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At the Court at *Buckingham Palace* the 22nd day of *March*, 1956.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Church Commissioners have duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 8th day of March, 1956, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“We, the Church Commissioners, acting in pursuance of the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1952, and the Church Patronage Act, 1870, and the Acts in the said Church Patronage Act mentioned, now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme which we have prepared with the consent of the Right Reverend Percy, Bishop of Norwich (in witness whereof he has signed the Scheme), for effecting (1) the disunion of the united benefice of Flitcham with Anmer and (2) the disunion of the united benefice of Shernbourne with Fring, both of which united benefices are situate in the diocese of Norwich.

“SCHEME.

“Whereas in pursuance of an Order of His late Majesty King George the Fifth in Council dated the 7th day of February, 1927, and published in the London Gazette on the following day the benefice of Flitcham and the benefice of Anmer were, with effect from the 24th day of September, 1936, united into one benefice with cure of souls, but the parishes of the said benefices continued distinct in all respects:

“And whereas by an Order of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria in Council dated the 28th day of May, 1872, the benefice of Shernbourne and the benefice of Fring were united into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only, with effect from the date of such Order:

“And whereas the Bishop of the said diocese of Norwich has forwarded to us, the said Church Commissioners, provisional proposals pursuant to the said Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, recommending that (1) the union of the said benefices of Flitcham with Anmer and (2) the union of the said benefices of Shernbourne with Fring should be dissolved; that the said benefice of Flitcham should be held in plurality with the benefice of Hillington; that the said benefice of Anmer should be held in plurality with the said benefice of Shernbourne; and that the said benefice of Fring should be held in plurality with the benefice of Docking, all of which benefices are situate in the said diocese of Norwich:

“And whereas effect can be given to the said proposals so far as they relate to the dissolution of the said unions by a Scheme prepared by us and confirmed by Order of Your Majesty in Council pursuant to the said Union of Benefices Measures and so far as they relate to the said pluralities by subsequent Orders made by the said Bishop pursuant to the said Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949:

“And whereas the whole right of patronage of the united benefices of Flitcham with Anmer and Shernbourne with Fring belongs to Your Majesty and Your Heirs and Successors and upon the taking effect of the disunions of the said united benefices hereinafter recommended and proposed Your Majesty will become the patron of each of the four separate benefices so constituted:

“And whereas Your Majesty desires to transfer to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Norwich the right of patronage of the benefice of Fring so separated:

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

“Now, therefore, we do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty in Council as follows, that is to say:—

1. *Disunion of the united benefice of Flitcham and Anmer.*

“(1) The union of the benefice of Flitcham and the benefice of Anmer in the said united benefice of Flitcham with Anmer shall be dissolved and the said benefices shall thereupon each become a separate benefice with cure of souls within the limits of its separate parish under the styles of ‘The Benefice of Flitcham’ and ‘The Benefice of Anmer’ respectively.

“(2) Upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council affirming this Scheme is published in the London Gazette the disunion shall forthwith take effect and the Reverend John Clifton Barker, if he is then incumbent of the said united benefice of Flitcham with Anmer, shall with his consent (testified by his signature hereto) be the first incumbent of the separate benefice of Flitcham.

“(3) The parsonage house of the said united benefice of Flitcham with Anmer shall be assigned to the separate benefice of Flitcham as the house of residence thereof.

“(4) Upon the disunion taking effect the endowments and property of the said united benefice of Flitcham with Anmer shall be divided and distributed as follows, that is to say, a capital sum sufficient to produce an annual income of £210 Os. 4d., being part of a larger capital sum held by us for the said united benefice of Flitcham with Anmer, shall be assigned and annexed to the separate benefice of Anmer and all other the endowments and property of the said united benefice shall be assigned and annexed to the separate benefice of Flitcham.

2. *Disunion of the united benefice of Shernbourne with Fring.*

“(1) The union of the benefice of Shernbourne and the benefice of Fring in the said united benefice of Shernbourne with Fring shall be dissolved and the said benefices shall thereupon each become a separate benefice with cure of souls within the limits of its separate parish under the styles of ‘The Benefice of Shernbourne’ and ‘The Benefice of Fring’ respectively.