

provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, and Notices have been transmitted to the persons or bodies entitled under the same Measure to receive Notice 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 Statutory Rules applicable to proceedings under the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923:

And whereas certain objections have 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 objections have deemed right to make no alterations in such draft Scheme:

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 Winchester has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

And whereas no appeal has been made to His Majesty in Council within the period of one month after the date of the said public notice in accordance with the provisions of the said Measure against the said Scheme or any part thereof by any person who has made objection as aforesaid to the said draft Scheme:

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 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 date when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Measure.

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 Winchester.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 26th day of *July*, 1926.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme bearing date the 10th day of June, 1926, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting the union of the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Long Wittenham and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Little Wittenham, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Berks and in the Diocese of Oxford:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the late Right Reverend Hubert Murray, Bishop of Oxford, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Long Wittenham and Little Wittenham duly made their Report to the Right Reverend Thomas Banks now Bishop of Oxford and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Thomas Banks, Bishop of Oxford, 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 Little Wittenham is now full the Reverend Walter Francis Bennett Ward being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Long Wittenham is at present vacant:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Thomas Banks, Bishop of Oxford (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 Long Wittenham and the said Benefice of Little Wittenham shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Wittenham ’ and that such United Benefice shall be included in and form part of the Rural Deanery of Abingdon 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 Little Wittenham 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 Long Wittenham and the then Incumbent of Little Wittenham shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice; and if the said Benefice of Long Wittenham only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Little Wittenham; 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 Little Wittenham if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Long Wittenham shall have been instituted to Long Wittenham 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 Long Wittenham before