

And whereas on the 6th day of December, 1922, the Irish Free State was established under the provisions of an Act of Parliament shortly entitled the Irish Free State Constitution Act, 1922 (Session 2):

And whereas His Majesty is satisfied that the Legislature of the part of His Majesty's Dominions outside the United Kingdom, hereinafter mentioned, has made reciprocal provisions for the enforcement within that part of maintenance orders made by Courts within England and Ireland:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers by the above recited Act in His Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1920, shall apply to the part of His Majesty's Dominions outside the United Kingdom hereunder mentioned:—

New South Wales.

2. Nothing in this Order shall affect the making, registration, confirmation or enforcement in the Irish Free State of any maintenance order as defined in sections 10 and 11 of the said Act.

And the Most Noble the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 16th day of *January*, 1924.

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, and of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1921, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 20th day of December, 1923, 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, and of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1921, 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 Vicarage) of Winterbourne Earls with Winterbourne Dauntsey, and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Winterbourne Gunner, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Wilts and in the Diocese of Salisbury:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend St. Clair George Alfred, Bishop of Salisbury, 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 Winterbourne Earls with Winterbourne Dauntsey and Winterbourne Gunner duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Salisbury and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and

the said Bishop of Salisbury 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 both of the said Benefices of Winterbourne Earls with Winterbourne Dauntsey and Winterbourne Gunner are now full, the Reverend Frank Elcho Skyrme being the present Incumbent thereof:

"And whereas the said Frank Elcho Skyrme 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:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said St. Clair George Alfred, Bishop of Salisbury (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 Winterbourne Earls with Winterbourne Dauntsey and the said Benefice of Winterbourne Gunner, shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Winterbourne Earls and Dauntsey with Winterbourne Gunner,' 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 shall be published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect and the said Frank Elcho Skyrme if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefices of Winterbourne Earls with Winterbourne Dauntsey and Winterbourne Gunner shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"3. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefices of Winterbourne Earls with Winterbourne Dauntsey shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"4. That after the said union has taken effect the course and succession in which the respective Patrons shall present or nominate to the United Benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows, that is to say, the right of presentation shall be exercised by the Patrons of the said two Benefices alternately, the Patron of the said Benefice of Winterbourne Gunner having the right upon the first presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate right of presentation and the Patron of the said Benefice of Winterbourne Earls with Winterbourne Dauntsey having the right upon the second presentation to the United Benefice to be made after the union and every alternate turn thereafter.

"Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, or of any other Act of Parliament."

And whereas drafts of the said Scheme have been published locally in the manner prescribed in the Statutory Rules made under the said Act and also transmitted in the manner