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At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 10th 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 2nd day of *February*, 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, and the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme which we have prepared with the consents of the Right Reverend *Wilfred*, Bishop of *Gloucester*, and the Right Reverend *Tom*, Bishop of *Hereford* (in witness whereof they have signed the Scheme), for effecting the unions of (1) the benefice of *Dymock*, being part of the united benefice of *Dymock with Kempley and Preston*, and the benefice of *Donnington*, (2) the benefice of *Kempley*, being a further part of the said united benefice of *Dymock with Kempley and Preston*, and the benefice of *Oxenhall*, being part of the united benefice of *Oxenhall with Pauntley*, (3) the benefice of *Pauntley*, being the remaining part of the said united benefice of *Oxenhall with Pauntley*, and the benefices of *Upleadon*, and (4) the benefice of *Highnam with Lassington* and the benefice of *Rudford*, the benefice of *Donnington* being in the diocese of *Hereford* and all the remaining benefices in the diocese of *Gloucester*.

"SCHEME.

"1. *Union of the benefices of Dymock and Donnington.*

"(1) The benefice of *Dymock*, being part of the united benefice of *Dymock with Kempley and Preston*, and the benefice of *Donnington* shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of *Dymock with Donnington*', but the parishes of the said benefices shall continue in all respects distinct.

"(2) With the consent (testified by his signature hereto) of the Reverend Canon *Daniel Gethyn-Jones*, now incumbent of the benefice of *Dymock with Kempley and Preston* and of the benefice of *Donnington*, 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.

"(3) Upon the union taking effect the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of *Dymock with Kempley and Preston* shall be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice.

"(4) After the union has taken effect the right of presentation to the united benefice shall be exercised alternately by the patron, or his successor in title, who was patron of the former benefice of *Dymock* immediately prior to its union with the benefices of *Kempley and Preston* and by the patron of the benefice of *Donnington*, the patron of the former

benefice of *Dymock* having the first presentation to the united benefice to be made after the union.

"(5) The united benefice shall be in the diocese of *Gloucester*, the archdeaconry of *Gloucester* and the rural deanery of *North Forest*.

"2. *Union of the Benefices of Kempley and Oxenhall.*

"(1) The benefice of *Kempley*, being a further part of the united benefice of *Dymock with Kempley and Preston*, and the benefice of *Oxenhall*, being part of the united benefice of *Oxenhall with Pauntley*, shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of *Kempley with Oxenhall*', but the parishes of the said benefices shall continue in all respects distinct.

"(2) 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 Canon *Daniel Gethyn-Jones*, if he is then incumbent of the said benefice of *Dymock with Kempley and Preston*, shall with his consent (testified as aforesaid), be the first incumbent of the united benefice.

"(3) Upon the union taking effect the glebe house at *Kempley* hitherto occupied by the incumbent of the united benefice of *Dymock with Kempley and Preston* shall be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice.

"(4) After the union has taken effect the right of presentation to the united benefice shall be exercised alternately by the patrons (or their successors in title) who were respectively patrons of the former benefices of *Kempley and Oxenhall* immediately prior to their union in the present united benefices, the patron of the former benefice of *Kempley* having the first presentation to the united benefice of *Kempley with Oxenhall* to be made after the union.

"3. *Union of the benefices of Pauntley and Upleadon.*

"(1) The benefice of *Pauntley*, being the remaining part of the united benefice of *Oxenhall with Pauntley*, and the benefice of *Upleadon* shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of *Pauntley with Upleadon*', but the parishes of the said benefices shall continue in all respects distinct.

"(2) 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 *Thomas Beresford Davies*, if he is then incumbent of the said benefice of *Upleadon*, shall with his consent (testified by his signature hereto), be the first incumbent of the united benefice.

"(3) Upon the union taking effect the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of *Upleadon* shall be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice.

"(4) After the union has taken effect the right of presentation to the united benefice shall be exercised