

recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Carlisle 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 Ousby and Melmerby are now full the Reverend James William Blair being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Ousby and the Reverend John Peel being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Melmerby:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Henry Herbert, Bishop of Carlisle (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 Ousby and the said Benefice of Melmerby shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Ousby with Melmerby' 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 Melmerby 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 with the approval of the Bishop consent to become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, but if he shall not so consent or if the Bishop shall not approve, then the said union shall take effect upon the then next avoidance of the said Benefice of Ousby and the then Incumbent of Melmerby shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, and if the said Benefice of Ousby only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Melmerby 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 Melmerby if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Ousby shall have been instituted to Ousby 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 with the approval of the Bishop consent to become the Incumbent of the United Benefice, but if he shall have been instituted to the said Benefice of Ousby before that date and shall not so consent or if the Bishop shall not approve, then the said union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacancy of the said Benefice of Ousby following such avoidance of the said Benefice of Melmerby and the then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Melmerby shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"3. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Ousby shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice and so soon as conveniently

may be the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Melmerby and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith shall be sold and disposed of by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners at such time or times and in such manner in all respects as to us shall seem expedient and that the net proceeds of such sale shall constitute and form part of the Expenses Fund established pursuant to the 32nd Section of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923.

"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, the right of presentation shall be exercised by the Patrons of the said two Benefices alternately, and if under any of the provisions of Clause 2 of this Scheme an Incumbent of the said Benefice of Ousby shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, the first turn of presentation or nomination to be made to the United Benefice after the union shall belong to the Patron of the said Benefice of Melmerby but otherwise such first turn shall belong to the Patron of the said Benefice of Ousby.

"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 provisions of the said Measures and Notices have been transmitted to the persons or bodies entitled under the said Measures 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 Measures:

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 certain 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 Carlisle 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