgar Algernon Robert Gascoyne-Cecil, K.C., M.P., commonly called Lord Robert Cecil, the Oath of Office of Lord Privy Seal was this day administered to him, and he took his place at the Board accordingly.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of May 1923.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

HIS MAJESTY having been pleased to deliver the custody of the Seals of the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster to John Colin Campbell Davidson, Esquire, C.B., M.P., the Oath of Office as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster was accordingly this day taken by him.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 4th day of May 1923.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.
Lord Chamberlain.
Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare.
Sir Frederick Ponsonby.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council bearing date the 10th day of August 1922, and entitled "The Palestine Order in

Council, 1922" (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Order), provision was made for the constitution of a Legislative Council in Palestine and for the election of part of the members of the Council:

And whereas it is expedient to amend the said Order as hereinafter appears:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf by the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, or otherwise, in His Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Title.

1. This Order may be cited as "The Palestine (Amendment) Order in Council, 1923," and shall be read and construed as one with the Principal Order.

Elections to be null and void.

2. The elections held in Palestine before the commencement of this Order in pursuance of Article 23 of the Principal Order are hereby declared null and void.

Amendment of Article 17 of Principal Order.

3. Article 17 of the Principal Order is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—

17.—(1) (a) The High Commissioner shall have full power and authority, without prejudice to the powers inherent in, or reserved by this Order to His Majesty, and subject always to any conditions and limitations prescribed by any such instructions as may be given to him under the Sign Manual and Signet or through a Secretary of State, to promulgate such Ordinances as may be necessary for the peace, order, and good government of Palestine, provided that no Ordinance shall be promulgated which shall restrict complete freedom of conscience and the free exercise of all forms of worship, save in so far as is required for the maintenance of public order and morals; or which shall tend to discriminate in any way between the inhabitants of Palestine on the ground of race, religion, or language.

(b) No Ordinance shall be promulgated by the High Commissioner until he has consulted the Advisory Council as constituted on the date of the commencement of this Order or such other advisory body as may after that date from time to time be constituted by him with the approval of a Secretary of State.

(c) No Ordinance shall be promulgated which shall be in any way repugnant to or inconsistent with the provisions of the Mandate and no Ordinance which concerns matters dealt with specifically by the provisions of the Mandate shall be promulgated until a draft thereof has been communicated to a Secretary of State and approved by him, with or without amendment.

(d) No Ordinance shall be promulgated unless a draft of the same shall first have been made public for one calendar month at the least before the enactment thereof, unless immediate promulgation shall, in the judgment of the High Commissioner, be indispensably necessary in the public interest.

(e) His Majesty reserves to himself the