

Shelsley Beauchamp and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Shelsley Walsh, 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 Shelsley Beauchamp and Shelsley Walsh 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 the said Benefice of Shelsley Walsh is now full, the Reverend Egerton Haslope Oldham being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Shelsley Beauchamp is at present vacant:

"And whereas the revenues of the said Benefice of Shelsley Beauchamp are charged with a pension of £135 per annum payable to the Reverend James Smith Turner formerly the Incumbent of such Benefice:

"And whereas the Patron of the said Benefice of Shelsley Beauchamp is the Right Honourable William Humble, Earl of Dudley, being the person who if the said Benefice of Shelsley Beauchamp were now vacant would be entitled to present or nominate thereto:

"And whereas the Patron of the said Benefice of Shelsley Walsh is Sir Francis Salway Winnington, Baronet, of Stanford Court, in the said County of Worcester, being the person who if the said Benefice of Shelsley Walsh were now vacant would be entitled to present or nominate thereto:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Ernest, Bishop of Worcester, and with the consents (so far as is required for the purpose of making effectual the transfer of endowments to the Benefice of Clifton on Teme as hereinafter recommended) of the said William Humble, Earl of Dudley and of the said Francis Salway Winnington (in testimony whereof they have respectively signed this Scheme), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That the said Benefice of Shelsley Beauchamp and the said Benefice of Shelsley Walsh shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of The Shelsleys' 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 Shelsley Walsh 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 Shelsley Beauchamp and the then Incumbent of Shelsley Walsh shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice; and if the said Benefice of Shelsley Beauchamp only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Shelsley Walsh 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 Shelsley Walsh if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Shelsley Beauchamp shall have been instituted to Shelsley Beauchamp 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 Shelsley Beauchamp before that date and shall not so consent, then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of the Benefice of Shelsley Beauchamp following such avoidance of the Benefice of Shelsley Walsh and the then Incumbent of Shelsley Walsh 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 Shelsley Beauchamp shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"4. That upon the said union taking effect all those tithe rentcharges commuted at £49 19s. 5d. arising within the Parish of Shelsley Walsh being a portion of the tithe rentcharges at present payable to the Incumbent of the said Benefice of Shelsley Walsh (which tithe rentcharges are more particularly described in the Schedule hereunto annexed) or any capital sums of money, stocks or other investments, being the produce of the sale, redemption or other conversion of such tithe rentcharges or any of them, shall subject as hereinafter mentioned be excepted out of the union and shall be transferred and annexed to the Benefice of Clifton on Teme, in the said Diocese of Worcester.

"Provided always that if at the date when the said union takes effect the pension of £135 per annum payable to the said James Smith Turner as aforesaid shall not have ceased the transfer of the said tithe rentcharges to the said Benefice of Clifton on Teme shall take effect as from the date of the cessation of such pension. And provided also that the whole of the First Fruits and Tenths now or hereafter payable to the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty in respect of the said United Benefice shall continue to be payable by the Incumbent of the said United Benefice.

"5. That after the said union has taken effect the right of presentation or nomination to the United Benefice shall belong wholly to the person or persons in whom the Patronage of the said Benefice of Shelsley Beauchamp is now vested.

"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."