

5th and 6th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 26, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for authorising certain improvements at the Episcopal Residence belonging to the See of Chester:

"Whereas the Right Reverend Douglas Henry, now Bishop of Chester, is desirous that a garage should be provided at the said Episcopal Residence and has submitted to us plans and the particulars of the garage and we have specified our general approval of the same:

"And whereas the said Bishop is also desirous and it appears to us to be expedient that towards the cost of providing the aforesaid garage a sum of £220 (being a sum which together with the outstanding balance of the sum already borrowed under the authority of the statutes hereinbefore mentioned for effecting improvements at the said Episcopal Residence does not exceed two years' income of the See) should be provided by way of advance from us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to be repaid out of the emoluments of the Bishopric of Chester:

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Douglas Henry, Bishop of Chester (testified by his having affixed his signature and Episcopal Seal to this Scheme), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose that the said Bishop be authorised to borrow and that we be authorised to advance and pay to him a sum of £220, and that the whole or any part or parts of the said sum of £220 so to be advanced shall be applied by us at such time or times, and in such manner as shall appear to us to be expedient towards effecting the said proposed improvement at the Episcopal Residence aforesaid, and that such sum of £220 shall be repaid with interest thereon in the manner following, that is to say, during the period of seven years from the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme, the said Bishop or his successors shall at the end of each year pay to us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, one-seventh part of the said principal sum of £220 and shall also at the end of each year pay interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum on the said principal sum or on so much thereof as shall from time to time remain unpaid or alternatively it shall be permissible for us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to provide for the repayment of the said sum of £220 and interest thereon or on outstanding balances as aforesaid by way of a yearly deduction during the said period of seven years from the annual sum payable by us to the said Bishop of Chester and his successors.

"And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid or any of them in conformity with the provisions of the herein named Acts or of either of them or of any other Act of Parliament."

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 ratify the said Scheme, and to order

and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts.

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 Chester.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *February*, 1940.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1936, duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 15th day of February, 1940, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1936, 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 Butterton, Saint Thomas, and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Newcastle-under-Lyme, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Stafford and in the Diocese of Lichfield:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Edward Sydney, Bishop of Lichfield, pursuant to the provisions of the said Measures to inquire into and report upon, *inter alia*, the union of the said two Benefices of Butterton, Saint Thomas, and Newcastle-under-Lyme duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Lichfield and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Lichfield 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 which Scheme is based upon the terms recommended in the said Report, but with the assent of the said Bishop of Lichfield, embodies certain modifications thereof:

"And whereas the said Benefice of Newcastle-under-Lyme is now full, the Reverend Cuthbert John Watkins being the present Incumbent thereof, and the said Benefice of Butterton, Saint Thomas, is at present vacant:

"And whereas the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty now hold in trust for the said Benefice of Butterton, Saint Thomas, a sum of £2,934 14s. 6d. which sum, together with accrued interest thereon, represents the net proceeds of the sale of the Parsonage House formerly belonging to the said Benefice, and is hereinafter called 'the Parsonage House Fund':

"And whereas there is at present a charge of £130 per annum upon the revenues of the said Benefice of Butterton, Saint Thomas, in