

England, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Act, 1919, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting the union of two neighbouring Benefices, that is to say, the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Wolferton to part of the neighbouring Benefice (being a United Benefice) of Sandringham with Babingley and West Newton, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Norfolk and in the Diocese of Norwich:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Bertram, Bishop of Norwich, 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 Wolferton with a portion of the said United Benefice of Sandringham with Babingley and West Newton duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Norwich and therein recommended the severance from the said United Benefice of Sandringham with Babingley and West Newton of the Benefice of Babingley and the union of the Benefice of Babingley so severed with the said Benefice of Wolferton and the terms for effecting such union, 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 the union of the said two Benefices based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

"And whereas both of the said Benefices of Wolferton and Sandringham with Babingley and West Newton are now full, the Reverend Alwyne Compton Howard Rice being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Wolferton, and the Reverend Arthur Rowland Harry Grant being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Sandringham with Babingley and West Newton:

"And whereas only one Parsonage House will be left standing or remaining within or belonging to the United Benefice when the union which is hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect, namely, the Parsonage House belonging to the said Benefice of Wolferton, and such house will accordingly become the Parsonage House of the United Benefice:

"And whereas the Advowson of or right of presentation to each of the said Benefices of Wolferton and Sandringham with Babingley and West Newton belongs to the same Patron:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Bertram, Bishop of Norwich (in testimony whereof he has hereunto set his hand), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That a portion of the said United Benefice of Sandringham with Babingley and West Newton, namely, the Benefice of Babingley, shall be severed from the remaining portion of the said United Benefice of Sandringham with Babingley and West Newton, and that the Benefice of Babingley so severed and the said Benefice of Wolferton shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Wolferton with Babingley,' but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

"2. That with the consents of the said Alwyne Compton Howard Rice and Arthur Rowland Harry Grant (testified by their signing this Scheme) the union of the said two Benefices of Wolferton and Babingley shall take effect upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette.

"3. That upon the said union taking effect there shall be transferred from the said United Benefice of Sandringham with Babingley and West Newton and annexed to the United Benefice of Wolferton with Babingley all those Tithe Rent charges commuted at £102 arising within the Parish of Babingley, all which tithe rent charges are now payable to the Incumbent of the said United Benefice of Sandringham with Babingley and West Newton.

"Provided always that the whole of the First Fruits and Tenths now payable to the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty in respect of the said United Benefice of Sandringham with Babingley and West Newton shall continue to be payable by the Incumbent of the Benefice of Sandringham with West Newton.

"Provided also 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 Patron affected, together with a Notice in each case requiring any objections to such draft Scheme to be stated or transmitted in writing to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas the prescribed time has elapsed and no such objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners:

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 Norwich has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

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 Norwich.

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