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At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 8th day of *October*, 1957.

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 15th day of August, 1957, 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 William, Bishop of Salisbury (in witness whereof he has signed this Scheme), for effecting the union of the benefice of Saint James, Poole, and the benefice of Saint Paul, Poole, both situate in the diocese of Salisbury.

“SCHEME.

“1. *Union of Benefices and Parishes.* The benefice of Saint James, Poole, and the benefice of Saint Paul, Poole, shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘The United Benefice of Poole, Saint James and Saint Paul’ and the parishes of the said benefices shall also 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 George Herbert Woodyear Bevington if he is then incumbent of the said benefices of Saint James, Poole, and Saint Paul, Poole, shall, with his consent (testified by his signature hereto) be the first incumbent of the united benefice, and his admission thereto shall be without any form of, or fee for, presentation or nomination and he shall not be required to pay any fees in respect of his collation, institution, licence or induction to the united benefice beyond such fees as he would have been liable to pay if his admission to the united benefice had been an admission solely to the benefice of Saint Paul, Poole.

“3. *Parish Church.* The parish church of the parish of Saint James, Poole, shall be the parish church of the united parish.

“4. *Registers.* After the union has taken effect the marriage registers current at the church of Saint Paul, Poole, shall be dealt with in accordance with Section 62 of the Marriage Act, 1949, and the register books (if any) of baptisms and burials and other the records and muniments deposited in the said church shall be transferred to the parish church of Saint James, Poole.

“5. *Parsonage House.* Upon the union taking effect the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Saint James, Poole, shall be the house

of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice.

“6. *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 Schedule hereto) of the united benefice over and above an annual sum of £631 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 said diocese.

“(2) The said endowment income and the said surplus and the said annual sum of £631 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.

“SCHEDULE.

“For the purpose of this Scheme the endowment income of the united benefice shall, without prejudice to the power of decision vested in us by virtue of Section 18 of the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, if any question shall arise, be computed in accordance with our Central Register of Benefice Income, that is to say, by including:—

“(1) all gross secured income payable by us and any other person or body, and

“(2) all gross income received from ground rents, chief rents or other fixed charges, other glebe rents and any letting of the parsonage house or a formally divided portion thereof,

“and by deducting therefrom:—

“(1) the rates payable on the parsonage house if occupied by the incumbent,

“(2) the rent and rates payable on any house occupied by the incumbent other than the parsonage house,