

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 25th day of *June*, 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 15th day of May, 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 Ilchester with Sock Dennis and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Northover, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Somerset and in the Diocese of Bath and Wells:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend St. John Basil Wynne, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 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 Ilchester with Sock Dennis and Northover duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Bath and Wells and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Bath and Wells 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 which Scheme is based upon the terms recommended in the said Report but with the assent of the said Bishop of Bath and Wells embodies certain modifications thereof:

“ And whereas both of the said Benefices of Ilchester with Sock Dennis and Northover are now full, the Reverend Joseph Horrocks being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Ilchester with Sock Dennis and the Reverend Shirley Frank Vickers being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Northover:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said St. John Basil Wynne, Bishop of Bath and Wells (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 Ilchester with Sock Dennis and the said Benefice of Northover shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Ilchester with Northover ’ 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 Northover 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 Ilchester with Sock Dennis and the then Incumbent of Northover shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice; and if the said Benefice of Ilchester with Sock Dennis only shall be then vacant the said Union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Northover 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 Northover if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Ilchester with Sock Dennis shall have been instituted to Ilchester with Sock Dennis 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 Ilchester with Sock Dennis before that date and shall not so consent, then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of the Benefice of Ilchester with Sock Dennis following such avoidance of the Benefice of Northover and the then Incumbent of Northover 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 Ilchester shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

“ 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, that in each series of three successive turns of presentation or nomination to the United Benefice to be made after the union, the Patron of the said Benefice of Northover shall have the first turn and the Patron of the said Benefice of Ilchester with Sock Dennis shall have the second and third turns.

“ 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 an objection has been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners after giving full consideration to such objection have deemed right to make no alterations in such draft Scheme: