

fice (being a Rectory) of Winceby, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Lincoln and in the Diocese of Lincoln:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend William Shuckburgh, Bishop of Lincoln, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Hameringham with Scafield and Winceby duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Lincoln and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Lincoln 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 Hameringham with Scafield and Winceby are now full, the Reverend Brice Brice-Smith being the present Incumbent thereof:

"And whereas the said Brice Brice-Smith 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 only one Parsonage House will be left standing or remaining within or belonging to the United Benefice when the union which is hereinafter recommended and proposed shall take effect namely the Parsonage House belonging to the said Benefice of Winceby but it is recommended in the said Report that a house at Hameringham should be acquired as a Parsonage House for the Incumbent of the United Benefice:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said William Shuckburgh, Bishop of Lincoln (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That the said Benefice of Hameringham with Scafield and the said Benefice of Winceby shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Hameringham with Scafield and Winceby' but the Parishes of the said Benefices of Hameringham with Scafield and Winceby respectively 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 Brice Brice-Smith if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefices of Hameringham with Scafield and Winceby shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"3. That upon the said union taking effect and pending the provision of a new Parsonage House at Hameringham as aforesaid the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Winceby 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, that in each series of three successive turns of presentation or nomination to be made to the United Benefice after the union the Patron of the said Benefice of Hameringham with Scafield shall have the first and the second turns and the Patron of the said Benefice of Winceby shall have the third turn.

"5. That as from the day of the date of the first vacation of the United Benefice there shall be severed and diverted from the United Benefice and applied and appropriated for the benefit of the Benefice of Holton le Clay, situate in the said Diocese of Lincoln, a sum of £2,222 4s. 6d. £4 10s. per cent. Conversion Stock (1940-1944) being part of a larger sum of such stock at present held by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the benefit of the said Benefice of Hameringham with Scafield.

"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 Measure, or of any other Measure of the National Assembly of the Church of England, or Act of Parliament."

And whereas drafts of the said Scheme have been duly published in accordance with the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, and Notices have been transmitted to the persons or bodies entitled under the same Measure to receive Notice 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 Statutory Rules applicable to proceedings under the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923:

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 Lincoln has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

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 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 Measure.

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 Lincoln.

M. P. A. Hankey.