

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 17th day of *March*, 1925.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**WHEREAS** the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, the Act of the 4th and 5th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 39, and the Act of the 31st and 32nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 114, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 5th day of February, 1925, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, the Act of the 4th and 5th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 39, and the Act of the 31st and 32nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 114, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting a transfer of the ownership of the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the Church and Cure (hereinafter called ‘ the said Benefice ’) of Dunton, in the County of Bedford and in the Diocese of Saint Albans:

“ Whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the said Benefice of Dunton is vested for an estate in fee simple without incumbrances in Ann Adams, wife of the Reverend Josiah Warwick Adams, of Wall Vicarage, Lichfield, in the County of Stafford, Clerk in Holy Orders:

“ And whereas the said Ann Adams is desirous that the whole Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the said Benefice of Dunton, now vested in her as aforesaid, should be transferred to and be vested in the Bishop of Lichfield for the time being:

“ And whereas the Right Reverend John Augustine, now Bishop of Lichfield, is willing to accept such transfer, and in token of such his willingness he, the said John Augustine, Bishop of Lichfield, has executed this Scheme as hereinafter mentioned:

“ And whereas the Right Reverend Michael, Bishop of Saint Albans, has also executed this Scheme in token that the same transfer has that consent of the Bishop of the Diocese which by the Acts in the hereinbefore mentioned Act recited or by some or one of them is made necessary:

“ And whereas the transfer of the Patronage of the said Benefice of Dunton which is hereinbefore mentioned and hereinafter recommended and proposed will in our opinion tend to make better provision for the cure of souls in the Parish or District in or in respect of which the right of Patronage or Advowson so recommended and proposed to be transferred as aforesaid arises or exists, that is to say, in the Parish of Dunton:

“ Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Michael, Bishop of Saint Albans (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme and sealed the same with his Episcopal Seal), and with the consent of the said Ann Adams (in testimony whereof she has signed and sealed this Scheme), and with the consent of the said John Augustine, Bishop of Lichfield (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme and sealed the same with his Episcopal Seal), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose that upon and from the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme and without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order the whole Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the said Benefice of Dunton, now vested in her the said Ann Adams as aforesaid, shall be transferred to the said John Augustine, Bishop of Lichfield, and his successors in the same Bishopric, and shall thereupon and thenceforth become and be absolutely vested in and shall and may from time to time be exercised by the said John Augustine, Bishop of Lichfield, and by his successors in the same Bishopric for ever.

“ And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any further or other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Acts, or of any of them, or of any other Act of Parliament.”

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 ratify the said Scheme, and to order and direct that the same 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 Acts.

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 Saint Albans.

M. P. A. Hankey.

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The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**WHEREAS** the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Act, 1919, of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1921, and of the Act of the 37th and 38th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 63, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1925, 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, of the Union of Bene-