

shall be published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect and the said Henry Burgh Dolland if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Long Houghton 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 Long Houghton 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 course and succession in which the respective Patrons shall present or nominate to the United Benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows, that is to say, the right of presentation shall be exercised by the Patrons of the said two Benefices alternately, the Patron of the said Benefice of Long Houghton having the right upon the first presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate right of presentation and the Patron of the said Benefice of Howick having the right of presentation upon the second presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate turn thereafter.

"Provided always 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 said Measure, or of any other Measure of the National Assembly of the Church of England, or of any Act of Parliament."

And whereas drafts of the said Scheme have been duly published in accordance with the 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 the prescribed time has elapsed and no such objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners:

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

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 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 Newcastle.

*M. P. A. Hankey.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 1st day of *November*, 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 11th day of October, 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 (1) the union of the Benefice of Meesden and the Benefice of Brent Pelham (now part of the United Benefice of Brent Pelham with Furneaux Pelham) and (2) the union of the Benefice of Stocking Pelham and the Benefice of Furneaux Pelham (being the remaining part of the said United Benefice of Brent Pelham with Furneaux Pelham) all of which Benefices are situate in the County of Hertford and in the Diocese of Saint Albans:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Michael, Bishop of Saint Albans, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, to inquire into and report upon (1) the union of the said two Benefices of Meesden and Brent Pelham and (2) the union of the said two Benefices of Stocking Pelham and Furneaux Pelham duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Saint Albans and therein recommended the said unions of Benefices and the terms for effecting the same, and the said Bishop of Saint Albans 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 the said Benefices of Brent Pelham with Furneaux Pelham and Stocking Pelham are now full the Reverend Frank Shannon Holmes being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Brent Pelham with Furneaux Pelham and the Reverend Sidney Leigh Lye being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Stocking Pelham and the said Benefice of Meesden is at present vacant:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Michael, Bishop of Saint Albans (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 Meesden and the part of the said Benefice of Brent Pelham with Furneaux Pelham, which consists of the said Benefice of Brent Pelham shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Brent Pelham with Meesden' and that such United Benefice shall be included in and form part of the Rural Deanery of Buntingford, but the Parishes of the said Benefices of Brent Pelham and Meesden shall continue distinct in all respects.