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At the Court of *Saint James* the 13th day of April, 1954.

PRESENT,

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

Lord President.  
Marquess of Reading.  
Earl De La Warr.  
Mr. Secretary Lyttelton.  
Major Lloyd George.  
Mr. Peake.

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 23rd day of March, 1954, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“We, the Church Commissioners, acting in pursuance of the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1952, and the Church Patronage Act, 1870, and the Acts mentioned therein, now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme which we have prepared with the consent of the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Geoffrey, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury (in witness whereof he has signed the Scheme), for effecting (1) the union of the benefice of Minster in the Isle of Sheppey with the benefice of Elmley (now part of the united benefice of Iwade with Elmley), (2) the union of the benefice of Bobbing with the benefice of Iwade (now part of the united benefice of Iwade with Elmley) and (3) an alteration of the boundaries between the parish of Minster in the Isle of Sheppey and the parish of Queenborough; all of which benefices and parishes are in the diocese of Canterbury.

“SCHEME.

“Whereas the right of patronage of and presentation to the benefice of Iwade with Elmley is now vested in the Archdeacon of Canterbury for the time being and that of the benefice of Bobbing is now vested in the Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being:

“And whereas we are satisfied that the transfers of patronage recommended in clause 4 hereof will tend to make better provision for the cure of souls:

“Now therefore we do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

“1. *Union of the Benefices of Minster in the Isle of Sheppey and Elmley.*

“(1) *Union of benefices and parishes.* The benefice of Minster in the Isle of Sheppey and the benefice of Elmley, being part of the united benefice of Iwade with Elmley, shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘The United Benefice of Minster-in-Sheppey’ and the parishes of the said benefices shall be united into one parish for ecclesiastical purposes.

“(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 John Bolton Allen if he is then the incumbent of the said benefice of Minster in the Isle of Sheppey shall, with his consent (testified by his signature hereto) be the first incumbent of the united benefice.

“(3) *Parish Church.* The parish church of the parish of Minster in the Isle of Sheppey shall be the parish church of the united parish.

“(4) *Parsonage house.* The parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Minster in the Isle of Sheppey shall be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice.

“2. *Union of the Benefices of Bobbing and Iwade.*

“(1) *Union of benefices.* The benefice of Bobbing and the benefice of Iwade, being part of the united benefice of Iwade with Elmley, shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘The United Benefice of Bobbing with Iwade’ 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 Vivian Frederick Hall if he is then the incumbent of the said benefice of Bobbing shall, with his consent (testified by his signature hereto), be the first incumbent of the united benefice.

“(3) *Parsonage house.* The parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Bobbing shall be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice.

“3. *Appropriation of Endowments.*

“Upon the taking effect of the unions hereinbefore recommended and proposed, the endowments and property of the united benefice of