

“ into one benefice, the said Archbishop of the Province shall inquire into the circumstances of the case ; and if on such enquiry 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 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 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 thirtieth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, in the words following, that is to say :—

“ To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

“ We Edward White by Divine Providence Archbishop of Canterbury do hereby certify to Your Majesty in Council that it having appeared to us that the benefice (being a vicarage) of Thanington and the benefice (being a rectory) of Milton both in the county of Kent and within our diocese of Canterbury might with advantage to the interests of religion be united into one benefice we made enquiry into the circumstances of the case and on such enquiry it appeared to us—

“ That such union might be usefully made and would not be of inconvenient extent.

“ That the said benefices are contiguous.

“ That the aggregate population of the parishes of Thanington and Milton according to the latest returns of population made under the authority of Parliament does not exceed four hundred and sixty-seven persons the population of the said parish of Thanington being four hundred and fifty-six and the population of the said parish of Milton being eleven.

“ That there is a church belonging to each of the said benefices sufficient for the accommodation of the parishioners.

“ That there is a house of residence belonging to the benefice of Thanington but there is no house of residence belonging to the benefice of Milton.

“ That the net yearly value of the said benefice

of Thanington is one hundred and seventy-eight pounds or thereabouts and the net yearly value of the said benefice of Milton is seventy-six pounds or thereabouts.

“ That the patronage of the said benefice of Thanington belongs to the Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being in right of his Archbishoprick and the patronage of the said benefice of Milton which is now vacant belongs for this turn by reason of lapse to the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain in right of the Crown and subject thereto to Matthew Bell of Bourne Park near Canterbury in the county of Kent Esquire.

“ That the said Archbishop of Canterbury the Lord High Chancellor and Matthew Bell consent to the proposed union of the said benefices and that the course and succession in which the patrons shall present to the united benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows that is to say that the first two turns out of every three turns shall belong to the Archbishop of Canterbury and his successors for ever and that every third turn shall belong to the said Matthew Bell his heirs and assigns for ever.

“ That six weeks before certifying such enquiry and consents to your Majesty in Council we caused a statement in writing of the aforesaid facts 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. That no such cause has been shown. The consents in writing of the said patrons of the benefices and the copies of the statement of facts and notice so in each case affixed as aforesaid are hereto annexed.

“ And we the said Archbishop do hereby certify the inquiry consents and matters 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 two benefices into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only and declaring that the course and succession in which the respective patrons for the time being shall present or nominate to the united benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows (that is to say) the first two turns or rights of presentation out of every three turns shall belong to the Archbishop of Canterbury and his successors for ever and that every third turn or right of presentation shall belong to the said Matthew Bell his heirs and assigns for ever.

“ As witness our hand this thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

“ *Edw. Cantuar.*”

Now therefore Her Majesty in Council, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the vicarage of Thanington, situate in the county of Kent, and diocese of Canterbury, and the rectory of Milton, 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, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased to direct that the course and succession in which the respective patrons, for the time being, shall present, or nominate, to such united benefice, from time to time as the same shall become vacant, shall be as follows, that is to say :—The first two turns, or rights of presentation, out of every three turns