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MEASURE

PASSED BY

The National Assembly of the Church of England

To enable Diocesan Dilapidations Boards to postpone quinquennial inspections of benefice buildings and repayment of loans during a period of emergency and for purposes connected therewith. [17th July 1940.]

Definitions.

1. In this Measure—

the expression "period of emergency" means a period during which a state of war may exist between His Majesty and any foreign power and a period of three months thereafter;

the expression "Principal Measure" means the Ecclesiastical Dilapidations Measure, 1923, and the expression "Amending Measure" means the Ecclesiastical Dilapidations (Amendment) Measure, 1929; 14 & 15 Geo. 5. No. 3. 19 & 20 Geo. 5. No. 3.

the expressions "the Central Authority," "Diocesan Dilapidations Board" and "ordinary assessment" have the same meanings as in the Principal and Amending Measures.

Inspection of benefices.

2. During the present period of emergency the following provisions shall have effect :—

(1) Notwithstanding subsection (5) of section seventeen of the Principal Measure, if in the opinion

of a Diocesan Dilapidations Board it is for any reason not desirable to direct another inspection of the buildings of a benefice within the time therein referred to, the Board may postpone the giving of such direction until such time, not later than the expiration of this Measure, as the Board may think fit:

(2) Where an inspection of the buildings of a benefice has been postponed under the power given by the last preceding paragraph—

(i) the annual payment fixed by the last ordinary assessment shall continue to be payable at the rate so fixed until a new ordinary assessment comes into operation, subject nevertheless to the provisions for the variation and cancellation of assessments contained in the Principal and Amending Measures;

(ii) when a postponed inspection is made, the next ordinary assessment made in consequence thereof shall come into operation on, and the payments thereunder shall commence as from, the date on which by virtue of this Measure the last annual payment under the last preceding assessment became due; and

(iii) in the Principal Measure and the Amending Measure references to "quinquennial period" and "period of five years" shall mean those periods as extended by virtue of such postponement:

(3) Subsection (3) of section thirty-six of the Principal Measure shall be read and construed as if the words "any particular sum of money" were substituted for the words "a sum not exceeding in any one year ten pounds":

(4) The Central Authority shall have power to postpone the repayment of moneys advanced by them under the Principal and Amending Measures and the payment of interest thereon for such periods and on such conditions as they shall from time to time determine.

3. This Measure shall expire at the termination of the present period of emergency. Duration.

4. This Measure may be cited as the Benefice Buildings (Postponement of Inspections and Repayment of Loans) Measure, 1940. Short title.

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