

testimony whereof he has hereunto set his hand), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

“ 1. That the said Benefice of Abbots Ripton and the said Benefice of Little Stukeley shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘The United Benefice of Abbots Ripton with Little Stukeley’ 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 Abbots Ripton 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 Little Stukeley and the then Incumbent of Abbots Ripton shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice: and if the said Benefice of Little Stukeley only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Abbots Ripton 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 Abbots Ripton if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Little Stukeley shall have been instituted to Little Stukeley 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 Little Stukeley before that date and shall not so consent, then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of the Benefice of Little Stukeley following such avoidance of the Benefice of Abbots Ripton and the then Incumbent of Abbots Ripton shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

“ 3. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Abbots Ripton shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice and so soon as conveniently may be the Parsonage House belonging to the said Benefice of Little Stukeley and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith unless sold prior to the said union taking effect shall be sold and disposed of by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners at such time or times and in such manner in all respects as to us shall seem expedient and that the net proceeds of such sale or of a sale effected prior to the union as the case may be shall constitute and form part of the fund created by the 13th Section of the said Union of Benefices Act, 1919.

“ 4. That after the said union has taken effect the course and succession in which the respective patrons shall present and nominate to the United Benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows, that is to say, that in each series of three successive turns of presentation for ever thereafter the Patron of the said Benefice of

Abbots Ripton shall have the first and second turns and the Patron of the said Benefice of Little Stukeley shall have the third turn.

“ Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid or any of them in accordance with the provisions of the said Act or of any other Act of Parliament.”

And whereas drafts of the said Scheme have been published locally in the manner prescribed in the Statutory Rules made under the said Act and also transmitted in the manner so prescribed to the patrons affected together with a Notice in each case requiring any objections to such draft Scheme to be stated or transmitted in writing within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas certain objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners after giving full consideration to such objections have deemed right to make no alterations in such draft Scheme:

And whereas public notice of the certification to His Majesty in Council of the said Scheme and the consent thereto in writing of the Bishop of Ely has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

And whereas no appeal has been made to His Majesty in Council within the period of one month after the date of the said public notice in accordance with the provisions of the said Act against the said Scheme or any part thereof by any person who has made objection as aforesaid to the said draft Scheme:

And whereas neither of the two Benefices affected by the said Scheme is situate in a City or Municipal Borough:

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 affirm the said Scheme, and to order that the two Benefices therein recommended to be united shall be united to the extent and for the purposes recommended in the said Scheme, and further to order and direct that the said Scheme 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 Act.

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 Ely.

*Colin Smith.*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of October, 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, duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a Scheme, bearing date the 13th day of July, 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, have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the