

respect of a pension payable to the Reverend James Heber George, a former Incumbent thereof:

" And whereas the patronage of the said Benefice of Butterton, Saint Thomas, now belongs to Captain Arthur William Milborne-Swinnerton-Pilkington, M.C., of Little Belvoir, Melton Mowbray in the County of Leicester:

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

" 1. That the said Benefice of Butterton, Saint Thomas, and the said Benefice of Newcastle-under-Lyme shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ' The United Benefice of Newcastle-under-Lyme with Butterton, Saint Thomas ' and that such United Benefice shall be included in and form part of the Rural Deanery of Newcastle and that the Parishes of the said Benefices shall also be united into one Parish for ecclesiastical purposes and for such other purposes as in the said Measures provided.

" 2. That the Church of the Parish of Newcastle-under-Lyme shall be the Parish Church of the United Parish and that the Table of Fees for the said Parish of Newcastle-under-Lyme shall (until revised or altered by proper authority) be the Table of Fees for the United Parish.

" 3. 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 and the said Cuthbert John Watkins, if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Newcastle-under-Lyme, shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

" 4. That upon the union taking effect the marriage registers in duplicate current at the Church of Saint Thomas, Butterton, shall be sent by the Incumbent of the United Benefice to the Registrar General to be closed officially.

" 5. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Newcastle-under-Lyme shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

" 6. That upon the union taking effect provision shall be made by the Incumbent of the United Benefice for obtaining the services of a Curate or occasional clerical assistance and a portion of the endowment of the United Benefice, namely, the sum of £905 15s. 8d. Parliamentary grant £3 per cent. money, the sum of £1,753 17s. 2d. Royal Bounty Fund £3 per cent. money, the sum of £961 3s. 11d. Endowment Trust £3 per cent. money, the sum of 8s. 3d. Endowment Trust £4½ per cent. money and the sum of £3,045 5s. 6d. London Midland and Scottish Railway £4 per cent. Debenture Stock, all of which sums of money and Stock are at present held by the said Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty in trust for the said Benefice of Butterton, Saint Thomas, shall be appropriated by the said Governors as a fund to meet the expenses of providing for the services of a Curate or for occasional clerical assistance as aforesaid and the income in respect of such fund shall be

paid by the said Governors to the Diocesan Board of Finance of the Diocese as trustees to apply the same to the purpose aforesaid.

" 7. That (a) upon the said union taking effect a part, namely, the sum of £750, of the said Parsonage House Fund shall be transferred by the said Governors to and shall constitute and form part of the Expenses Fund established pursuant to the 32nd Section of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, and (b) with the consent of the said Arthur William Milborne-Swinnerton-Pilkington (testified by his signing this Scheme) upon the said union taking effect or upon the cessation if later of the pension now payable to the said James Heber George as aforesaid the balance of the said Parsonage House Fund shall be appropriated by the said Governors towards the cost of providing a house of residence for the Incumbent of a new District eventually to be formed out of the United Benefice; Provided that, pending the formation of such new District, the income arising in respect of such balance shall be paid by the said Governors to the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

" 8. That, with the consent of the said Arthur William Milborne-Swinnerton-Pilkington (testified as aforesaid) upon the day of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme the patronage of the said Benefice of Butterton, Saint Thomas, shall be surrendered in favour of the Patrons of the said Benefice of Newcastle-under-Lyme and upon the union taking effect the patronage of the United Benefice shall belong wholly to and shall be exercisable by the Patrons of the said Benefice of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

" 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 the prescribed time has elapsed and no such objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners:

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

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