

severed portion shall be deemed to be a separate Benefice and Parish.

" 2. That the severed portion of the said Benefice of Worcester, Saint John Baptist, Bedwardine, and the said Benefice of Cotheridge shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls and one Parish for ecclesiastical purposes and for such other purposes as in the said Union of Benefices Act, 1919, provided, under the style of 'The United Benefice of Cotheridge with Crown East.'

" 3. That with the consent of the said Charles Thomas Powell (testified by his signing this Scheme) 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.

" 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, that in each series of four successive turns of presentation or nomination to the United Benefice to be made after the union the Patrons of the said Benefice of Worcester, Saint John Baptist, Bedwardine, shall have the first, the second and the fourth turns and the Patron of the said Benefice of Cotheridge shall have the third turn.

" 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 so prescribed to the Patrons affected together with a notice in each case requiring any objections to such draft Scheme to be stated or transmitted in writing to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas the prescribed time has elapsed and no such objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners:

And whereas public notice of the certification to His Majesty in Council of the said Scheme and the consent thereto in writing of the Bishop of Worcester has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

And whereas one of the two Benefices affected by the said Scheme is situate partly in the City of Worcester:

And whereas the said Scheme has been laid before both Houses of Parliament for the space of two calendar months:

And whereas the said Scheme has been approved by His Majesty in Council:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His said Council, is pleased hereby to affirm the said Scheme, and to order that the two Benefices therein recommended to be united shall be united to the extent and for the purposes recommended in the said Scheme, and further to order and direct that the said Scheme and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly

published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Act.

And His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said Diocese of Worcester.

Colin Smith.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 12th day of *August*, 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 26th day of June, 1924, 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 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 three neighbouring Benefices, that is to say, the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Bradenstoke-cum-Clack, the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Lyneham, and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Tockenham, all 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 three Benefices of Bradenstoke-cum-Clack, Lyneham and Tockenham, duly made their report to the said Bishop of Salisbury and therein recommended the union of the said three 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 three Benefices based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

" And whereas all of the said Benefices of Bradenstoke-cum-Clack, Lyneham and Tockenham are now full the Reverend Arthur George Hopkins being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Bradenstoke-cum-Clack, the Reverend Edward Richard Zouche Walker being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Lyneham and the Reverend William Henry Hewlett Cooper being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Tockenham:

" 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 Bradenstoke-cum-Clack the said Benefice of Lyneham and