

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 Oxford.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *March*, 1928.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Right Reverend Ernest, Lord Bishop of Worcester, has, under Section 26 of the Pluralities Act, 1838, made a Representation to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, in the following terms:—

“ I, Ernest, by Divine Permission Bishop of Worcester, in pursuance of the Twenty-sixth

Section of the Act of Parliament of the first and second years of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 106, do hereby represent to your Grace as follows:—

“ 1. There are four Parishes in or near the City of Worcester, Saint John-in-Bedwardine, Hallow, and the major part of Saint Clement's being on the western side of the River Severn, and Saint Andrew and All Saints and the remainder of Saint Clement's being on the eastern side of the River Severn, all which Parishes lie adjacent to one another and the population and the annual values are as follows:—

Parish.	Population according to 1911 Census	Population according to 1921 Census.	Population estimated in 1927.	Net Annual Value.
Saint Andrew and All Saints	2912	2585	2550	£900
Saint Clement	2200	2008	1940	£340
Saint John-in-Bedwardine	6094	6455	7890	£773
Hallow	1487	1461	1600	£464

“ 2. A small part of the Parish of Saint Clement is on the east side of the river as aforesaid, and a Church was erected about seventy-five years ago on part of the site of the old Church of Saint Clement, which was on the east side of the river, for the especial purpose of the spiritual welfare of the Watermen, who at that time were employed in considerable numbers for the traffic on the Severn. This particular class gradually died out as steamers were employed, and have now for some years been non-existent.

“ The Church, however, continued to be served by the Clergy of the Parish of Saint Clement, to which Parish a Grant for a Curate was paid by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, but those attending the Church, and in a great measure the children in the Sunday School adjoining, belonged to the Parish of All Saints.

“ In or about the year 1912, at the request of the late Bishop of Worcester, the Rector of Saint Clement's agreed to allow such part of his Parish as was on the eastern side of the river to be worked in connection with All Saints' Church. The Church for some years has not been used regularly for Sunday Services, but has been occupied more or less as a room for the general purposes of All Saints' Parish.

“ Saint John's has a large population compared with the general parish population of Worcester, and the greater part of the population lives within the City of Worcester and near to the Parish of Saint Clement. A part of the Parish of Saint John to the

north of the Great Western Railway, which fifty years ago contained only ten or twelve houses, has now been developed for building purposes, and it is estimated that a population of 1,500 now reside in such area.

“ By an Order in Council dated the twelfth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, the western part of the Parish of Saint John (called ' Crown East ') containing an estimated population of two hundred and fifty was annexed to the Parish of Cotheridge.

“ Hallow is a large area, and although the Parish Church and village are situated about three miles from the centre of the City, there is an Urban area called ' Comer Gardens ' within the City of Worcester and adjoining the Parishes of Saint Clement and Saint John. There is difficulty in working this Urban district from the village and to do so at all adequately necessitates the appointment of a Curate for which there is a small income from an Endowment and a Grant from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The Parish of Hallow without the district of Comer Gardens could be looked after by an active Priest without the employment of an Assistant.

“ 3. That in order to make better provision for the Cure of Souls within all the Parishes hereinbefore mentioned it appears to me that the following alterations in the boundaries of the said Parishes may be advantageously made:—

(1) That such part of the Parish of Saint Clement as lies on the eastern side