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At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 14th day of *November*, 1904.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section twenty-six of the Pluralities Act, 1838, after reciting that "Whereas in some instances tithings, hamlets, chapelries, and other places or districts may be separated from the parishes or mother churches to which they belong, with great advantage, and places altogether extra-parochial may in some instances with advantage be annexed to parishes or districts to which they are contiguous, or be constituted separate parishes for ecclesiastical purposes," it is, amongst other things, enacted "That when with respect to his own diocese it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, or when the Bishop of any diocese shall represent to the said Archbishop that any such tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place or district within the diocese of such Archbishop, or the diocese of such Bishop, as the case may be, may be advantageously separated from any parish or mother church, and either be constituted a separate benefice by itself or be united to any other parish to which it may be more conveniently annexed, or to any other adjoining tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place, or district, parochial or extra-parochial, so as to form a separate parish or benefice, or that any extra-parochial place may with advantage be annexed to any parish to which it is contiguous, or be constituted a separate parish for ecclesiastical purposes; and the said Archbishop or Bishop shall draw up a scheme in writing (the scheme of such Bishop to be transmitted to the said Archbishop for his consideration) describing the mode in which it appears to him that the alteration may best be effected, and how the changes consequent on such alteration in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction, glebe lands, tithes, rent charges, and other ecclesiastical dues, rates and payments, and in respect to patronage and

"rights to pews, may be made with justice to all parties interested; and if the patron or patrons of the benefice or benefices to be affected by such alteration shall consent in writing under his or their hands to such scheme, or to such modification thereof as the said Archbishop may approve, and the said Archbishop shall, on full consideration and inquiry, be satisfied with any such scheme, or modification thereof, and shall certify the same and such consent as aforesaid, by his report to His Majesty in Council, it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council to make an Order for carrying such scheme, or modification thereof, as the case may be, into effect."

And whereas the Right Reverend Charles, Lord Bishop of Worcester, hath pursuant to the enactment aforesaid, represented in a writing dated the second June one thousand nine hundred and four to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury as follows:—

"I, Charles, Bishop of Worcester beg leave to represent to your Grace that a committee appointed by the late Bishop of Worcester to consider the desirability of altering the boundaries of certain parishes within the rural deanery of Kidderminster within my diocese have reported that it is desirable that the alterations described in the schedule hereinafter referred to should be carried out.

"That it appears to me that under the provisions of the Acts of Parliament called 'The Pluralities Acts' the several places or districts or portions of land described in the schedule hereto may be advantageously separated from the parishes to which they respectively belong and be annexed to other parishes to which they are contiguous as recommended by the said committee as the spiritual cure of the inhabitants thereof will thereby be more conveniently and effectually provided for.

"That pursuant to the directions of the twenty-sixth section of the Act 1 and 2 Victoria