

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 Vicarage) of Saint James, Bristol, and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Saint John Baptist and Saint Laurence, Bristol, both of which Benefices are situate in the City of Bristol and in the Diocese of Bristol:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend George, Bishop of Bristol, 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 Saint James, Bristol, and Saint John Baptist and Saint Laurence, Bristol, duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Bristol and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Bristol signified in writing his approval of the said Report:

"And whereas we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have approved 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 Saint John Baptist and Saint Laurence, Bristol, is now full, the Reverend Samuel Ernest Swann being the present Incumbent thereof, and the said Benefice of Saint James, Bristol, is at present vacant:

"And whereas the said Samuel Ernest Swann is also the present Incumbent of the Benefice of Saint Ambrose, Whitehall, Bristol, situate in the said City of Bristol and in the said Diocese of Bristol:

"And whereas the said Samuel Ernest Swann 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:

"And whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to each of the said Benefices of Saint James, Bristol, and Saint John Baptist and Saint Laurence, Bristol, now belongs to the same Patrons:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said George, Bishop of Bristol (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 Saint James, Bristol, and the said Benefice of Saint John Baptist and Saint Laurence, Bristol, shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls, under the style of 'The United Benefice of Saint James with Saint John the Baptist, Bristol,' 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, the said Samuel Ernest Swann shall have vacated the said Benefice of Saint Ambrose, Whitehall, Bristol, the union shall forthwith take effect, and the said Samuel Ernest Swann if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Saint John Baptist and Saint Laurence, Bristol, shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, but if upon that day the said Samuel Ernest Swann shall still be Incumbent of the said Benefice of Saint Ambrose, Whitehall, Bristol, and of the said

Benefice of Saint John Baptist and Saint Laurence, Bristol, then the union shall take effect upon his vacation of the said Benefice of Saint Ambrose, Whitehall, Bristol, and he shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"3. That a Curate be employed to assist in performing the duties of the United Benefice.

"4. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Saint James, Bristol, shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

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

And whereas the two Benefices affected by the said Scheme are both situate in the City or Municipal Borough of Bristol:

And whereas the said Scheme has been laid before both Houses of Parliament for the space of two calendar months:

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 Bristol.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 31st day of May, 1923.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section 26 of the Pluralities Act, 1838, after reciting that "Whereas in some instances tithings, hamlets, chapelries, and other places or districts may be