

At the Court of *Saint James*, the 10th day of February, 1954.

PRESENT,

- Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.
- Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.
- His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester.
- Lord President.
- Lord De L'Isle and Dudley.
- Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.
- Captain Thorneycroft.
- Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.
- Sir Lionel Heald.

WHEREAS Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts, 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 20th day of November, 1953, to delegate to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and the Earl of Harewood, or any two or more of them, as Counsellors of State, full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval of anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And whereas the Church Commissioners have duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 29th day of January, 1954, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Church Commissioners, acting in pursuance of the Archdeaonries and Rural Deaneries Act, 1874, and of the Acts mentioned therein, have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme which we have prepared with the consent of the Right Reverend Christopher, Bishop of Rochester (in witness whereof he has signed and sealed the same) with respect to the Archdeaonries of Rochester and Tonbridge, both in the diocese of Rochester, and to some of the rural deaneries within such archdeaonries.

"SCHEME.

"As from the day on which any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette and without any

assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order:—

"1. There shall be constituted and established within the Archdeaconry of Rochester two new rural deaneries which shall be called respectively 'The Rural Deanery of Gillingham' and 'The Rural Deanery of Orpington' and shall respectively comprise the parishes specified in the first and second parts of the Schedule hereto.

"2. The rural deanery of Cliffe at Hoo within the Archdeaconry of Rochester shall be renamed 'The Rural Deanery of Strood' and the parishes of Cuxton, Frindsbury, Strood, and Strood Saint Mary, now in the Rural Deanery of Rochester within the same Archdeaconry shall be transferred to the said Rural Deanery of Strood.

"3. There shall be transferred to the Rural Deanery of Chislehurst in the Archdeaconry of Rochester the parish of Saint Mary, Cray, now in the Rural Deanery of Bromley within the same Archdeaconry.

"4. There shall be transferred to the Rural Deanery of Cobham in the Archdeaconry of Rochester the parishes of Ash and Ridley, now in the Rural Deanery of Shoreham and the Archdeaconry of Tonbridge.

"5. There shall be transferred to the Rural Deanery of Dartford in the Archdeaconry of Rochester the parish of Greenhithe, now in the Rural Deanery of Gravesend within the same Archdeaconry.

"6. There shall be transferred to the Rural Deanery of Rochester in the Archdeaconry of Rochester the parishes of Burham and Wouldham, now in the Rural Deanery of Cobham within the same Archdeaconry.

"7. There shall be transferred to the Rural Deanery of Malling in the Archdeaconry of Tonbridge the parish of Aylesford, now in the Rural Deanery of Cobham and the Archdeaconry of Rochester.

"8. There shall be transferred to the Rural Deanery of Tonbridge in the Archdeaconry of Tonbridge the parishes of East Peckham, and Hadlow, now in the Rural Deanery of Malling within the same Archdeaconry.

"9. There shall be transferred to the Rural Deanery of Tunbridge Wells in the Archdeaconry of Tonbridge the parish of Fordcombe Saint Peter, now in the Rural Deanery of Tonbridge within the same Archdeaconry.

"SCHEDULE

"FIRST PART

"The Rural Deanery of Gillingham

" Name of Parish	Archdeaconry within which the parish has hitherto been situate	Rural Deanery within which the parish has hitherto been situate
" Bredhurst ... ..	Rochester	Rochester
Brompton ... ..	"	"
Gillingham ... ..	"	"
Gillingham, Saint Augustine	"	"
Gillingham, Saint Barnabas	"	"
New Brompton, Saint Luke...	"	"
New Brompton, Saint Mark	"	"
Rainham ... ..	"	"

"SECOND PART

"The Rural Deanery of Orpington

" Name of Parish	Archdeaconry within which the parish has hitherto been situate	Rural Deanery within which the parish has hitherto been situate
" Chelsfield ... ..	Rochester	Bromley
Crofton, Saint Paul ... ..	"	"
Cudham ... ..	Tonbridge	Sevenoaks
Downe ... ..	Rochester	Bromley
Farnborough ... ..	"	"
Greenstreet Green, Saint Mary	"	"
Knockholt ... ..	Tonbridge	Sevenoaks
Orpington ... ..	Rochester	Bromley
Orpington, Saint Andrew	"	"
Orpington, Christ Church	"	"
Petts Wood, Saint Francis ...	"	Chislehurst "

And whereas the provisions of the said Acts, relating to the preparation and submission of the 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: