

"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 fourteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, in the words 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 Honourable and Right Reverend John Thomas Lord Bishop of Norwich as Bishop of the diocese within which are situate the rectory of Beechamwell St. Mary with the rectory of Beechamwell St. John annexed in the county of Norfolk and the rectory of Beechamwell All Saints with the rectory of Shingham annexed in the same county having represented unto us that the said benefices being contiguous to each other and of which the aggregate population does not exceed four hundred and fifty-four persons might with advantage to the interests of religion be united into one benefice we inquired into the circumstances of the case.

"That on such enquiry it appeared to us that such union might be usefully made and would not be of inconvenient extent and that Joshua Fielden of Green Bank Caton in the county of Lancaster Esquire being the patron or person entitled to present to the said rectory of Beechamwell St. Mary with the rectory of Beechamwell St. John annexed if the same were now vacant and the

Right Honourable Hugh McCalmont Earl Cairns Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain being the patron or person entitled on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Victoria to present to the said rectory of Beechamwell All Saints with the rectory of Shingham annexed the same being now vacant have respectively signified their consents 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 enquiry and consents 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 Norwich our inquiry into the circumstances of the case the statement of circumstances in reply thereto the consents in writing of the patrons and the copies of the representation and notice before mentioned are hereunto 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 uniting the said benefices into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes and for declaring that the course and succession in which the respective patrons for the time being shall present or nominate to the said united benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows that is to say—The said right of presentation shall be exercised alternately by the said Joshua Fielden his heirs and assigns and by the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain for the time being on behalf of the Crown and that the first turn or right of presentation to the said united benefice shall belong to the said Joshua Fielden his heirs and assigns.

"As witness our hand this fourteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

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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 Beechamwell St. Mary with the rectory of Beechamwell St. John annexed situate in the county of Norfolk and diocese of Norwich and the rectory of Beechamwell All Saints with the rectory of Shingham situate in the same county and diocese, shall be united into one benefice, with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only.

And Her Majesty in Council is pleased to give directions and declare that the course and succession in which the respective patrons for the time being shall present or nominate to the said united benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows, that is to say: the said right of presentation shall be exercised alternately by the said Joshua Fielden his heirs or assigns and by the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain for the time being on behalf of the Crown and that the first turn or right of presentation to the said united benefice shall belong to and shall be exercised by the said Joshua Fielden his heirs or assigns.

C. L. Peel.