

“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 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 the Lord Bishop of Lincoln on the eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five made a representation to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury in the words following.

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

“I Christopher Lord Bishop of Lincoln do hereby represent to your Grace that it appears to me that the disunion of the united benefice consisting of the vicarage of Bole and the rectory of South Wheatley in the county of Nottingham and diocese of Lincoln by the separation of the rectory of South Wheatley from the vicarage of Bole may be made with advantage to the interests of religion.

“Witness my hand the eighth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.”

“C. Lincoln.

“Signed in the presence of—  
John Wild, Tetney Vicarage, Clerk.”

And whereas the said Archbishop did thereupon enquire into the circumstances of the case and on such enquiry it appeared to him that the said union might be usefully dissolved and the said Archbishop did thereupon six weeks at least before certifying such enquiry to Her Majesty as in the said Act directed cause a copy in writing of the aforesaid representation to be affixed on the principal outer door of the church in each of the benefices forming part of the said 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 hands to the said Archbishop against any such disunion. And whereas no sufficient cause was shown within the period limited by the said Act, and the patrons of the said united benefice consented to the proposed disunion, and the said Archbishop did thereupon

certify the enquiry and consent to Her Majesty in Council 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 Primate of all England and Metropolitan do hereby certify to your Majesty in Council that the Right Reverend Christopher Lord Bishop of Lincoln as Bishop of the diocese within which is situated the united benefice consisting of the vicarage of Bole and the rectory of South Wheatley in the county of Nottingham having represented unto us that the disunion of the said united benefice by the separation of the said rectory of South Wheatley from the said vicarage of Bole might be made with advantage to the interests of religion we enquired into the circumstances of the case.

“That on such enquiry it appeared to us that such union might be usefully dissolved.

“That the said Lord Bishop and the Right Reverend James Lord Bishop of Manchester are the patrons alternately of the said united benefice by virtue of their respective bishopricks and are consenting to the proposed disunion.

“That six weeks and upwards before certifying such inquiry and consent to your Majesty in Council we caused a copy in writing of the said representation of the said Lord Bishop to be affixed to the principal outer door of each of the parish churches of the said 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 Lincoln our enquiry into the circumstances of the case, the reply thereto, the consents in writing of the respective patrons and the copies of the representation and notice before referred to are herunto annexed.

“And we do hereby certify the enquiry and consents 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 separating the said rectory of South Wheatley from the said vicarage of Bole and for declaring that from and after such disunion and separation of the said two benefices the patronage of each benefice shall be vested in the Bishops of Lincoln and Manchester for the time being and shall be exercised by them in an alternate course or succession for ever and that the first turn to present to each of the said benefices shall belong to the Lord Bishop of Manchester for the time being.

“As witness our hand this ninth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

“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 rectory of South Wheatley shall be disunited and separated from the said vicarage of Bole.

And Her Majesty is pleased to declare that from and after such disunion and separation of the said two benefices the patronage of each benefice shall be vested in the Bishops of Lincoln and Manchester for the time being and shall be exercised by them in an alternate course or succession for ever, and that the first turn to present to each of the said benefices shall belong to the Lord Bishop of Manchester for the time being.

C. L. Peel.