



Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963

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ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION MEASURE 1963

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“I, , do swear that I will be faithful and...

“I, , do swear that I will, to the uttermost...

Part

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3 A person selected under this Part of this Schedule as...

4 If a member of the panel ceases to hold a...

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8 If by reason of any objection or non-attendance or otherwise...

9 A person selected under this Part of this Schedule to...

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In section thirty-one, for the words “his chancellor or other...

The Clerical Disabilities Act, 1870.

In section four, in paragraph (3), the reference to the...

The Benefices Act, 1898.

In sub-section (5) of section one for the words “under...

The Benefices (Purchase of Rights of Patronage) Measure, 1933.

In section eight, in subsection (1), for the words “The...

FIFTH SCHEDULE — Enactments Repealed

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