

visions of Section 1 of the said Act, subject to the necessary modifications, to any part of His Majesty's dominions other than a self-governing dominion (as therein defined) in like manner as they apply to India, and, in particular, such Order in Council may determine the Court by which the jurisdiction conferred by those provisions is to be exercised:

And whereas the Colony of the Straits Settlements is a part of His Majesty's dominions other than a self-governing dominion as aforesaid:

And whereas it is expedient to provide for applying the aforesaid provisions of the said Act to the Colony of the Straits Settlements:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in the exercise of the powers in this behalf by the Indian and Colonial Divorce Jurisdiction Act, 1926, 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:—

1. This Order in Council may be cited as the Straits Settlements Divorce Jurisdiction Order in Council, 1931.

2. On and after the first day of December, 1931, the provisions of the first section of the Indian and Colonial Divorce Jurisdiction Act, 1926, shall apply to the Colony of the Straits Settlements in like manner as they apply to India.

3. In the application of the said provisions to the said Colony—

(a) The Court which is to exercise the jurisdiction thereby conferred shall be the Supreme Court of the Colony of the Straits Settlements, and references in the said first section to a High Court in India shall be read as references to such Supreme Court;

(b) references in the said first section to India shall be read as references to the Colony of the Straits Settlements; and

(c) the reference to the Secretary of State in Council of India in the said section shall be read as referring to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 1st day of *October*, 1931.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme bearing date the 16th day of July, 1931, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting the union of the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Holt and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Grimley, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Worcester and in the Diocese of Worcester:

“Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the late Right Reverend Ernest, Bishop of Worcester, pursuant to the pro-

visions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Holt and Grimley duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Worcester and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Worcester signified in writing his approval of the said Report:

“And whereas we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared this Scheme for the union of the said two Benefices based upon the terms recommended in the said Report but with the approval of the said Bishop of Worcester embodying certain modifications thereof:

“And whereas both of the said Benefices of Holt and Grimley are now full the Reverend Alfred Cecil Fox being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Holt and the Reverend William Herald being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Grimley:

“And whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to each of the said two Benefices of Holt and Grimley now belongs to one and the same Patron:

“Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the Right Reverend Arthur, now Bishop of Worcester (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

“1. That the said Benefice of Holt and the said Benefice of Grimley shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ‘The United Benefice of Grimley with Holt’ but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

“2. That if upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette both of the said two Benefices shall be vacant, the union of the same two Benefices shall take effect forthwith; and if the said Benefice of Holt only shall be then vacant the said union shall also take effect forthwith if the Incumbent of the other of the said two Benefices shall consent to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, but if he shall not so consent, then the said union shall take effect upon the then next avoidance of the said Benefice of Grimley and the then Incumbent of Holt shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, and if the said Benefice of Grimley only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Holt and if neither of the said two Benefices be then vacant, then the said union shall take effect on the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Holt if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Grimley shall have been instituted to Grimley subsequently to the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme or if instituted before that date shall consent to become the Incumbent of the United Benefice, but if he shall have been instituted to the said Benefice of Grimley before that date and shall not so consent, then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of the said Benefice