

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 18th day of *October*, 1909.

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 fifteenth day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine, 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 ownership of the advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the church and cure (hereinafter called 'the said benefice') of Fenny Stratford, in the county of Buckingham and in the diocese of Oxford.

"Whereas by an Indenture made the second day of November, one thousand nine hundred and eight, between Dora Nesbitt, of Number 12, Grosvenor-street, in the administrative county of London, widow, of the first part, the Reverend Frederick Francis Field, of Woughton Rectory, Bletchley, in the county of Buckingham, Clerk in Holy Orders, and Henrietta Frances Field, his wife, of the second part, and the Right Reverend Francis, by Divine permission, Bishop of Oxford, of the third part, after reciting that the said Dora Nesbitt was seised in fee simple of the advowson of the said benefice of Fenny Stratford, it was witnessed that in consideration of the sum of seven hundred pounds paid to her by the said Frederick Francis Field and Henrietta Frances Field, the receipt of which sum was thereby acknowledged the said Dora Nesbitt as beneficial owner and at the request and by the direction of the said Frederick Francis Field and Henrietta Frances Field did thereby convey and the said Frederick Francis Field and Henrietta Frances Field did thereby confirm unto the said Francis, Bishop of Oxford, the said advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the said benefice of Fenny Stratford to hold the same unto and to the use of the said Francis, Bishop of Oxford, and his successors in fee simple.

"And whereas the said conveyance was made with the intention of vesting the said advowson or perpetual right of patronage or presentation in the said Francis, Bishop of Oxford, in right of his See and the parties thereto are desirous that anything which by way of further assurance or otherwise may be required effectually to carry out that intention may be done and have applied to us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, that a scheme under the Acts herein-

before mentioned may be prepared for the said purpose and submitted to Your Majesty in Council.

And whereas the said Dora Nesbitt, Frederick Francis Field, Henrietta Frances Field, and Francis, Bishop of Oxford, are consenting to this scheme, the said Francis, Bishop of Oxford, both as party to the said Indenture of the second day of November, one thousand nine hundred and eight, and as Bishop of Oxford, the diocese wherein the said benefice of Fenny Stratford is situate, approving of and accepting the transfer of the said advowson or perpetual right of patronage or presentation as required by the Acts before mentioned or some or one of them.

"And whereas the transfer of the patronage of the said benefice of Fenny Stratford which is hereinbefore mentioned and hereinafter recommended and proposed will in our opinion tend to make better provision for the cure of souls in the parish or district in or in respect of which the right of patronage or advowson so recommended and proposed to be transferred as aforesaid arises or exists, that is to say, in the parish of Fenny Stratford.

"Now therefore with the consent of the said Dora Nesbitt, Frederick Francis Field, and Henrietta Frances Field (in testimony whereof they have signed and sealed this scheme) and with the consent of the said Francis, Bishop of Oxford (in testimony whereof he has signed this scheme and sealed the same with his episcopal seal), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose that upon and from the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme and without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order the whole advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the said benefice of Fenny Stratford shall be transferred to the said Francis, Bishop of Oxford, and his successors in the same bishoprick, and shall thereupon and thenceforth become and be absolutely vested in and shall and may from time to time be exercised by the said Francis, Bishop of Oxford, and by his successors in the same bishoprick for ever.

"And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any further or other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Acts or of any of them or of any other Act of Parliament."

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by His Majesty in Council: now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said scheme, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette, pursuant to the said Acts, and His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said diocese of Oxford.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

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