

" And whereas the said Benefice of Hampnett with Stowell is now full, the Reverend Thomas Rowland Pugh being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Northleach is at present vacant:

" Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Arthur Cayley, Bishop of Gloucester (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 Northleach and the said Benefice of Hampnett with Stowell shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Northleach with Hampnett and Stowell' but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

" 2. That if upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette both of the said two Benefices shall be vacant, the union of the same two Benefices shall take effect forthwith: and if the said Benefice of Hampnett with Stowell only shall be then vacant the said union shall also take effect forthwith if the Incumbent of the other of the said two Benefices shall consent to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, but if he shall not so consent, then the said union shall take effect upon the then next avoidance of the said Benefice of Northleach and the then Incumbent of Hampnett with Stowell shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice: and if the said Benefice of Northleach only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Hampnett with Stowell: and if neither of the said two Benefices be then vacant, then the said union shall take effect on the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Hampnett with Stowell if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Northleach shall have been instituted to Northleach subsequently to the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme or if instituted before that date shall consent to become the Incumbent of the United Benefice: but if he shall have been instituted to Northleach before that date and shall not so consent, then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of the Benefice of Northleach following such avoidance of the Benefice of Hampnett with Stowell and the then Incumbent of Hampnett with Stowell shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

" 3. That a Curate at a stipend of such sum not exceeding £300 per annum as the Bishop of Gloucester may determine be appointed to assist the Incumbent of the United Benefice in performing the duties of the United Benefice this recommendation and proposal being made to the intent that the Bishop of Gloucester shall have the power of requiring the appointment of a Curate in accordance with and subject to the conditions and provisions of Subsection (b) of Section 18 of the said Measure.

" 4. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to

the said Benefice of Northleach shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

" 5. 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 Hampnett with Stowell 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 Northleach having the right of presentation 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 Measure, or of any other Measure of the National Assembly of the Church of England, or of any 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 certain objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners after giving full consideration to such objections have deemed right to make no alterations in such draft Scheme:

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

And whereas no appeal has been made to His Majesty in Council within the period of one month after the date of the said public notice in accordance with the provisions of the said Measure against the said Scheme or any part thereof by any person who has made objection as aforesaid to the said draft Scheme:

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 date when this Order shall have been duly