

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 17th day of *April*, 1940.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS in pursuance of the Bishops Resignation Act, 1869, a representation has been made to His Majesty by the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Cosmo Gordon, by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, at the instance of the Right Reverend Cyril Charles Bowman, by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of Leicester, and as such a Bishop of a Diocese within and of the Province of Canterbury that the said Bishop is desirous of resigning his Bishopric (such resignation to take formal effect upon the 12th day of April, 1940) by reason that he is incapacitated by age from the due performance of his duties as Bishop:

And whereas His Majesty is satisfied of such incapacity and that the said Bishop has canonically resigned:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to declare, and it is hereby declared, that the said Bishopric of Leicester became vacant on the 12th day of April, 1940, and His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased to direct, and it is hereby directed, that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the Diocese of Leicester.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*

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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 29th day of February, 1939, 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 of Askham and the Benefice of East Drayton with Stokeham, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Nottingham and in the Diocese of Southwell:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Henry, Bishop of Southwell, pursuant to the provisions of the said Measures to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Askham and East Drayton with Stokeham duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Southwell and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Southwell 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 are now full, being held in plurality by the Reverend Frederick Homer under the authority of a Dispensation:

"And whereas the patronage of both of the said Benefices now belongs to one and the same Patron:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Henry, Bishop of Southwell, and with the consent of the said Frederick Homer (testified by their signing this Scheme) do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That the said Benefice of Askham and the said Benefice of East Drayton with Stokeham shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of East Drayton and Stokeham with Askham' but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue in all respects distinct.

"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 Frederick Homer if he is then the Incumbent of both of the said Benefices of Askham and East Drayton with Stokeham 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 the Incumbent of the United Benefice shall reside at East Drayton but pending the provision of a new Parsonage House at East Drayton the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Askham shall upon the said union taking effect 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 Drayton with Stokeham 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 applied towards the cost of providing a new Parsonage House at East Drayton as aforesaid.

"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