

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 25th day of *July*, 1927.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**WHEREAS** the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 113, of the Act of the 48th and 49th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 55, and of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Measure, 1926, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 7th day of July, 1927, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 113, of the Act of the 48th and 49th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 55, and of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Measure, 1926, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for augmenting the incomes of the Archdeaconry of Berks and the Archdeaconry of Buckingham, both in the Diocese of Oxford:

“ Whereas it appears to us to be desirable that the incomes of the said Archdeaconry of Berks and of the said Archdeaconry of Buckingham should be augmented in the manner which is hereinafter recommended and proposed:

“ And whereas the grants hereinafter recommended and proposed, together with any existing grant or grants now payable by us in augmentation of the incomes of the said Archdeaconries, will not have the effect of raising the annual incomes provided for such Archdeaconries out of the Common Fund created by the said Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, beyond the sum of £300 and will not raise the whole incomes of those Archdeaconries, including the income derived from any ecclesiastical office or preferment annexed thereto, beyond the sum of £1,000 per annum:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, with the consent of the Right Reverend Thomas Banks, Bishop of Oxford (testified by his having signed and sealed this Scheme), humbly recommend and propose that, subject as is hereinafter mentioned, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, be authorised to pay out of the said Common Fund by equal quarterly payments on the first day of January, the first day of April, the first day of July, and the first day of October, or on such other quarterly days as the payments now made by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, in respect of the incomes of the respective Archdeaconries are usually made in every year (first) to the Archdeacon of the said Archdeaconry of Berks and to his successors in the same Archdeaconry a further yearly sum of £100, and (secondly) to the Archdeacon of the said Archdeaconry of Buckingham and to his successors in the same Archdeaconry a yearly sum of £300, such yearly sums to take effect and be calculated as from the 1st day of January, 1927. Provided always that before any payment in respect of any of the said

yearly sums shall be made by us we shall require to be satisfied that the Archdeacon who applies for the same has during the previous 12 calendar months complied with the conditions as to residence which for the time being are required by law.

“ And we further recommend and propose that procurations, synodals, visitation fees and induction fees or any of these fees or payments shall no longer be receivable by the Archdeacons of the said Archdeaconries, and all such fees or payments shall accordingly cease to be payable to the said Archdeacons.

“ And we further recommend and propose that whenever any Archdeacon who may be entitled to receive one of the said yearly sums of £100 and £300 hereinbefore recommended to be paid to the said Archdeacon of Berks and the said Archdeacon of Buckingham respectively shall resign or otherwise avoid his Archdeaconry, such yearly sum shall be apportionable between such Archdeacon or his representatives (as the case may be) and the Archdeacon who shall next be collated to the same Archdeaconry.

“ And we further recommend and propose 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 hereinbefore mentioned Acts and Measure, 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 Oxford.

M. P. A. Hankey.

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