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FRIDAY, 9 AUGUST, 1940

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 7th day of *August*, 1940.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 8th and 9th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 70, of the Act of the 14th and 15th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 97, and of the Act of the 19th and 20th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 55, duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a Representation, bearing date the 6th day of June, 1940, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 8th and 9th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 70, of the Act of the 14th and 15th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 97, and of the Act of the 19th and 20th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 55, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Representation as to the assignment of a Consolidated Chapelry to the consecrated Church known as Christ Church, Orpington, situate within the Parish of Chelsfield in the County of Kent and in the Diocese of Rochester:

“ Whereas at certain extremities of the said Parish of Chelsfield and of the Parish of Orpington in the said County and Diocese which said extremities lie contiguous one to another, and are described in the Schedule hereunder written, there is collected together a population which is situate at a distance from the several churches of such Parishes:

“ And whereas it appears to us to be expedient that certain contiguous portions (being the portions containing the population aforesaid) of the said Parishes should be formed into a Consolidated Chapelry for all ecclesiastical purposes, and that the same should be assigned to the said Church known as Christ Church, Orpington, situate as aforesaid:

“ Now, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend Christopher, Bishop of Rochester, as such Bishop (in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this Representation), with the consent of the Warden and College of the Souls of All Faithful People Deceased of Oxford, as the Patrons of the Rectory of the said Parish of Chelsfield (in testimony whereof they have affixed their Common or Corporate Seal to this Representation), and with the consent of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Rochester, as the Patrons of the Vicarage of the said Parish of Orpington (in testimony whereof they have affixed their Common or Capitular Seal to this Representation), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly represent, that it would, in our opinion, be expedient that all those contiguous portions of the said Parishes which are described in the Schedule hereunder written, all which portions, together with the boundaries thereof, are delineated and set forth on the map or plan hereunto annexed, should be united and formed into one Consolidated Chapelry for the said Church known as Christ Church, Orpington, situate as aforesaid, and that the same should be named ‘The Consolidated Chapelry of Christ Church, Orpington.’