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A<sup>T</sup> the Court at Windsor, the 28th day of June, 1880.

### 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 atoresaid " 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 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 twenty-first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, 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.

to your Majesty in Council. "That the Honourable and Right Reverend John Thomas Lord Bishop of Norwich as the Bishop of the diocese within which are situate the rectory of Sandringham with Babingley in the county of Norfolk and the rectory of West Newton 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 one thousand five hundred persons might with advantage to the interests of religion be united into one benefice we enquired 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 His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter being the patron or person entitled to present to each of the said benefices if the same were now vacant has signified his 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 enquiry 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 and scheme of the said Lord Bishop of Norwich our enquiry into the circumstances of the case the statement of circumstances in reply thereto the consents in writing