

"whenever it shall be represented to him by the bishop of any diocese, or by the bishops of any two dioceses, that two or more benefices, or that one or more benefice or benefices, and one or more spiritual sinecure rectory or rectories, vicarage or vicarages, in his or their diocese or dioceses, being either in the same parish or contiguous to each other, and of which the aggregate population shall not exceed one thousand five hundred persons, and the aggregate yearly value shall not exceed five hundred pounds, may, with advantage to the interests of religion, be united into one benefice, the said Archbishop of the Province shall inquire into the circumstances of the case: and if on such inquiry it shall appear to him that such union may be usefully made, and will not be of inconvenient extent, and that the patron or patrons of the said benefices, sinecure rectory or rectories, vicarage or vicarages respectively, is or are consenting thereto, such consent being signified in writing under the hands of such patron or patrons, the said Archbishop shall, six weeks before certifying such inquiry and consent to Her Majesty, as hereinafter directed, cause, with respect to his own diocese, a statement in writing of the facts, and in other cases a copy in writing of the aforesaid representation, to be affixed on or near the principal outer door of the church, or in some public and conspicuous place in each of such benefices, sinecure rectories or vicarages, with notice to any person or persons interested, that he, she, or they, may, within such six weeks, show cause in writing under his, her, or their hand or hands, to the said Archbishop, against such union; and if no sufficient cause be shown within such time, the said Archbishop shall certify the inquiry and consent aforesaid to Her Majesty in Council, and thereupon it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council to make and issue an Order or Orders for uniting such benefices, sinecure rectory or rectories, vicarage or vicarages, into one benefice, with cure of souls, for ecclesiastical purposes only; and it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council to give directions for regulating the course and succession in which the patrons, if there be more than one patron, shall present or nominate to such united benefice, from time to time, as the same shall become vacant."

And whereas the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, pursuant to the provisions of the said Act, hath duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a certificate in writing, bearing date the sixteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, in the words and figures following; that is to say:

"To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

"We the undersigned Archibald Campbell, Lord Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury, do hereby certify to your Majesty in Council:

"That the Honourable and Right Reverend John Thomas, Lord Bishop of Norwich, (as bishop of the diocese within which are situate the vicarage of Shernbourne, and the vicarage or perpetual curacy of Fring, both in the county of Norfolk), having represented unto us, that the said benefices being contiguous to each other, and of which the aggregate population does not exceed three hundred and seventeen persons, and the aggregate yearly value does not exceed two hundred and fifty-one pounds, might with advantage to the interest of religion be united into one benefice, we inquired into the circumstances of the case.

"That on such inquiry it appeared to us, that such union might be usefully made and would not be of inconvenient extent, and that the Very Reverend Edward Meyrick Goulburn, D.D., Dean of the Cathedral Church of Norwich, and the chapter of the same church, being the patrons entitled to present to the vicarage of Shernbourne, (which is now vacant), and also to nominate to the vicarage or perpetual curacy of Fring, if the same were now vacant, consent to the union of the said benefices.

"That six weeks and upwards before the certifying such inquiry and consent to your Majesty in Council, we caused a copy in writing, of the aforesaid representation of the said Lord Bishop to be affixed on the principal outer door of the church of each of the said benefices, with notice to any person or persons interested, that he, she, or they might within such six weeks show cause, in writing, under his, her, or their hand or hands, to us, the said Archbishop, against such union, and no such cause has been shown.

"The representation of the said Lord Bishop of Norwich, our inquiry into the circumstances of the case, the statement of circumstances in reply thereto, the consent in writing of the said patrons, and the copies of the representation and notice before mentioned are hereunto annexed.

"And we do hereby certify the inquiry and consent aforesaid to your Majesty in Council, to the intent that your Majesty in Council may, in case your Majesty in Council shall think fit so to do, make and issue an Order for uniting the said benefices into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only.

"As witness our hand this sixteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

"A. C. Cantuar."

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in Council, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased to order, and doth hereby order, that the said vicarage of Shernbourne, and the said vicarage of Fring, both in the county of Norfolk and diocese of Norwich, shall be united into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only.

Edmund Harrison.

AT the Court at Balmoral, the 28th day of May, 1872.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the eighth and ninth years of Her Majesty, chapter seventy; of the Act of the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty, chapter ninety-seven; of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of Her Majesty, chapter fifty-five; and of the Act of the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth years of Her Majesty, chapter eighty-two; duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a representation bearing date the twenty-fifth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, in the words and figures following; that is to say:

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the eighth and ninth years of your Majesty, chapter seventy; of the Act of the fourteenth and fifteenth years of your Majesty, chapter ninety-seven; of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of your