

Council, and in the absence of the Governor that Member shall preside who is first in precedence of those present.

XV. The Governor may with the advice of the Council from time to time make, alter, revoke, or renew such Standing Rules and Orders as may be necessary or convenient for the conduct of the proceedings of the Council.

All such Rules and Orders, not being repugnant to this Order, or to any instructions which the Governor may receive from His Majesty through a Secretary of State, shall at all times be followed and observed, and shall be binding upon the said Council, unless the same or any of them shall be disallowed by His Majesty.

All questions submitted to the Council shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in case of an equality of votes, the President shall have a casting vote as well as an original vote.

XVI. It shall be competent to any Member of the Council to propose any question relating to the affairs of Nigeria for debate therein, and if seconded by any other Member, such question shall be debated and disposed of in accordance with the Standing Rules and Orders. Provided that any resolution or question which any Member may propose to bring forward for debate shall be notified to the Governor at least ten days before the meeting of the Council; and the Governor may in his discretion direct that the resolution or question shall not be brought forward if in his opinion a discussion of the matter would tend to promote or encourage class or racial prejudice or otherwise be detrimental to the well-being of Nigeria.

XVII. No resolution passed by the Council shall have any legislative or executive authority, and the Governor shall not be required to give effect to any such resolution unless he thinks fit and is authorized to do so.

XVIII. A record of all proceedings of the Council shall be kept, and shall be transmitted to His Majesty annually through a Secretary of State.

XIX. This Order shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1914, and shall be published in the Government Gazette; and the Governor shall give directions for the publication of this Order at such places and in such manner and for such time or times as he thinks proper for giving due publicity thereto within Nigeria.

XX. His Majesty may from time to time revoke, alter, add to, or amend this Order.

And the Right Honourable Lewis Harcourt, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 19th day of December, 1913.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the thirty-third and thirty-fourth

years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter thirty-nine, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the third and fourth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, the Act of the fourth and fifth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter thirty-nine, and the Act of the thirty-first and thirty-second years of Her said late Majesty, chapter one hundred and fourteen, duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the twentieth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the thirty-third and thirty-fourth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter thirty-nine, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the third and fourth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, the Act of the fourth and fifth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter thirty-nine, and the Act of the thirty-first and thirty-second years of Her said late Majesty, chapter one hundred and fourteen, have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme for effecting a transfer of the advowson of the advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the churches and cures (being benefices) of Saint Helen, Witton (otherwise Northwich); Audlem; Helsby; and Saint Jude, Tilstone (otherwise Tilstone Fearnall), and to the church (being a benefice) called Christ Church, Alsager, in the new parish of Saint Mary Magdalene, Alsager, all in the county of Chester and in the diocese of Chester.

“Whereas the advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to each of the said benefices of Saint Helen, Witton (otherwise Northwich); Audlem; Helsby; Saint Jude, Tilstone (otherwise Tilstone Fearnall), and Christ Church, Alsager, is vested for an estate in fee simple in possession free from incumbrances in the Reverend Alfred James Blencowe, of West Kirby, Birkenhead, in the county of Chester, Clerk in Holy Orders, and the Reverend Geoffrey Egerton Warburton, of Warburton, in the same county, Clerk in Holy Orders, upon trust to present such Clerk or Clerks as the Bishop of Chester for the time being should himself select and nominate for presentation.

“And whereas the said Alfred James Blencowe and Geoffrey Egerton Warburton are desirous that the whole advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to each of the said benefices of Saint Helen, Witton (otherwise Northwich); Audlem; Helsby; Saint Jude, Tilstone (otherwise Tilstone Fearnall), and Christ Church, Alsager, now vested in them as aforesaid, should be transferred to and be vested in the Right Reverend Francis John, now Bishop of Chester, and his successors in the same Bishoprick.

“And whereas the said Francis John, Bishop of Chester, is willing to accept such transfer, and in token of such his willingness, and also in token that the same transfer has that consent of the Bishop of the Diocese which by the Acts in the hereinbefore mentioned Act recited, or by some or one of them is made