

“Archbishop shall enquire into the circumstances of the case; and if on such enquiry it shall appear to him that such union may be usefully dissolved, so far as respects such benefice or benefices, he shall six weeks at least before certifying such inquiry to Her Majesty as hereinafter directed, cause, with respect to his own diocese, a statement, in writing, of the facts, and in all 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 the benefices forming part of the united benefice, 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 hands to the said Archbishop against any such disunion; and if no sufficient cause be shown within such time, the Archbishop shall certify the inquiry and consent, when the patron's consent is necessary, to Her Majesty in Council, and thereupon it shall be lawful for Her Majesty to issue an Order for separating such last-mentioned benefice or benefices from such united benefice, and for declaring the rights of patronage of the several patrons, if there be more than one patron, and such Order shall be registered in the registry of the diocese to which such united benefice shall belong, which Order the Registrar of such diocese, immediately, on the receipt thereof, is hereby required to register accordingly, and thereupon immediately if such united benefice shall be then vacant, otherwise on the first avoidance thereof, such union shall be ipso facto dissolved, so far only as regards such benefice or benefices so proposed to be separated from such united benefice, but in all other respects shall remain in full force and effect, and thenceforward such last-mentioned benefice or benefices shall be and be deemed and taken to be a separate and distinct benefice or benefices to all intents and purposes whatever as if no such union had taken place, and the patron or patrons thereof shall and may according to the term of such Order present or nominate thereto respectively, and so from time to time upon each and every avoidance of the same: Provided always, that no benefices which have been united for more than sixty years before the passing of this Act shall be disunited without the consent, in writing, of the patron or patrons thereof.”

And whereas the Honourable and Right Reverend John Thomas, Lord Bishop of Norwich, hath represented to his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, by a representation, in writing, bearing date the ninth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, that it appears to the said bishop that the disunion of the united benefice, consisting of the vicarage of Ranworth, and the vicarage of Upton, in the county of Norfolk, and diocese of Norwich, by the separation of the said vicarage of Ranworth from the said vicarage of Upton may be made with advantage to the interests of religion, which representation is in the words following:

“To the Most Reverend Archibald Campbell, Lord Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury.

“I, John Thomas, Lord Bishop of Norwich, do hereby represent to your Grace, that it appears to me that the disunion of the united vicarage of Ranworth with the vicarage of Upton, in the county of Norfolk, and my diocese of Norwich, by the separation of the said vicarage of Ranworth

from the said vicarage of Upton, may be made with advantage to the interests of religion.

“Witness my hand, this ninth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

“John T. Norwich.”

And whereas His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, hath, pursuant to the provisions of the said Act, by a certificate, in writing, bearing date the eleventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, certified to Her Majesty such enquiry, which certificate is in the words following:

“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 is situate the united benefice, consisting of the vicarage of Ranworth with the vicarage of Upton, in the county of Norfolk, having represented to us that the disunion of the said united benefice by the separation of the said vicarage of Ranworth from the said vicarage of Upton, might be made with advantage to the interests of religion, we enquired into the circumstances of the case, and upon such enquiry it appeared to us that such disunion might be usefully made; that the said Lord Bishop is the patron or person entitled, in right of his bishoprick, to present to the said united benefice, if the same were now vacant; that the said benefices of Ranworth and Upton were united in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety; that six weeks and upwards before certifying such enquiry 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 each of the parish churches of the united benefice, 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 disunion, and no such cause has been shown; the representation of the said Lord Bishop of Norwich, our enquiry into the circumstances of the case, the statement of circumstances in reply thereto, and the copies of the representation and notice before-mentioned are hereto annexed; and we do hereby certify the inquiry and matters 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 disuniting the aforesaid united benefice, consisting of the vicarage of Ranworth and the vicarage of Upton. As witness our hand, this eleventh day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

“A. C. Cantuar.”

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in Council, by and with the consent of Her said Council is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the said vicarage of Ranworth, in the county of No be separated from the said united benefice, consisting of the vicarage of Ranworth and the vicarage of Upton, in the county of Norfolk, and diocese of Norwich.

Edmund Harrison.