

fices Measure, 1921, and of the Act of the 37th and 38th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 63, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting the union of the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Treswell to part of the neighbouring Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Littleborough with Cottam, and the union of the residue of the said Benefice of Littleborough with Cottam to the neighbouring Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Sturton en le Steeple, all of which Benefices are situate in the County of Nottingham and in the Diocese of Southwell:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Edwyn, Bishop of Southwell, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Act, 1919, to inquire into and report upon the union of the said Benefice of Treswell with a portion of the said Benefice of Littleborough with Cottam, and further to inquire into and report upon the union of the said Benefice of Sturton en le Steeple with the remaining portion of the said Benefice of Littleborough with Cottam duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Southwell and therein recommended the severance from the said Benefice of Littleborough with Cottam of the Cottam portion thereof and the union of the portion so severed with the said Benefice of Treswell and therein further recommended the union of the remaining portion of the said Benefice of Littleborough with Cottam with the said Benefice of Sturton en le Steeple and the terms for effecting the unions, and the said Bishop of Southwell signified in writing his approval of the said Report:

"And whereas we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared this Scheme for the said unions of Benefices based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

"And whereas each of the said Benefices of Treswell and Sturton en le Steeple is now full, the Reverend Mark Athel Noble being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Treswell and the Reverend James Spencer Granville Barley being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Sturton en le Steeple and the said Benefice of Littleborough with Cottam is at present vacant:

"And whereas only one Parsonage House will be left standing or remaining within or belonging to each of the United Benefices when the unions which are hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect namely the Parsonage Houses belonging to the said Benefices of Treswell and Sturton en le Steeple respectively and such houses will accordingly become the Parsonage Houses of the United Benefices of Treswell with Cottam and Sturton with Littleborough respectively:

"And whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to each of the said Benefices of Littleborough with Cottam and Sturton en le Steeple now belongs to one and the same Patron, and such Patron will accordingly be the sole Patron of the United Benefice of Sturton with Littleborough when the unions which are hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Edwyn, Bishop of Southwell (in

testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme and sealed the same with his Episcopal Seal), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That a portion of the said Benefice of Littleborough with Cottam namely all that portion which includes the village of Cottam and which lies to the south of the boundary between the civil parish of North Leverton with Habbesthorpe and the civil parish of Cottam (which portion is more particularly set forth upon the map or plan hereto attached and thereon coloured pink) shall be severed from the remaining portion of the said Benefice of Littleborough with Cottam and for the purpose of the union of such severed portion with the said Benefice of Treswell shall be deemed a separate Benefice and Parish and such severed portion of the said Benefice of Littleborough with Cottam and the said Benefice of Treswell shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls and one Parish for ecclesiastical purposes and for such other purposes as in the said Union of Benefices Act, 1919, provided under the style of 'The United Benefice of Treswell with Cottam' and that such United Benefice shall be included in and form part of the Rural Deanery of Tuxford.

"2. That the said Benefice of Littleborough with Cottam after the severance of such portion as aforesaid and the said Benefice of Sturton en le Steeple shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Sturton with Littleborough' and that such United Benefice shall belong to and form part of the Rural Deanery of Retford, but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

"3. That the Church of the Parish of Treswell shall be the Parish Church of the United Parish of Treswell with Cottam.

"4. That with the consents of the said Mark Athel Noble and the said James Spencer Granville Barley (testified by their signing this Scheme) the unions referred to in Clauses 1 and 2 of this Scheme shall take effect upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette and the said Mark Athel Noble if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Treswell shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice of Treswell with Cottam and the said James Spencer Granville Barley if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Sturton en le Steeple shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice of Sturton with Littleborough.

"5. That upon the said unions taking effect the endowments of the said Benefice of Littleborough with Cottam shall be divided and apportioned as follows, that is to say, there shall be transferred and annexed to the United Benefice of Treswell with Cottam (1) all that piece or parcel of land containing 12a. 3r. 36p. or thereabouts situate in the Parish of South Leverton in the County of Nottingham and being part of the glebe land of the said Benefice of Littleborough with Cottam but at one time forming part of the glebe land belonging to the Benefice of South Leverton and the capital sums of money, investments or other real or personal property