

" Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said St. Clair George Alfred, Bishop of Salisbury (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 Berwick, Saint James, and the said Benefice of Stapleford shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of ' the United Benefice of Stapleford with Berwick, St. James,' 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 Philip Melancthon Mulholland if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefices of Berwick, Saint James, and Stapleford shall be the first 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 Salisbury 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.

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 Salisbury.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 8th day of *December*, 1924.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Right Reverend Arthur, Lord Bishop of Bradford, has, under Section 26 of the Pluralities Act, 1838, made a Representation to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Cosmo Gordon, Lord Archbishop of York, in the following terms:—

" I, the Right Reverend Arthur, Lord Bishop of Bradford, do in pursuance of the 26th Section of the Act of Parliament 1 & 2 Victoria, Chapter 106, hereby represent to your Grace that there are in the Parish of Rilston-with-Coniston in the County of York and in my Diocese of Bradford and subject to my jurisdiction duly constituted by an Order of Her late Majesty in Council dated the twenty-first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and duly published in the London Gazette, two Townships known by the name of Coniston and Kilnsey distant from the Parish Church of Saint Peter in the Township of Rilston which under the said Order in Council is the Parish Church of the Benefice and Rectory of Rilston-with-Coniston about seven miles.

" That the said Parish of Rilston-with-Coniston inclusive of the said Townships of Coniston and Kilnsey contains a population of five hundred and thirty persons or thereabouts.

" That the Parish of Kettlewell in the said Diocese of Bradford and County of York is contiguous to the said Townships of Coniston and Kilnsey and from the Parochial Chapel of Saint Mary situate in the said Township of Coniston which under the said Order in Council is a Chapel of Ease to the said Parish Church of Saint Peter Rilston is a distance of two miles only. The Parish of Kettlewell contains a population of three hundred and seventy-four persons or thereabouts.

" That it appears to me that the said Townships of Coniston and Kilnsey may under the provisions of the before mentioned Act of Parliament be advantageously separated from the said Parish of Rilston-with-Coniston and annexed to the said Parish of Kettlewell.

" That the said Chapel of Ease at Coniston affords accommodation for one hundred and fifty persons and the Parish Church of Kettlewell for two hundred persons.

" That the Church Pastoral Aid Society Patrons of the Rectory of Rilston-with-Coniston and Katherine Elizabeth Perfect, Ralph Mosley Robinson and Geoffrey Dawson, Patrons of the Vicarage of Kettlewell are respectively consenting parties to the foregoing Representation and to the Scheme hereinafter set forth.

" That pursuant to the directions of the said Act of Parliament I have drawn up a Scheme in writing appended to this Representation describing the mode in which it appears to me that the alterations before proposed may be best effected and how the changes consequent upon such alterations in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction, Glebe Lands, Tithe Rent-charge and other ecclesiastical dues, rates and payments, and in respect of Patronage and rights to pews may be made with justice to all parties interested."

And whereas the said Scheme drawn up by the said Bishop and the Consents referred to in the said Representation are as follows:—