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FRIDAY, 29 JANUARY, 1954

At the Court of Saint James, the 20th day of January, 1954.

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester.
Earl of Harewood.

Lord President.
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.
Mr. Lennox-Boyd.
Mr. James Clyde.

WHEREAS Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts, 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the twentieth 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 13th day of November, 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 of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1952, and with the consent of the Right Reverend Launcelot, Bishop of Portsmouth (in witness whereof he has signed the Scheme), have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme for effecting the union of the benefice of Durley and the benefice of Upham, both situate in the diocese of Portsmouth.

" SCHEME.

" 1. *Union of Benefices.* The benefice of Durley and the benefice of Upham shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Upham and Durley', 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 affirming this Scheme is published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect and the Reverend David Isaac Washington Phillips, if he is then incumbent of the said benefice of Durley, shall with his consent (testified by his signature hereto) be the first incumbent of the united benefice.

" 3. *Parsonage House.* Upon the union taking effect the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Durley shall be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice, and the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Upham and the site and appurtenances thereof

and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith, if at the date when the union takes effect they have not already been sold under the provisions of the Parsonages Measures, 1938 and 1947, shall, as soon as conveniently may be, be sold and disposed of by us, the said Church Commissioners, at such time or times and in such manner in all respects as to us shall seem expedient and the net proceeds of such sale shall constitute and form part of the Expenses Fund of the diocese of Portsmouth established pursuant to the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923.

" 4. *Clerical or lay assistance.* Upon the union taking effect the incumbent of the united benefice shall employ such clerical or lay assistance as the Bishop of the said diocese shall from time to time direct."

And Whereas the provisions of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1952, the Union of Benefices Rules, 1926 and 1930, and the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, relating to the preparation and submission of this Scheme have been duly complied with:

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

Now, therefore, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester and the Earl of Harewood, 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 affirm the said Scheme and order that it shall be and become effectual in law immediately upon the publication of this Order in the London Gazette.

W. G. Agnew.

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