

" 5. That upon the union referred to in Clause 1 of this Scheme taking effect (a) the Church of the Parish of Rous Lench shall be the Parish Church of the United Parish of Rous Lench and Abbots Morton and the Table of Fees for the said Parish of Rous Lench shall (until revised or altered by proper authority) be the Table of Fees for the same United Parish and (b) the marriage registers in duplicate current at the Church of Abbots Morton shall be sent by the Incumbent of the United Benefice to the Registrar General to be closed officially.

" 6. That upon the union referred to in Clause 1 of this Scheme or upon any union of the said Benefices of Rous Lench and Church Lench taking effect it shall be lawful for the Bishop of Worcester by writing addressed to us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to direct which of the Parsonage Houses now belonging to the respective Benefices of Rous Lench and Church Lench shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice and so soon as conveniently may be the other of such Parsonage Houses 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.

" 7. That upon the union referred to in Clause 1 of this Scheme taking effect provision shall be made by the Incumbent of the United Benefice for obtaining the services of a Curate or occasional clerical or lay assistance and any Curate or lay reader so employed shall unless otherwise permitted by the said Incumbent reside within the limits of the Parish of Rous Lench and a portion of the endowments of the United Benefice namely (a) an annual sum of £100, being part of a larger annual payment at present made by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners to the Incumbent of the said Benefice of Church Lench and (b) a capital sum producing £100 per annum being part of the sum of money appropriated or to be appropriated by Queen Anne's Bounty to the said Benefice of Church Lench pursuant to the provisions of Part II paragraph 2 of the Third Schedule to the Tithe Act, 1936, and paragraph 1 of the Eighth Schedule to the same Act shall be appropriated by us and Queen Anne's Bounty respectively as a fund to meet the expenses of providing for the services of a Curate or for occasional clerical or lay assistance as aforesaid; and the said annual sums of £100 per annum each shall be paid by us and Queen Anne's Bounty respectively to the Diocesan Board of Finance of the Diocese as trustees to apply the same for the purpose of paying the stipend of a Curate or the expenses of occasional clerical or lay assistance as aforesaid.

" 8. That after the union referred to in Clause 1 of this Scheme 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 every series of four successive turns of presentation or nomination to be made to the United Benefice after the union the Patron of the said Benefice of Church Lench shall have the first and the fourth turns the Patrons of the said Benefice of Abbots Morton shall have the second turn and the Patron of the said Benefice of Rous Lench shall have the third turn.

" Provided 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 decided to make certain alterations in such draft Scheme; but on the receipt of further objections decided to proceed with the proposed union without any further alterations to 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 Worcester has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

And whereas no appeal has been proceeded with 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 published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Measures.

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 Worcester.

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