

Harriet Stopford Sackville of Drayton House in the county of Northampton Widow being the patron or person entitled to present to the said rectory of Lowick if the same were now vacant and also to the vicarage of Slipton which is now vacant, has signified her consent in writing to the union of the said benefices into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes.

"That six weeks and upwards before 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 parish 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 Peterborough our inquiry into the circumstances of the case the statement of the circumstances in reply thereto the consent in writing of the patron and the copies of the representation and notice before mentioned are herewith 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 hands this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

"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 rectory of Lowick in the county of Northampton and diocese of Peterborough and the vicarage of Slipton in the same county and diocese shall be united into one benefice for the cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only:

C. L. Peel.

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 the 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," after reciting that, "Whereas from the increase of population, or from other circumstances, it may be expedient that two or more benefices which have been heretofore united or which may be hereafter united under the provisions of this Act should be disunited," it is, amongst other things, enacted, "That when two or more benefices shall have been united, or may be hereafter united into one benefice, and with respect to his own diocese it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, or the bishop of any diocese shall represent to the said Archbishop of the Province, that one or more of the benefices within his diocese, of which such united benefice shall consist, may be separated therefrom with advantage to the interests of religion, the said Archbishop shall

"inquire into the circumstances of the case, and if on such inquiry 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 union; 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 terms 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 by section 23 of the said recited Act it is further enacted "That whenever two or more benefices which have at any time been united into one benefice shall be disunited and become separate benefices under the provisions of this Act whether the Order for the disunion shall extend to the whole number of benefices of which such united benefice consisted, or to one or more of such benefices only, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council, on the recommendation of the Archbishop of the province, with the consent of the patron or patrons of such benefice respectively (such consent to be signified in writing under the hands of such patron or patrons), to assign and attach such portion of the glebe lands, tithes, moduses, rent-charges, or other endowments or emoluments belonging to or arising, or accruing within the limits of such united benefice to each of such benefices respectively, as to Her Majesty in Council shall seem fit, notwithstanding such proportion of glebe land, tithes, rent-charges, moduses, or other endowments or emoluments, or any part thereof, may not arise or accrue within the