

to inquire into and report (*inter alia*) upon the union of the said two Benefices of Liverpool, Holy Trinity, and Liverpool, Saint Mary Magdalene, duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Liverpool and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union including an alteration of boundaries affecting the Parish of the Benefice of Liverpool, Saint Simon, situate in the said County and Diocese, the Patronage of which is exercisable in alternate turns by the First Lord of the Treasury (on behalf of Your Majesty Your Heirs and Successors) and the Bishop of Liverpool and the said Bishop of Liverpool 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 both of the said Benefices of Liverpool, Holy Trinity, and Liverpool, Saint Mary Magdalene, are now full, the Reverend Horace Lockwood Jennins being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Liverpool, Holy Trinity, and the Reverend John Percy Hobson being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Liverpool, Saint Mary Magdalene:

"And whereas neither of the said two Benefices has a Parsonage House but there is in our hands a fund for the purpose of providing a Parsonage House for the said Benefice of Liverpool, Holy Trinity, and there is also in the hands of the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty a fund for the purpose of providing a Parsonage House for the said Benefice of Liverpool, Saint Mary Magdalene:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Albert Augustus, Bishop of Liverpool (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that 's to say:—

"1. That the said Benefice of Liverpool, Holy Trinity, and the said Benefice of Liverpool, Saint Mary Magdalene, shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The Benefice of Liverpool, Holy Trinity' (hereinafter referred to as the United Benefice) and that the Parishes of the said Benefices shall also be united into one Parish for ecclesiastical purposes and for such other purposes as in the said Measure provided.

"2. That the Church of the Parish of Liverpool, Holy Trinity, shall be the Parish Church of the Parish of the United Benefice and that the Table of Fees for the said Parish of Liverpool, Holy Trinity, shall (until revised or altered by proper authority) be the Table of Fees for the United Parish.

"3. 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 one only of the said two Benefices 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 next avoidance of his Benefice and the then Incumbent (if any) of the other of the said two Benefices shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice; and if neither of the said two Benefices be then vacant then the said union shall take effect on the next avoidance of either of the said two Benefices if the Incumbent at that time 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 immediately upon the next vacancy of his Benefice and the then Incumbent (if any) of the other of the said two Benefices shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"4. That upon the union taking effect the register books of baptisms, marriages and burials and other the records and muniments deposited in the Church of Liverpool, Saint Mary Magdalene, shall be transferred to the Church of Liverpool, Holy Trinity, but the marriage registers in duplicate current at the Church of Liverpool, Saint Mary Magdalene, shall first be sent by the Incumbent of the United Benefice to the Registrar General to be closed officially.

"5. That a Curate be appointed to assist the Incumbent in performing the duties of the United Benefice and that the stipend to be assigned to the Curate out of the revenues of the United Benefice shall be of such amount not exceeding £200 per annum as the Bishop may from time to time determine, this recommendation and proposal being made to the intent that the Bishop shall have the power of requiring the appointment of a Curate in accordance with and subject to the conditions and provisions of Subsection (b) of Section 18 of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923.

"6. That upon the union taking effect the fund in our hands for the purpose of providing a Parsonage House for the said Benefice of Liverpool, Holy Trinity, and the fund in the hands of the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty for the purpose of providing a Parsonage House for the said Benefice of Liverpool, Saint Mary Magdalene, shall both become and be applicable towards the cost of providing a house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"7. 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 Patrons of the said Benefice of Liverpool, Holy Trinity, 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 Patrons of the said Benefice of Liverpool, Saint Mary Magdalene, having the right of presentation upon the second presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate turn thereafter.

"8. (a) That so soon as conveniently may be after the union has taken effect the Church of Liverpool, Saint Mary Magdalene, shall be taken down and the materials and site thereof, together with any ground annexed thereto and necessary for the use and enjoyment thereof