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At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 1st day of *February*, 1955.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Church Commissioners have duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 21st day of January, 1955, in the words and figures following, that is to say:

"We, the Church Commissioners, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1952, the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, 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 Launcelot, Bishop of Portsmouth (in witness whereof he has signed the Scheme), for effecting (1) the union of the benefice of Greatham and the benefice of Empshott and (2) an alteration in the boundaries of the parishes of Greatham, Hawkley with Prior's Dean, and Blackmoor, all of which benefices and parishes are situate in the diocese of Portsmouth.

"SCHEME.

"1. *Union of Benefices.* The benefice of Greatham and the benefice of Empshott shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Greatham and Empshott', 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, both of the said two benefices shall be vacant, the union shall forthwith take effect.

"(b) If upon that day the benefice of Empshott only shall be vacant the union shall take effect forthwith and the Reverend Reginald Walter Tyler, if he is then incumbent of the said benefice of Greatham, shall, with his consent (testified by his signature to this Scheme) be the first incumbent of the united benefice, and if upon that day the benefice of Greatham only shall be vacant the union shall take effect forthwith and the Venerable Williams Pakenham Walsh Williams, if he is then incumbent of the said benefice of Empshott shall, with his consent (testified by his signature to this Scheme), be the first incumbent of the united benefice.

"(c) If upon that day neither of the said two benefices shall be vacant, the union shall take effect upon the first vacation of whichever of the said two benefices shall first be vacated and the incumbent of the benefice not so vacated, shall, with his consent (testified as aforesaid) be the first incumbent of the united benefice.

"3. *Parsonage House.* Without prejudice to the exercise before the date when the union takes effect, of the powers conferred by the Parsonages Measures,

1938 and 1947, the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Greatham shall, if at that date it so belongs, be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice and the parsonage house belonging to the benefice of Empshott, if at that date it so belongs, and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith shall, as soon as conveniently may be, be sold and disposed of by us 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 or sales shall constitute and form part of the Expenses Fund of the diocese of Portsmouth established pursuant to the said Union of Benefices Measures.

"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 benefice of Empshott having the first presentation to the united benefice to be made after the union.

"5. *Diversion of Endowment Income.*

"(1) Subject as hereinafter provided any surplus, calculated by us for the twelve months ending on the 31st March in each year of the endowment income (calculated in accordance with the First Schedule hereto) of the united benefice over and above an annual sum of £562 shall, with effect from the date upon which the union shall take effect, be paid to and be held by us, for the benefit of the diocesan stipends fund of the diocese of Portsmouth.

"(2) The said endowment income and the said surplus and the said annual sum of £562 shall be deemed to accrue from day to day and shall when we deem that circumstances so require be apportionable accordingly.

"(3) Any moneys due to us from the incumbent of the united benefice, or, during any vacancy in the united benefice, from the sequestrators thereof, as the case may be (hereinafter called 'the incumbent or sequestrators') upon the calculation of the said surplus shall be paid by the incumbent or sequestrators to us not later than the 30th June in each year and shall be recoverable as a debt due to us.

"(4) For the purpose of ascertaining the amounts of the said endowment income and of the said surplus, we shall have power to require production by the incumbent or sequestrators of accounts and other documents in relation thereto, and the said accounts for the twelve months to 31st March in each year (or where applicable for a part of the year ending on that date) shall be rendered annually to us within six weeks of that date in such form as we shall prescribe; and in the event of failure by the incumbent or sequestrators to produce such accounts or documents we shall have all legal remedies for enforcing production thereof.

"6. *Alteration of boundaries.* Upon the union taking effect and with the consents (testified by their