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MEASURE

PASSED BY

The National Assembly of the Church of England

To make provision for the transfer to diocesan boards of finance of the administration of sums from the common fund of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners allocated for payments towards the stipends of curates assistant clergy deaconesses and lay helpers, and in connexion therewith to authorise the termination of existing grants payable for the purposes aforesaid.

[22nd May 1946.]

Power to transfer to diocesan boards of finance administration of curate grants. 3 & 4 Vict. c. 113.

1.—(1) With a view to transferring to diocesan boards of finance the distribution and administration of such sums as may be allocated by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for making payments out of their common fund towards the stipends of curates assistant clergy deaconesses and lay helpers, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners may in exercise of their powers under section sixty-seven of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Act 1840 make block grants calculated in such manner as the Commissioners may from time to time prescribe to the several diocesan boards of finance to be applied by them (subject to such conditions as the Commissioners may impose), in making payments for such purposes as aforesaid in the manner appearing to the several boards best calculated to provide assistance where most required within their respective dioceses.

(2) In order that effect may be given without undue delay to such transfer as aforesaid it shall be lawful for the Commissioners by notice in writing to any person to whom at the passing of this Measure a grant towards any such stipend as aforesaid is payable by the Commissioners to determine the grant at the expiration of such period, not being less than seven months, as may be specified in the notice.

(3) A notice under this section shall be deemed to have been duly given if sent through the post in a prepaid letter and, if the addressee is an incumbent, it shall be sufficient if the notice is addressed to the parish or place whereof he is incumbent or, if there is a vacancy in the benefice, it shall be sufficient if the

notice is addressed to "the incumbent" or, when sequestrators have been appointed, "the sequestrators" of the benefice (naming it).

(4) Nothing in this Measure shall affect or apply to grants of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners made in consideration of capital benefactions secured for the endowment of particular curacies or other ministries or to grants to curates in charge of conventional districts.

Short title.

2. This Measure may be cited as the Ecclesiastical Commissioners (Curate Grants) Measure, 1946.

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