

shall thereupon and thenceforth become and be absolutely vested in and shall and may from time to time be exercised by the Bishop of Exeter for the time being."

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 Acts.

And do hereby, by and with the like advice, direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said diocese of Exeter.

W. G. Agnew.

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 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 3rd 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, 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 William, Bishop of Bath and Wells (in witness whereof he has signed the Scheme), for effecting the union of the benefice of Puxton with Hewish, Saint Ann, and the Chapelry of Wick, Saint Lawrence (now part of the benefice of Congresbury), both of which benefices are situate in the diocese of Bath and Wells.

"SCHEME.

"1. *Union of Benefices.*

"With the consent (testified by his signature hereto) of the Reverend Alexander Strachan Cran, being the incumbent of the benefice of Congresbury, the chapelry of Wick, Saint Lawrence, comprising all that part of the parish of the benefice of Congresbury which is included within the area of the civil parish of Wick, Saint Lawrence, shall be severed from the benefice of Congresbury and the chapelry of Wick, Saint Lawrence, so severed and the benefice of Puxton with Hewish, Saint Ann, shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Puxton with Hewish Saint Ann and Wick Saint Lawrence'.

"2. *Union of parishes.*

"The said chapelry of Wick, Saint Lawrence, so severed shall be united to the parish of Hewish, Saint Ann, to form one parish for ecclesiastical purposes and the parish church of the parish of Hewish, Saint Ann, shall be the parish church thereof, but the parish of Puxton and the parish of Hewish, Saint Ann, shall continue in all respects distinct.

"3. *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.

"4. *Transfer of endowments.*

"Upon the union taking effect and with the consent of the Reverend Alexander Strachan Cran (testified as aforesaid), a capital sum sufficient at that date to produce a permanent annual income of £100 and now forming part of a larger capital sum held by us for the endowment of the benefice of Congresbury shall be appropriated and annexed by us to the united benefice of Puxton with Hewish Saint Ann and Wick Saint Lawrence."

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, 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 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.

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 25th day of February, 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 Diocesan Stipends Funds Measure, 1953, now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme which we have prepared with the consent of the Right Reverend Alwyn, Bishop of Winchester, (in witness whereof he has signed the Scheme) for effecting the union of the benefice of East Woodhay and the benefice of Woolton Hill both situate in the diocese of Winchester.

"SCHEME.

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

"2. *Taking effect of union.*

"(a) If upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council affirming this Scheme is published in the London Gazette the benefice of East Woodhay shall be vacant the union shall forthwith take effect.