

consents of the vestries of the said parish of Saint Botolph without Aldgate and of the said parish of the Holy Trinity Minorities (in testimony of which consents this scheme is signed in the case of each of the said vestries by the Chairman of a meeting of the same vestry duly convened for the purpose of giving such consent) we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty in Council all that is in this scheme contained under the several parts or headings hereinafter mentioned as follows:—

“PART I.

“As to the proposed union itself and certain immediate incidents thereof we recommend and propose

“1. That the said benefice of Saint Botolph without Aldgate and the said benefice of the Holy Trinity Minorities be united into one benefice under the style of ‘The United Benefice of Saint Botolph Aldgate and Holy Trinity Minorities’ which said united benefice is hereinafter called the united benefice.

“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 present benefices shall be vacant the union shall forthwith take effect and if one only shall be then vacant the said union shall also forthwith take effect if with the approval of the said Bishop of London the incumbent of the other of the said present benefices shall consent to become the first incumbent of the united benefice but if he shall not so consent or if the said Bishop of London shall not approve of his becoming the first incumbent of the united benefice then the said union shall take effect upon the then next avoidance of his benefice and the then incumbent of the other of the said two benefices shall be the first incumbent of the united benefice and 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 present benefices shall be full then the said union shall take effect on the next avoidance of either of them if the incumbent for the time being of the other of the said present benefices shall with the approval of the said Bishop of London consent to become the incumbent of the united benefice but if he shall not so consent or if the said Bishop of London shall not approve of his becoming the first incumbent of the united benefice then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of his benefice and the then incumbent of the other of the said two benefices shall be the first incumbent of the united benefice and in any case it shall be lawful for the Bishop of the said diocese of London to admit to the united benefice such first incumbent (if an incumbent for the time being of either of the said present benefices) without any form or fee of or for presentation and he shall thereupon become the incumbent of the united benefice, until the time of the union taking effect the said two benefices shall remain separate and the rights and liabilities in respect thereof and of the incumbents of each of them shall remain unaffected.

“3. That if after this scheme shall have been ratified by an Order of Your Majesty in Council and before the said union shall have taken effect the incumbent for the time being of either of the said two benefices shall with the consent of the Bishop of London retire from his incumbency in order that the said union may take immediate effect then the incumbent so retiring from his incumbency shall be entitled during the period hereinafter specified to receive out of the annual income of the united benefice and as a retiring

pension an annual sum equal in amount to the net annual value of all the endowments belonging to the incumbency from which he shall so retire computed at the date on which the said incumbent shall so retire which annual sum shall commence as from the day on which the said union shall take effect and a proportionate part of such retiring pension shall be payable to such retired incumbent on the first day of any payment being made by the Governors of Queen Anne’s Bounty to the incumbent of the united benefice and that thereafter the said retiring pension shall be payable by equal half-yearly payments in each and every year the first half-yearly payment thereof to become due at the end of six calendar months next after the day on which the first accruing payment in respect of such retiring pension shall become due and the said annual sum shall be payable to the retiring incumbent during the remainder of his life if he continue to be a member of the Church of England but not otherwise or until he shall accept other church preferment of a net annual value equal to or greater in amount than the said annual sum to be so made payable to such retiring incumbent. And upon his accepting such preferment the said annual sum shall thenceforth absolutely cease to be payable but if he shall accept other church preferment of a less net annual value (to be ascertained without reference to and exclusively of the house of residence if any) than as aforesaid then whilst he shall hold such other preferment the said annual sum shall in each year be reduced by a sum equal in amount to the net annual sum payable to him for the same year in respect of such other preferment. Provided always that if such retiring incumbent shall hereafter be convicted of any offence against the Ecclesiastical Law the punishment for which would be deprivation or suspension his right to receive such annual sum payable by way of a retiring pension as aforesaid shall cease or shall be suspended as from the date of such conviction. And provided also that if the same annual sum payable by way of a retiring pension as aforesaid shall determine by his ceasing to be a Member of the Church of England as aforesaid or by his being convicted of any offence against the Ecclesiastical Law as aforesaid or by his acceptance of such church preferment or by his death (as the case may be) on any other than one of the half-yearly days of payment then he or his executors or administrators shall be entitled to a proportionate part of the said annual sum for the period which at the time of such cesser shall have elapsed of the current half-year which proportionate part shall be payable at the end of the current half-year. Provided also that the amount of the retiring pension which may be payable as aforesaid shall be subject to proportionate diminution in the event of a reduction in the receipts from the endowments of the said united benefice consequent upon legislation or other causes over which the incumbent of the united benefice has not control and provided also that if the Reverend Samuel Kinns Clerk in Holy Orders the present incumbent of the said benefice of the Holy Trinity Minorities should be the retiring incumbent his retiring pension shall be two hundred and fifty pounds per annum or such lesser sum which may be payable in the event of the diminution as aforesaid in the amount of the endowments belonging to the said united benefice such retiring pension to the said Samuel Kinns to be subject also to such cessation or diminution as would under this clause result were such retiring pension made to an incumbent other than the said Samuel Kinns.