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TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1876.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
March 17, 1876.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's
Birthday will be kept on Saturday, the
27th of May next.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 24th day of
March, 1876.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day, Sir John Burgess Karlake, Knight,
was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of
Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council,
and took his place at the Board accordingly.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 24th day of
March, 1876.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the first
session of Parliament holden in the first
and second years of the reign of Her present
Majesty, intituled "An Act to abridge the holding
of benefices in plurality, and to make better
provision for the residence of the clergy," it is,
amongst other things, enacted, "That whenever
it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Pro-
vince, with respect to his own diocese, and
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 con-
tiguous 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 vicar-
"ages respectively, is or are consenting thereto,
"such consent being signified in writing under the
"hands of such patron or patrons, the said Arch-
"bishop shall, six weeks before certifying such
"inquiry and consent to Her Majesty, as herein-
"after 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 Canter-
bury 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 fifteenth day of February, in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-
six, 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
Primate of all England and Metropolitan do
hereby certify to your Majesty in Council.

"That the Right Reverend William Connor
Lord Bishop of Peterborough as Bishop of the
diocese within which are situate the vicarage of
Stanford, in the county of Northampton and the
vicarage of Swinford in the county of Leicester