

At the Court of *Saint James*, the 25th day of *May*, 1939.

PRESENT,

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF
GLOUCESTER.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF KENT.
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ROYAL.
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ARTHUR
OF CONNAUGHT.

Lord President.

Lord Macmillan.

Lord Chatfield.

Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

WHEREAS His Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Act, 1937, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 5th day of May, 1939, to delegate and grant unto Her Majesty The Queen, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent, K.G., K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, C.I., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., and Her Royal Highness Princess Arthur of Connaught, or any two of them, as Counsellors of State, full power and authority during the period of His Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on His Majesty's behalf His Privy Council and to signify thereat His Majesty's approval of any matter or thing to which His Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And whereas the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1936, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme bearing date the 11th day of May, 1939, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

" We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1936, 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 Gratwich and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Kingstone both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Stafford and in the Diocese of Lichfield:

" Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Edward Sydney, Bishop of Lichfield, pursuant to the provisions of the said Measures to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Gratwich and Kingstone with a part of the United Benefice of Uttoxeter with Bramshall situate in the said County of Stafford and in the said Diocese of Lichfield duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Lichfield and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices of Gratwich and Kingstone and the terms for effecting the union, including certain alterations of boundaries affecting the Parishes of the said Benefices of Gratwich and Kingstone and the Parish of Uttoxeter being one of the Parishes of the said United Benefice of Uttoxeter with Bramshall and the said Bishop of Lichfield signified in writing his approval of the said Report:

" And whereas we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared this Scheme for the said union and alterations of boundaries which Scheme is based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

" And whereas both of the said Benefices of Gratwich and Kingstone are at present vacant:

" And whereas the patronage of each of the said Benefices of Gratwich and Kingstone now belongs to one and the same Patron:

" Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Edward Sydney, Bishop of Lichfield (testified by his signing this Scheme), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

" 1. That the said Benefice of Gratwich and the said Benefice of Kingstone shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ' The United Benefice of Kingstone with Gratwich ', 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.

" 3. That upon the said union taking effect and pending the provision of a new Parsonage House for the United Benefice the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Gratwich shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

" 4. That with the consent of the Reverend Wilfrid Edward Charlton, being the present Incumbent of the said United Benefice of Uttoxeter with Bramshall (testified by his signing this Scheme), upon the union taking effect (a) there shall be transferred and annexed for all ecclesiastical purposes to the Parish of Gratwich, all that adjacent part of the said Parish of Uttoxeter which is bounded upon the north-west by the imaginary line which divides the Civil Parish of Field from the Civil Parish of Uttoxeter Rural, upon the north-east by an imaginary line following the middle of Carry Lane to its junction with the road leading from Uttoxeter to Stafford, and upon the south by an imaginary line following the middle of the said road leading from Uttoxeter to Stafford, all which part of the said Parish of Uttoxeter is more particularly delineated and set forth upon the Map or Plan hereto annexed and is thereon coloured green, and (b) there shall be transferred and annexed for all ecclesiastical purposes to the said Parish of Kingstone, all those further parts of the said Parish of Uttoxeter adjacent to the said Parish of Kingstone which are bounded upon the north by an imaginary line following the middle of the said road leading from Uttoxeter to Stafford to its junction at Blount's Green with the road leading to Abbots Bromley and upon the east by an imaginary line following the middle of the said road leading from Blount's Green to Abbots Bromley all which parts of the said Parish of Uttoxeter are more particularly delineated and set forth upon the said Map or Plan and are thereon coloured yellow.

" Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from making any other recommendations and proposals relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Measures, 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