

time to time be prescribed for rates authorised by that Order.

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 10th day of *November*, 1933.

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 12th day of October, 1933, 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 Rectory) of Portland (All Saints) and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Portland, Saint Peter, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Dorset and in the Diocese of Salisbury:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend St. Clair George Alfred, Bishop of Salisbury, 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 Portland (All Saints) and Portland, Saint Peter, duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Salisbury and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Salisbury 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 Portland (All Saints) is now full, the Reverend Alfred Vincent Hurley being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Portland, Saint Peter, is at present vacant:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said St. Clair George Alfred, Bishop of Salisbury (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme), and with the consent of the said Alfred Vincent Hurley (testified by his signing this Scheme), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That the said Benefice of Portland (All Saints) and the said Benefice of Portland, Saint Peter, shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of

souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Portland, All Saints with Saint Peter' but that 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 Alfred Vincent Hurley if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Portland (All Saints) shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"3. 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 £250 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.

"4. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Portland, Saint Peter, shall form part of the endowments and property of the United Benefice but shall be used for the purpose of a house of residence for the Curate referred to in Clause 3 of this Scheme unless the Bishop of Salisbury for the time being shall at any time by writing otherwise direct and so soon as conveniently may be after the said union has taken effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Portland (All Saints) and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith shall be sold and disposed of by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners at such time or times and in such manner in all respects as to us shall seem expedient and that the net proceeds of such sale shall be appropriated towards the cost of providing a house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"5. 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 Portland, Saint Peter, 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 Portland (All Saints) 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