

from 1st April, 1920, pensions at the rates sanctioned by Your Majesty's Order in Council of 6th February, 1922, in substitution for the pensions originally awarded to pre-war disability seamen and marine pensioners whose invaliding was due to injuries attributable to the Service, when that course would be more advantageous to them than an augmentation under the provisions of Your Majesty's Order in Council of 13th August, 1920. Provided always that the conditions and restrictions governing increases under the latter Order in Council shall be applicable in their entirety to the awards for which authority is now sought, and that the disablement element shall be that appropriate to the present degree of disability as determined by medical survey, if a medical examination be deemed necessary.

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 27th day of *March*, 1923.

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 Union of Benefices Measure, 1921, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme bearing date the 22nd day of March, 1923, 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 Union of Benefices Measure, 1921, 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 Clifton Reynes and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Newton Blossomville, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Buckingham and in the Diocese of Oxford:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Hubert Murray, Bishop of Oxford, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Act, 1919, to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Oxford and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Oxford 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 the said Benefice of Clifton Reynes is now full, the Reverend Christopher William Fullmer being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Newton Blossomville is at present vacant:

"And whereas the said Christopher William Fullmer has consented to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, if and when the union which is hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Hubert Murray, Bishop of Oxford (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 the said Benefice of Clifton Reynes and the said Benefice of Newton Blossomville shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville', 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 Christopher William Fullmer if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Clifton Reynes shall be 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 Clifton Reynes 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 at present belonging to the said Benefice of Newton Blossomville and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith 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 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 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 shall be exercised by the Patrons of the said two Benefices alternately, the Patron of the said Benefice of Newton Blossomville having the right upon the first presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate right of presentation, and the Patron of the said Benefice of Clifton Reynes having the right of presentation upon the second presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate turn thereafter.

"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