hereby to ratify the said Scheme or Representation, 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 Lichfield.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of June, 1928.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS 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 7th day of June, 1928, 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 Ashford Carbonnel and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Ashford Bowdler, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Salop

and in the Diocese of Hereford:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Martin Linton, Bishop of Hereford, 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 Ashford Carbonnel and Ashford Bowdler duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Hereford and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union (including alterations of boundaries affecting the Parishes of the Benefices of Ludford and Richard's Castle, both in the said Diocese of Hereford) and the said Bishop of Hereford 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 Ashford Carbonnel is now full the Reverend Arthur Percival Lacy Hulbert being the Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Ashford Bowdler is at present vacant:

"And whereas the said Arthur Percival Lacy Hulbert has consented to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, if and when the union which is hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect:

"And whereas only one Parsonage House will be left standing or remaining within or belonging to the United Benefice when the union which is hereinafter recommended and

proposed shall take effect namely the Parsonage House belonging to the said Benefice of Ashford Carbonnel:

"And whereas the interest of the Patron of Ashford Bowdler is so small that the share of the Patronage of the United Benefice which on a fair and just apportionment would be assignable in respect of the interest of such Patron would in our opinion be negligible:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Martin Linton, Bishop of Hereford (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 Ashford Carbonnel and the said Benefice of Ashford Bowdler shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Ashford Carbonnel with Ashford Bowdler but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.
- "2. That upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect and the said Arthur Percival Lacy Hulbert if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Ashford Carbonnel shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.
- "3. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Ashford Carbonnel shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.
- "4. That after the said union has taken effect the Patronage of the United Benefice shall belong wholly to the Patron of the said Benefice of Ashford Carbonnel.
- "5. That with the consent of Henry Ernest Whitaker, of Ludford Park, Ludlow, in the County of Hereford, Esquire (testified by his signing this Scheme), as Patron of the said Benefice of Ludford, with the consent of the Reverend Ernest Hale Dunkley (testified by his signing this Scheme), now Incumbent of the said Benefice of Ludford, with the consent of the Right Reverend Ernest, Bishop of Worcester (testified by his signing this Scheme), as Patron in right of his Bishopric of Worcester of the said Benefice of Richard's Castle, and with the consent of the Reverend John Alfred Thompson (testified by his signing this Scheme), now Incumbent of the said Benefice of Richard's Castle, upon the union taking effect (a) a part of the Parish of the said Benefice of Ludford namely the portion lying near the south-western corner of that Parish and containing Saltmoor Farm and Saltmoor Cottages (all which part is delineated and set forth upon the Map or Plan hereto annexed and thereon coloured pink) shall be transferred and annexed for all ecclesiastical purposes to the Parish of the said Benefice of Ashford Carbonnel and (b) a part of the Parish of the said Benefice of Richard's Castle, namely the portion lying near the south-eastern corner of that Parish and containing Laundry Cottage (all which part is delineated and set forth upon the said Map or Plan and thereon coloured green), shall be transferred and annexed for all ecclesiastical purposes to the Parish of the said Benefice of Ashford Bowdler, but no transfer of endowments