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FRIDAY, 31 MAY, 1940

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 29th day of May, 1940.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

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 April, 1940, 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 Skelton and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Hutton in the Forest, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Cumberland and in the Diocese of Carlisle:

“ Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Henry Herbert, Bishop of Carlisle, pursuant to the provisions of the said Measures to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Skelton and Hutton in the Forest duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Carlisle and therein 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 are now full the Reverend Henry Currie Snape being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Skelton and the Reverend Henry Eldred Wood being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Hutton in the Forest:

“ 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 Skelton and the said Benefice of Hutton in the Forest shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with Cure of Souls under the style of ‘ The United Benefice of Skelton with Hutton in the Forest ’ 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 Hutton in the Forest only shall be then vacant the said union shall also take effect forthwith if the Incumbent of the other of the said two