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TUESDAY, 8 JUNE, 1926.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 1st day of June, 1926.

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 20th day of May, 1926, 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 the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Burston and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Shimpling both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Norfolk and in the Diocese of Norwich :

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Bertram, Bishop of Norwich, 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 Burston and Shimpling duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Norwich and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Norwich 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 which Scheme is based upon the terms recommended in the said Report but with the approval of the said Bishop of Norwich embodies certain modifications thereof :

“ And whereas the said Benefice of Burston is now full, the Reverend Francis Thomas Smith being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Shimpling is at present vacant :

“ And whereas the said Francis Thomas 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 :

“ Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Bertram, Bishop of Norwich (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 Burston and the said Benefice of Shimpling shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Burston with Shimpling ’ 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 Francis Thomas Smith if he is then Incumbent