

sum not exceeding £350 (being a sum which together with the outstanding balance of the sum already borrowed under the authority of the statutes hereinbefore mentioned for effecting improvements at the said Episcopal House of Residence does not exceed two years' income of the See) should be provided by way of advance from us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to be repaid out of the emoluments of the Bishopric of Blackburn.

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Wilfred, Bishop of Blackburn (testified by his having affixed his signature and Episcopal Seal to this Scheme), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recommend and propose that the said Bishop be authorised to borrow and that we be authorised to advance such sum not exceeding £350 as may be required for the said works and that the whole or any part or parts of the said sum so to be advanced shall be applied by us at such time or times and in such manner as shall appear to us to be expedient towards effecting the said works, and that the sum or sums so to be advanced by us shall be repaid with interest thereon as hereinafter mentioned, in the manner following, that is to say, during the period of seven years from the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme, the said Bishop or his successors shall at the end of each twelve months pay to us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, one-seventh part of the total sum advanced by us as hereinbefore recommended and shall also at the same date each year pay interest at the rate of £3 per centum per annum on the said sum or sums so advanced or on so much thereof as shall from time to time remain unpaid:

"Provided that it shall be permissible for us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to deduct any instalment of principal and any sum due by way of interest from the annual sum payable by us to the said Bishop of Blackburn and his successors as income of the See."

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 Blackburn.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 24th day of September, 1946.

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 27th day of June, 1946, 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, now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme which we have prepared with the consent of the Right Reverend Christopher, Bishop of Rochester (in witness whereof he has signed the Scheme), for effecting the union of the benefice of Cobham with the benefice of Luddesdowne with Dode both situate in the diocese of Rochester.

"Scheme

"1. *Union of Benefices.* The benefice of Cobham and the benefice of Luddesdowne with Dode shall be permanently united together, and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Cobham with Luddesdowne and Dode' but the parishes of the said benefices shall continue in all respects distinct.

"2. *Taking effect of Union.* Upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme is published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect and the Reverend Edward Lanphier Brooke Jones, if he is then incumbent of the said benefice of Luddesdowne with Dode, shall with his consent (testified by his signature hereto), be the first incumbent of the united benefice.

"3. *Parsonage House.* (1) Upon the union taking effect and until the provision at Cobham of a house approved by us or the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty as suitable to be the house of residence for the incumbent of the united benefice, the house of residence for the said incumbent shall be the parsonage house at present belonging to the said benefice of Luddesdowne with Dode.

"(2) Upon the provision at Cobham of a house as aforesaid the parsonage house at present belonging to the said benefice of Luddesdowne with Dode and the site and appurtenance thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith shall then be sold and disposed of by us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, at such time or times and in such manner in all respects as to us shall seem expedient.

"(3) So much (if any) of the net proceeds of such sale as in our opinion, after consulting the Bishop for the time being of the diocese, is, together with other available funds requisite for the purpose, shall be applied by us towards the cost of providing or acquiring at Cobham a house as aforesaid and any balance of such proceeds shall be applied by us as follows, that is to say:—

(a) towards the cost of providing or acquiring at Luddesdowne a house suitable to become a curate's residence: or

(b) as a fund to be transferred by us to the diocesan board of finance of the diocese to be held by the said board as trustees towards the remuneration of the curate to be employed by the incumbent of the said united benefice in accordance with Clause 5 of this Scheme; provided that we may, with the approval of the bishop for the time being of the diocese, apportion the said proceeds between either of the said objects.

"4. *Patronage.* After the union has taken effect, the right of presentation to the united benefice shall be exercised by the patrons of the two benefices alternately, the patron of the said benefice of Cobham having the first presentation to be made to the united benefice after the union.

"5. *Curate and Curate's Fund.* Upon the union taking effect (i) provision shall be made by the incumbent of the united benefice for obtaining the services of a curate to assist him in the performance of the duties of the united benefice; the curate so employed shall reside in the parish of Luddesdowne unless, pending the provision of a curate's residence at Luddesdowne, the bishop for the time being of the diocese shall for special reasons permit him to reside elsewhere; (ii) a sum sufficient to produce £200 per annum, being part of a sum of money appropriated by the said Governors to the benefice of Luddesdowne with Dode pursuant to the Tithe Act, 1936, shall be appropriated and held by the said Governors as a fund towards the remuneration of the said curate and the income accruing in respect of such fund shall be paid by the said Governors to the said diocesan board of finance as trustees to apply it to the purpose aforesaid."

And whereas the provisions of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1936, and the Union of Benefices Rules, 1926 to 1930, 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 affirm the said Scheme and to order that it shall be and become effectual in law immediately upon the publication of this Order in the London Gazette.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

Privy Council Office, 24th September, 1946.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been presented to His Majesty in Council by The Royal Veterinary College and Hospital, praying for the grant of a SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER; and that His Majesty having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council, all petitions for or against such grant should be delivered at the Privy Council Office on or before the 31st day of October next.

Privy Council Office, 24th September, 1946.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition of Lady Violet Astor, and others, praying for the grant of a CHARTER OF INCORPORATION to the Officers' Families Fund, has been presented to His Majesty in Council; and, His Majesty having referred the said Petition to