

the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 19th day of *September*, 1940.

PRESENT, L...

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 30th day of May, 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 Vicarage) of Ivington, Saint John, and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Leominster, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Hereford and 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 Ivington, Saint John, and Leominster 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, which Scheme is based upon the terms recommended in the said Report but, with the assent of the said Bishop of Hereford, contains a modification thereof:

"And whereas both of the said Benefices are now full, the Reverend George Walter being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Ivington, Saint John, and the Reverend William Graham Moeran being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Leominster:

"And whereas the patronage of the said Benefice of Ivington, Saint John, belongs to the Vicar of Leominster in right of his vicarage and the patronage of the said Benefice of Leominster belongs to the said Bishop of Hereford in virtue of his See:

"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 Ivington, Saint John, and the said Benefice of Leominster shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Leominster with Ivington' 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 Ivington, Saint John, 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 Leominster and the then Incumbent of Ivington, Saint John, shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice, and if the said Benefice of Leominster only shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the said Benefice of Ivington, Saint John, 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 Ivington, Saint John, if the Incumbent at that time of the said Benefice of Leominster shall have been instituted to Leominster 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 Leominster 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 Leominster following such avoidance of the said Benefice of Ivington, Saint John, and the then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Ivington, Saint John, shall become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"3. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Leominster shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"4. That upon the said union taking effect provision shall be made by the Incumbent of the United Benefice for employing the services of a Curate and a part of the total endowments and property of the Benefices hereinbefore recommended and proposed to be constituted an United Benefice, that is to say, an annual sum of £92 (being part of a larger annual sum) now payable by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to the Incumbent of the said Benefice of Leominster shall be severed or diverted from that Benefice and from the United Benefice and shall be appropriated by us as a fund towards the cost of providing for the employment of the services of the said Curate and the said annual sum of £92 shall be paid by us to the Diocesan Board of Finance of the Diocese upon trust to apply the same to the purpose aforesaid.

"5. That after the said union has taken effect the patronage of the United Benefice shall belong wholly to the Patron of the said Benefice of Leominster.

"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