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**A**T the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*,  
the 14th day of *August*, 1879.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS 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 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 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 Llandaff on the 5th day of April 1879 made a representation to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury in the words following:—

"To the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Archibald Campbell Lord Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury.

"I the Right Reverend Alfred Lord Bishop of Llandaff do hereby represent to your Grace that it appears to me that the disunion of the united vicarages of Saint Mellons, in the county of Monmouth and Llanedarn in the county of Glamorgan and my diocese of Llandaff by the separation of the said vicarage of Saint Mellons from the said vicarage of Llanedarn may be made with advantage to the interests of religion.

"Witness my hand this fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.  
"A. Llandaff.

And whereas the said Lord Archbishop of Canterbury enquired into the circumstances of the case and on such enquiry it appeared to him that the said union might be usefully dissolved; he thereupon six weeks before certifying such enquiry to Her Majesty in Council caused a copy in writing of the aforesaid representation 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