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STATE INTELLIGENCE

At the Court of Saint James, the 28th day of July 1959.

PRESENT,

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother
Her Royal Highness The Princess Alexandra of Kent

Lord President Mr. Brooke
Earl of Selkirk Mr. Aubrey Jones

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts, 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the fifteenth day of June, 1959, to delegate to the following Counsellors of State (subject to the exceptions hereinafter mentioned) or any two or more of them, that is to say, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent and Her Royal Highness The Princess Alexandra of Kent, 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 for anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And whereas Her Majesty was further pleased to except from the number of the said Counsellors of State His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent and Her Royal Highness The Princess Alexandra of Kent while absent from the United Kingdom:

And whereas the Church Commissioners have duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 15th day of July, 1959, 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 Michael, Bishop of St. Albans (in witness whereof he has signed this Scheme), for effecting the union of the benefice of Ampthill, the benefice of Millbrook and the benefice of Steppingley, all situate in the diocese of St. Albans.

" SCHEME

"1. *Union of Benefices.* The benefice of Ampthill, the benefice of Millbrook and the benefice of Steppingley shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Ampthill with Millbrook and Steppingley' 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 Ronald Gavin Henderson Cooper if he is then incumbent of the said benefice of Ampthill shall, with his consent (testified by his signature hereto) 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 any of the powers conferred by the Parsonages Measures, 1938 and 1947, the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Ampthill shall be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice."

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 Alexandra of Kent, 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.

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