

At the Court of *Saint James*, the 22nd day of December, 1953.

PRESENT

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.
Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.

Lord President. Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd.
Mr. Secretary Head. Commander Galbraith.

WHEREAS Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts, 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 20th day of November, 1953, to delegate to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and the Earl of Harewood, or any two or more of them, as Counsellors of State, full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval of anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And whereas the Church Commissioners have duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 9th day of December, 1953, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Church Commissioners, in pursuance of the Episcopal Endowments and Stipends Measure, 1943, have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following amending Scheme under the Seventh Section of that Measure for making certain alterations in the provisions of the two following Orders in Council, that is to say:

"1. An Order of His late Majesty in Council dated the 19th day of February, 1946 and published in the London Gazette on the 22nd day of February, 1946, whereby provision is made for the vesting in the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England upon and from the 1st day of January, 1947, of all the endowments and other property belonging to the See of Leicester described and referred to in the said Order and for the payment by the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England to the Bishop for the time being of the See of an annual stipend of Two thousand pounds and also such further sum not exceeding Five hundred pounds in any one year as we shall have been 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:

"2. An Order of His late Majesty in Council dated the 31st day of March, 1950 and published in the London Gazette on the 4th day of April, 1950, whereby provision is made for the vesting in the said Church Commissioners upon and from the 1st day of April, 1950, pursuant to the said Measure of all the endowments and other property belonging to the See of Southwark described and referred to in the said Order and for the payment by the said Church Commissioners to the Bishop for the time being of the See of an annual stipend comprising the sum of Two thousand six hundred and fifty pounds out of which sum he shall defray all the expenses incurred by him in connection with the travelling required in and for the carrying out of his official duties and obligations as Bishop:

"Whereas it has been represented to us, the said Church Commissioners, and it appears to us to be expedient that the provisions of each of the said Orders hereinbefore referred to should be altered as hereinafter recommended and proposed:

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

"And whereas the Right Reverend Bertram, Bishop of Southwark, being in occupation of his See at the date of the aforesaid Measure has appended his signature to the Scheme in testimony of his approval:

"And whereas the Standing Committee of the Church Assembly has approved the Scheme:

"And whereas the Right Honourable Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, K.G., O.M., C.H., M.P., First Lord of Your Majesty 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:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Church Commissioners, do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"(1) That the provisions of the said Order dated the 19th day of February, 1946, shall be altered in the following manner, that is to say, that in lieu of the annual stipend of Two thousand pounds now paid by us, the said Church Commissioners, we shall pay to the Bishop for the time being of the See of Leicester as from the 1st day of October, 1953, an annual stipend of Two thousand two hundred pounds together with a further sum equal to the yearly rent payable by the Bishop as occupier of any house or part of a house let by us to the Bishop as the episcopal house of residence of the See and also such sum not exceeding Five hundred pounds 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.

"(2) That the provisions of the said Order of the 31st day of March, 1950, shall be altered in the following manner, that is to say, that in lieu of the annual stipend of Two thousand six hundred and fifty pounds per annum now paid by us we shall pay to the Bishop for the time being of the See of Southwark as from the 1st day of October, 1953, an annual stipend of Two thousand two hundred pounds together with a further sum equal to the yearly rent payable by the Bishop as occupier of any house or part of a house let by us to the Bishop as the episcopal house of residence of the See and also such sum not exceeding Five hundred pounds 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."

And whereas the said Scheme has been approved at the Council held under the authority of the said Letters Patent:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret being authorized thereto by the said Letters Patent, have taken the said Scheme into consideration, and do hereby, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on Her Majesty's behalf ratify the said Scheme, and 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 Measure.

And do hereby, by and with the like advice, direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrars of the said dioceses of Leicester and Southwark.

W. G. Agnew.

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And whereas the Church Commissioners have duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 10th day of December, 1953, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Church Commissioners, acting in pursuance of the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, and the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1952, now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme which we have prepared with the consent of the Right Reverend Arthur, Bishop of Bristol, (in witness whereof he has signed the