

day of July, 1946, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Act of the 6th and 7th years of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, Chapter 77, of the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, Chapter 113, and of the Act of the 37th and 38th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 63, have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme with respect to some of the rural deaneries within the Archdeacons of Dorking and Surrey, both in the diocese of Guildford:

"Whereas it has been represented to us by the Right Reverend John, Bishop of Guildford, that the arrangements which are hereinafter recommended and proposed with respect to some of the rural deaneries within the said two Archdeacons are desirable and we are of opinion that the same may be properly carried into effect:

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Bishop (in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this Scheme) we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, humbly recommend and propose that as from the day on which any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette, and without any assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order, first, a new rural deanery shall be formed within the said Archdeaconry of Dorking and such new rural deanery shall be called 'The Rural Deanery of Chertsey,' and shall comprise and consist of the parishes or cures of Addlestone, Saint Paul; Botleys and Lyne, Holy Trinity; Chertsey; Egham; Englefield Green, Saint Jude; Egham Hythe, Saint Paul; Long Cross; Ottershaw; Thorpe; and Virginia Water, Christ Church; all at present in the rural deanery of Emly in the said Archdeaconry of Dorking; and secondly, the parish or cure of Tongham, Saint Paul, shall be transferred from the rural deanery of Farnham in the Archdeaconry of Surrey to the rural deanery of Aldershot in the same Archdeaconry, and each of the parishes or cures hereinbefore mentioned shall be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the rural dean of the rural deanery and of the Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry to which it is hereby transferred and shall not belong to or be part of any other rural deanery or Archdeaconry, nor be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of any other rural dean or of any other Archdeacon."

And whereas the provisions of the said Acts relating to the preparation and submission of this Scheme have been duly complied with:

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 ratify the said Scheme, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately upon the publication of this Order in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts.

And His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said Diocese of Guildford.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 2nd day of *August*, 1946.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 25th day of July, 1946 in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared and now lay before your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme pursuant to the Episcopal Endowments and Stipends Measure, 1943, for vesting in us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, all endowments and other property belonging to, or held in trust for, the Bishopric of Rochester or the Bishop thereof and for securing to the said Bishop the reduced stipend deemed to us appropriate:

"Whereas the Right Reverend Christopher, Bishop of Rochester, was in occupation of the See at the date of the passing of the aforesaid Measure

and has requested us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to prepare a Scheme with respect to the See:

"And whereas we have prepared this Scheme accordingly after consultation with the Diocesan Board of Finance of the Diocese of Rochester who have offered no objection thereto:

"And whereas the said Christopher, Bishop of Rochester, has approved the Scheme and in testimony of such approval has appended his signature to the Scheme:

"And whereas the Right Honourable Clement Richard Attlee, First Lord of Your Majesty's Treasury, acting on behalf of Your Majesty, has signified to us his consent to the preparation and submission of the Scheme to Your Majesty in Council:

"And whereas the endowments and property belonging to the See of Rochester or held in trust therefor or for the Bishop thereof are described and referred to in the Schedule hereunder written:

"Now therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, recommend and propose that upon and from the 1st day of October 1946, all the endowments securities and other property described and referred to in the said Schedule shall vest in us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners pursuant to the said Measure and that we shall be entitled absolutely to the benefit rents and profit thereof upon and from that date.

"And we further recommend and propose that we shall pay to the Bishop for the time being of the See by equal quarterly instalments in respect of the quarters ended on the 31st day of March, the 30th day of June, the 30th day of September and the 31st day of December in every year the first such instalment to be the full quarter's payment due for the quarter ended on the 31st day of December 1946 as annual stipend comprising the sum of £2750 and also such sum, not exceeding £500 in any one year, as we shall have been duly satisfied has been expended by him in connection with the travelling required in and for the carrying out of his official duties and obligations as Bishop.

"THE SCHEDULE.

"Part I.

"All that Episcopal Residence or Mansion House formerly known as The Old Palace but now known as Bishopscourt Rochester together with the out-buildings and other buildings and the gardens pleasure grounds and other the appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in the Parish of St. Margaret next the City of Rochester in the County of Kent as the area comprising the site of the same premises is delineated on the plan annexed hereto and thereon verged red but subject to an easement for a drain from St. Margaret's Schools Rochester to the public sewer in Love Lane Rochester aforesaid so far as the same drain lies within the boundaries of the said premises and for an inspection chamber (as the said drain is indicated on the plan hereto by a black line marked "6" Drain' and as the said inspection chamber is indicated in black and marked 'Pit' on the same plan) which easement forms the subject of a Licence granted under the School Sites Acts on the 15th day of September 1937 by the then Bishop of Rochester by the direction of the Managers of the same Schools to the Reverend Canon Sydney Williams Wheatley and others the Trustees of the said Schools.

"Part II.

"The Annual Payment of £4000 being the annual amount payable by us under Section 3 of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Act 1860 as modified by an Order of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria in Council dated the 11th day of July 1877 and duly published in the London Gazette on the 13th day of the same month and by an Order of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh in Council dated the 7th day of August 1905 and duly published in the London Gazette on the 11th day of the same month.

"Part III.

"All those the oil paintings and engravings of former Bishops of the See of Rochester and the two chairs and other goods and chattels belonging to the Bishop of Rochester in right of his dignity and not in his private capacity which are in the nature of heirlooms of the See and are described and set forth in an Inventory to be deposited in the Diocesan Registry of the Diocese of Rochester.