

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in pursuance of the powers vested in Him by the aforesaid Section, and of all other powers enabling Him in that behalf, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to declare and doth hereby declare that the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia has ratified the Load Line Convention.

*M. P. A. Hankey.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 28th day of *May*, 1936.

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 30th day of April, 1936, 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 Ardington and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of East Lockinge, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Berks and in the Diocese of Oxford:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Thomas Banks, Bishop of Oxford, 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 Ardington and East Lockinge duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Oxford and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Oxford 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 Ardington is now full the Reverend Francis Reginald Standfast being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of East Lockinge is at present vacant:

"And whereas there is a pension charged upon the said Benefice of East Lockinge in favour of the Reverend George Clarke Keble, a former Incumbent thereof:

"And whereas the patronage of each of the said Benefices of Ardington and East Lockinge now belongs to one and the same Patron:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England; with the consent of the said Thomas Banks, Bishop of Oxford (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme), and with the consent of the said Francis Reginald Standfast (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 Ardington and the said Benefice of East Lockinge shall be permanently united together and form one

Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Ardington with East Lockinge' 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 Francis Reginald Standfast if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Ardington 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 Ardington shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice and so soon as conveniently may be the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of East Lockinge 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 constitute and form part of the Expenses Fund established pursuant to the 32nd Section of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923.

"4. That upon the union taking effect or upon the cessation of the pension payable as aforesaid to the said George Clarke Keble, whichever shall the later happen, the net income derived by the Incumbent of the United Benefice from all the tithe rentcharges vested in the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty and formerly attached to the said two Benefices of Ardington and East Lockinge respectively and from the proceeds of the redemption of any such tithe rentcharges and from the securities representing the accumulations of sinking fund payments in respect of the same tithe rentcharges upon the extinguishment thereof in accordance with the provisions of the Tithe Act, 1925, and any capital moneys, securities or other property representing such tithe rentcharges and sinking fund payments by reason of the extinguishment or conversion thereof otherwise than under the said Act shall be appropriated and distributed by the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty or other the persons or body responsible for the distribution thereof as follows, that is to say, as to nine-thirteenth parts of such net income in payment to the Incumbent of the United Benefice and as to the remaining four-thirteenth parts thereof in payment to the Incumbents of the two Benefices next mentioned in the following shares that is to say one half share to the Incumbent of the Benefice of Northbourne and one half share to the Incumbent of the Benefice of Hagbourne, both of which Benefices are situate in the said Diocese of Oxford, and the net income derived from any such tithe rentcharge so vested in the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty shall be the balance payable to the Incumbent of the United Benefice under the provisions of Section 5 of the Tithe Act, 1925, after the transfer payment and deductions made in accordance with the same Section from the gross amount actually collected from time to time.

"Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending