

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 15th day of *March*, 1922.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Act, 1919, and of the Act of the 37th and 38th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 63, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 2nd day of March, 1922, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Act, 1919, and of the Act of the 37th and 38th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 63, 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 North Cove situate in the County of Suffolk and in the Diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich with part of the neighbouring Benefice (being an United Benefice) of Mutford with Barnby situate in the said County of Suffolk and in the Diocese of Norwich and for effecting the union of the residue of the said Benefice of Mutford with Barnby with the contiguous Benefice (being a Rectory) of Rushmere (Saint Michael) situate in the said County of Suffolk and in the said Diocese of Norwich:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Bertram, Bishop of Norwich, (being the Bishop of the Diocese in which that one of the aforesaid Benefices which has the larger population is situate) pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Act, 1919, to inquire into and report upon the union of the said Benefice of North Cove with a portion of the said United Benefice of Mutford with Barnby and further to inquire into and report upon the union of the said Benefice of Rushmere (Saint Michael) with the remaining portion of the said United Benefice of Mutford with Barnby duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Norwich, and therein recommended the severance from the said United Benefice of Mutford with Barnby of the Benefice of Mutford and the union of the Benefice of Mutford so severed with the contiguous Benefice of Rushmere (Saint Michael) and therein further recommended the union of the remaining portion of the said United Benefice of Mutford with Barnby with the neighbouring Benefice of North Cove and the terms for effecting the said two unions and the said Bishop of Norwich signified in writing his approval of the said Report:

“ And whereas we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared this Scheme for effecting the two unions of Benefices so recommended as aforesaid which Scheme is based upon the terms recommended in the said Report but with the assent of the said Bishop of Norwich and with the assent of the Right Reverend Albert, Bishop of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich, embodies certain modifications thereof:

“ And whereas the said Benefices of North Cove and Rushmere (Saint Michael) are now full, the Reverend Horace Harrison Dudgeon being the present Incumbent of North Cove and the Reverend Thomas Heaviside Peat

being the present Incumbent of Rushmere (Saint Michael) and the said Benefice of Mutford with Barnby is at present vacant:

“ And whereas the said Horace Harrison Dudgeon has consented to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice of North Cove with Barnby if and when the union recommended and proposed in Part I of this Scheme shall take effect:

“ And whereas only one Parsonage House will be left standing or remaining within or belonging to each of the United Benefices when the unions which are hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect, namely the Parsonage Houses at present belonging to the said Benefices of Mutford with Barnby and Rushmere (Saint Michael) and the Parsonage House belonging to the said Benefice of Mutford with Barnby will accordingly become the Parsonage House of the United Benefice of North Cove with Barnby and the Parsonage House belonging to the said Benefice of Rushmere (Saint Michael) will accordingly become the Parsonage House of the United Benefice of Mutford with Rushmere:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Bertram, Bishop of Norwich, and with the consent also of the said Albert, Bishop of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich (in testimony whereof they have signed this Scheme and sealed the same with their Episcopal Seals), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

“ PART I.

“ As to the union of the said Benefice of North Cove with the said United Benefice of Mutford with Barnby we recommend and propose:—

“ 1. That the said Benefice of North Cove and the said United Benefice of Mutford with Barnby shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of North Cove with Barnby ’ and that such United Benefice shall be included in and form part of the said Diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich and the Rural Deanery of Beccles, but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

“ 2. That upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect, and the said Horace Harrison Dudgeon if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of North Cove shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

“ 3. That after the union has taken effect the course and succession in which the respective Patrons shall present or nominate to the United Benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows, that is to say, the right of presentation or nomination shall be exercised by the Patrons of the said two Benefices of North Cove and Mutford with Barnby alternately, the Patrons of the said Benefice of Mutford with Barnby having the right upon the first presentation or nomination to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate right of presentation or nomination and the Patron of the said Benefice of North Cove having the right of presentation or nomination upon the second presentation or nomination to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate turn thereafter.