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FRIDAY, 20 MARCH, 1925.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 17th day of March, 1925.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme bearing date the 5th day of March, 1925, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, 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 Spilsby with Eresby and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Hundleby, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Lincoln and in the Diocese of Lincoln:

“ Whereas the said two Benefices of Spilsby with Eresby and Hundleby are now held in plurality and have been so held continuously, save during periods of avoidance, under not less than three successive Incumbencies:

“ And whereas the said Benefices of Spilsby with Eresby and Hundleby are now held in plurality by the Reverend Bernard Steinmetz:

“ And whereas the said Bernard Steinmetz 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 there is no Parsonage House now belonging to the said Benefice of Hundleby:

“ And whereas the advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to each of the said two Benefices of Spilsby with Eresby and Hundleby now belongs to one and the same Patron or Patrons:

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the Right Reverend William Shuckburgh, Bishop of Lincoln (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme), and with the consent of the Diocesan Committee of the Diocese of Lincoln appointed pursuant to the first section of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, (signified by a Resolution of the said Diocesan Committee dated the 9th January, 1925, and duly communicated to us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

“ 1. That the said Benefice of Spilsby with Eresby and the said Benefice of Hundleby shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Spilsby with Hundleby ’ but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.