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FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1921

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 10th day of *August*, 1921.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Act, 1919, duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 28th day of July, 1921, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Act, 1919, have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme for effecting the union of two neighbouring Benefices, that is to say the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Mepal and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Witcham both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Cambridge and in the Diocese of Ely:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Frederic Henry, Bishop of Ely, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Act, 1919, to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Mepal and Witcham duly made their report to the said Bishop of Ely and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Ely 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 the said Benefice of Witcham is now full the Reverend John William Robson being the present Incumbent thereof, and the said Benefice of Mepal is at present vacant:

"And whereas the said John William Robson has consented to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, if and when the union which is hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect:

"And whereas the advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to each of the said Benefices of Mepal and Witcham now belongs to the same Patrons:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England with the consent of the said Frederic Henry, Bishop of Ely (in testimony whereof he has hereunto set his hand) do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That the said Benefice of Mepal and the said Benefice of Witcham shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Witcham with Mepal,' but the parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

"2. That upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme