

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 unions of (1) the Benefice (being an United Benefice) of Downton with Burrington and the Benefices of Aston and Elton (now part of the United Benefice of Aston with Elton and Leinthall Starkes) and (2) the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Wigmore and the Benefice of Leinthall Starkes (now part of the said United Benefice of Aston with Elton and Leinthall Starkes) all of which Benefices are situate in the County and in the Diocese of Hereford:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Lisle, Bishop of Hereford, pursuant to the provisions of the said Measures to inquire into and report upon the unions of (1) the said Benefices of Downton with Burrington, Aston and Elton and (2) the said Benefices of Wigmore and Leinthall Starkes duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Hereford and therein recommended the said unions and the terms for effecting the same, and the said Bishop of Hereford signified in writing his approval of the said Report:

“ And whereas we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared this Scheme for the said unions of Benefices based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

“ And whereas the said Benefice of Wigmore is now full the Reverend John Rowley Donald being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefices of Downton with Burrington and Aston with Elton and Leinthall Starkes are at present vacant:

“ And whereas (a) the patronage of the said United Benefice of Downton with Burrington belongs to Your Majesty and to Charles Andrew Rouse Boughton-Knight, Esquire, of Stonebrook House, Downton, Ludlow, as alternate Patrons and the alternate right of presentation or nomination to the said United Benefice is exercisable on behalf of Your Majesty by the Lord High Chancellor of England; and (b) the patronage of the said Benefice of Aston with Ellen and Leinthall Starkes belongs to the said Charles Andrew Rouse Boughton-Knight and to Mrs. Mary Custance of Warden Lodge, Bingleaves, Weymouth, as alternate Patrons; and (c) the patronage of the said Benefice of Wigmore belongs wholly to the Bishop of Hereford and his successors:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Lisle, Bishop of Hereford, and with the consent of the said John Rowley Donald (testified by their having respectively signed this Scheme) do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

“ 1. That the said Benefice of Downton with Burrington and that part of the said United Benefice of Aston with Elton and Leinthall Starkes which consists of the said Benefices of Aston and Elton shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Downton with Burrington, Aston and Elton ’ but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

“ 2. That the said Benefice of Wigmore and that part of the said United Benefice of Aston with Elton and Leinthall Starkes which consists of the said Benefice of Leinthall Starkes shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Wigmore with Leinthall Starkes ’ but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

“ 3. That upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette the unions referred to in Clauses 1 and 2 of this Scheme shall forthwith take effect and the said John Rowley Donald if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Wigmore shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice of Wigmore with Leinthall Starkes.

“ 4. That upon the said unions taking effect (1) the Parsonage House at Aston at present belonging to the said United Benefice of Aston with Elton and Leinthall Starkes shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice of Downton with Burrington, Aston and Elton and (2) the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Wigmore shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice of Wigmore with Leinthall Starkes and so soon as conveniently may be the Parsonage House at Downton at present belonging to the said Benefice of Downton with Burrington 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 for the benefit of the United Benefice of Downton with Burrington, Aston and Elton.

“ 5. That upon the unions referred to in Clauses 1 and 2 of this Scheme taking effect (a) all the endowments and property now belonging to the said United Benefice of Downton with Burrington together with a sum sufficient to produce £50 per annum of the sum of money appropriated or to be appropriated by the Governors of Queen Anne’s Bounty to the said United Benefice of Aston with Elton and Leinthall Starkes 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 annexed and belong to the said United Benefice of Downton with Burrington, Aston and Elton and (b) all the endowments and property now belonging to the said Benefice of Wigmore together with such part of the said endowments and property now belonging to the said United Benefice of Aston with Elton and Leinthall Starkes as is not annexed as aforesaid to the said United Benefice of Downton with Burrington, Aston and Elton shall be annexed and belong to the said United Benefice of Wigmore with Leinthall Starkes.

“ 6. That after the union referred to in Clause 1 of this Scheme has taken effect the course and succession in which presentations or nominations to the United Benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be made shall be as follows, that is to say, that in every series of four successive turns of presentation or nomination to be made to the said United Benefice the Lord Chancellor shall have the first turn, the said Charles