

Majesty in Council the following Scheme for effecting the union of the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Bockleton situate partly in the County of Worcester and partly in the County of Hereford and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Laysters situate in the County of Hereford and both situate in the Diocese of Hereford:

"Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Lisle, Bishop of Hereford, pursuant to the provisions of the said Measures to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Bockleton and Laysters duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Hereford and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Hereford 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 are now full, the Reverend John Graham Maude being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Bockleton and the Reverend Gwilym Pugh being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Laysters:

"And whereas the patronage of the said Benefices now belongs to one and the same patron:

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

"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 Bockleton 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 Laysters and the then Incumbent of Bockleton shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, and if the said Benefice of Laysters only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Bockleton 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 Bockleton if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Laysters shall have been instituted to Laysters 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 Laysters 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 Laysters following such avoidance of the said Benefice of Bockleton and the then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Bockleton shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"3. That upon the said union taking effect and pending the provision of a more suitable Parsonage House for the United Benefice the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Laysters 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 Bockleton 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 be appropriated by us towards the cost of providing a more suitable house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"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 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 Hereford 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 Measures 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