

consent of the Right Reverend Christopher, Bishop of Rochester, (in witness whereof he has signed this Scheme) have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme for effecting the union of the benefice and parish of East Peckham and the benefice and parish of Holy Trinity, East Peckham, both situate in the diocese of Rochester.

" SCHEME.

" 1. *Union of Benefices and Parishes.*—The said benefice of East Peckham and the said benefice of Holy Trinity, East Peckham, shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The Benefice of East Peckham' (hereinafter referred to as 'the united benefice') and the parishes of the said benefices shall also be united into one parish for ecclesiastical purposes.

" 2. *Taking effect of union.*—Upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council affirming this Scheme is published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect and the Reverend John Coventry Starky, if he is then incumbent of the said benefice of Holy Trinity, East Peckham, shall with his consent (testified by his signature hereto), be the first incumbent of the united benefice.

" 3. *Parish Church.*—The parish church of the parish of East Peckham shall be the parish church of the united parish.

" 4. *Parsonage House.*—(1) The parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Holy Trinity, East Peckham, shall be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice.

" (2) As soon as conveniently may be, the parsonage house at present belonging to the said benefice of East Peckham 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.

" (3) The net proceeds of such sale shall be invested and shall be held and applied by us in accordance with Clause 6 of the Scheme.

" 5. *Patronage.*—The right of patronage of the united benefice shall belong wholly to the Dean and Chapter of the Metropolitan Church of Christ at Canterbury.

" 6. *Provision of Clerical or Lay Assistance.*—(1) Upon the union taking effect, provision shall be made by the incumbent of the united benefice, for employing such clerical or lay assistance as the Bishop of the diocese may, from time to time, direct.

" (2) There shall be appropriated as a fund towards providing the cost of clerical or lay assistance as aforesaid—

" (a) The net proceeds of the sale in accordance with clause 4 of this Scheme of the parsonage house belonging to the benefice of East Peckham;

" (b) a portion of the endowments of the united benefice, namely, an annual sum of £92 at present payable by us to the benefice of Holy Trinity, East Peckham; and

" (c) a further portion of the endowments of the united benefice, namely, the whole of the money appropriated by the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty to the benefice of Holy Trinity, East Peckham, pursuant to the Tithe Act, 1936; and the income accruing in respect of such fund shall be paid to the Diocesan Board of Finance of the diocese, as trustees, to apply the same accordingly."

And whereas the provisions of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1936, and the Union of Benefices Rules, 1926 to 1930, relating to the preparation and submission of this scheme have been duly complied with:

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

Now, therefore, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester and Viscount Lascelles being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, have taken the said Scheme into consideration, and do hereby, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, on His Majesty's behalf affirm the said Scheme and order that it shall be and become effectual in law immediately upon the publication of this Order in the London Gazette.

At the Court of *Saint James*, the 10th day of *March*, 1947.

PRESENT,

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER

VISCOUNT LASCELLES

Lord Privy Seal
Lord Pethick-Lawrence
Viscount Mountbatten of Burma
Mr. Secretary Creech Jones
Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker

WHEREAS His Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts, 1937 and 1943, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 24th day of January, 1947, to delegate and grant unto His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.M.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, G.C.V.O., G.B.E., C.I., and Viscount Lascelles, or any two of them, as Counsellors of State, full power and authority during the period of His Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on His Majesty's behalf his Privy Council and to signify thereat His Majesty's approval of any matter or thing to which His Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And whereas the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 20th day of February, 1947, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

" We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, the Act of the 4th and 5th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 39, and the Act of the 31st and 32nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 114, have prepared the following Scheme for effecting a transfer of the ownership of the advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the church and cure (hereinafter called 'the said benefice') of Wood Eaton in the county and diocese of Oxford:

" Whereas we are satisfied that the Right Honourable James Walter, Earl of Verulam, is the patron or person entitled to present or nominate to the said benefice in case the same were now vacant:

" And whereas the said Right Honourable James Walter, Earl of Verulam desires to transfer the advowson of the said benefice to the Bishop of Oxford for the time being and is consenting to this Scheme (in testimony whereof he has executed the same):

" And whereas we are satisfied that the transfer will tend to make better provision for the cure of souls:

" Now, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend Kenneth, Bishop of Oxford (in testimony whereof he has executed this Scheme), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose that, upon and from the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme and without any conveyance or assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order, the whole advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the said benefice shall be transferred to the said Kenneth, Bishop of Oxford, and his successors in the same Bishopric and shall thereupon and thenceforth become and be absolutely vested in and shall and may, from time to time, be exercised by the Bishop of Oxford for the time being."

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

Now, therefore, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester and Viscount Lascelles being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, have taken the said Scheme into consideration, and do hereby, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, on His Majesty's behalf ratify the said Scheme and order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately upon the publication of this Order in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts:

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

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

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