

being held together in plurality by the Reverend Canon Edwin Farmer under the authority of a Dispensation:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Kenneth Escott, Bishop of Oxford, and of the said Edwin Farmer (testified by their respectively signing this Scheme) do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That the said Benefice of Hatford and the said Benefice of Stanford in the Vale shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Stanford in the Vale with Hatford' 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 Edwin Farmer if he is then the Incumbent of both of the said Benefices of Hatford and Stanford in the Vale shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice and his admission thereto shall be without any form or fee of or for presentation or nomination and he shall not be required to pay any fees in respect of his collation, institution, licence, or induction to the United Benefice beyond such fees as he would have been liable to pay if his admission to the United Benefice had been an admission solely to that one of the said two Benefices for the holding of which in plurality with the other a Dispensation was heretofore granted to him.

"3. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Stanford in the Vale shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"4. That upon the first vacation of the United Benefice provision shall be made by the Incumbent of the United Benefice for obtaining the services of a Curate or occasional clerical assistance and a portion of the endowments of the United Benefice namely a part producing £100 per annum of the sum of money appropriated or to be appropriated by Queen Anne's Bounty to the said Benefice of Hatford pursuant to the provisions of Part II paragraph 2 of the Third Schedule to the Tithe Act, 1936, and paragraph 1 of the Eighth Schedule to the same Act shall be constituted a fund towards meeting the cost of providing for the services of the said Curate or for occasional clerical assistance as aforesaid which said fund of £100 per annum shall be paid by Queen Anne's Bounty to the Diocesan Board of Finance of the Diocese as trustees to apply the same towards the stipend of the said Curate or the expenses of occasional clerical assistance as aforesaid.

"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, that in every series of five successive turns of presentation or nomination to be made to the United Benefice after the

union the Patrons of the said Benefice of Stanford in the Vale shall have the first, the third and the fifth turns and the Patrons of the said Benefice of Hatford shall have the second and the fourth turns.

Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from making any other recommendations and proposals relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Measures, 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 Measures, and Notices have been transmitted to the persons or bodies entitled under the said Measures 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 Measures:

And whereas certain objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners after giving full consideration to such objections have deemed right to make no alterations in such draft Scheme:

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

And whereas no appeal has been made to His Majesty in Council within the period of one month after the date of the said public notice in accordance with the provisions of the said Measures against the said Scheme or any part thereof by any person who has made objection as aforesaid to the said draft Scheme:

And whereas the said Scheme has been approved on behalf of His Majesty at the Council held under the authority of the said Letters Patent:

Now, therefore, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and Her Royal Highness Princess Arthur of Connaught, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, on His Majesty's behalf, are 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 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 Measures.

And, by and with the like advice, are pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said Diocese of Oxford.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*