

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.

*M. P. A. Hankey.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 20th day of *February*, 1924.

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 24th day of January, 1924, 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 Earl's Croome and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Hill Croome, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Worcester and in the Diocese of Worcester:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Ernest, Bishop of Worcester, 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 Earl's Croome and Hill Croome duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Worcester and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Worcester 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 Earl's Croome and Hill Croome are now full, the Reverend Henry Dalrymple Knatchbull being the present Incumbent thereof:

“ And whereas the said Henry Dalrymple Knatchbull 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 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 Earl's Croome and such house will accordingly become the Parsonage House of the United Benefice:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent

of the said Ernest, Bishop of Worcester (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

“ 1. That the said Benefice of Earl's Croome and the said Benefice of Hill Croome shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Earl's Croome with Hill Croome' 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 Henry Dalrymple Knatchbull if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefices of Earl's Croome and Hill Croome shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

“ 3. 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, that in each series of three successive turns of presentation or nomination for ever thereafter the Patron of the said Benefice of Earl's Croome shall have the first and third turns and the Patron of the said Benefice of Hill Croome shall have the second 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 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 Worcester 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.