

perpetual curacies of South Hinksey and Wootton do hereby signify our consents to the scheme above proposed and set forth and to every matter and thing therein contained.

"In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this thirtieth day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

"*Abingdon.*

"*Sam. Y. N. Griffith.*

"*Halsall Segar.*"

And whereas the said scheme hath been transmitted by the said Bishop to the said Archbishop for his consideration, and the said Archbishop being satisfied with the said scheme hath certified the same, and the consents aforesaid, to Her Majesty in Council by his report dated the twenty-third day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, which said report is in the words and figures following:—

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

"We the undersigned Edward White Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury, do hereby report to Your Majesty in Council.

"That the Right Reverend John Fielder Lord Bishop of Oxford has represented unto us (amongst other things)

"That to the benefice (being a vicarage) and parish church of Cumnor in the county of Berks and diocese of Oxford belong two ancient parochial chapelries known by the names of South Hinksey and Wootton the limits and boundaries of each of which are well known and defined.

"That in or about the year one thousand seven hundred and twenty-three the church or chapel of each of the said chapelries received an augmentation or grant from the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne and thereupon each such church or chapel became a perpetual curacy and the minister or curate thereof became a perpetual curate but doubts are entertained whether each of such chapelries does not still remain part of the parish of Cumnor for ecclesiastical purposes.

"That from the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five to the present time the said two perpetual curacies have been and still are together served by a minister or incumbent separate from the vicarage of Cumnor and on a separate nomination of the patron.

"That it appears to the said Lord Bishop that the said chapelries of South Hinksey and Wootton may be advantageously separated from the said parish of Cumnor and each be constituted a separate parish for ecclesiastical purposes.

"That the said Lord Bishop has drawn up a scheme in writing describing the mode in which it appears to him the proposed alterations may best be effected and how the changes consequent upon such alteration in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction glebe lands tithes rent-changes dues rates and payments and in respect to patronage and rights to pews may be made with justice to all parties interested which scheme together with the consents thereto in writing of the Right Honourable Montagu Arthur Earl of Abingdon the patron of the said benefice of Cumnor and also of each of the said perpetual curacies and of the Reverend Samuel Young Naylor Griffith the vicar of the said vicarage of Cumnor and of the Reverend Halsall Segar the incumbent of each of the said perpetual curacies of South Hinksey and Wootton has been transmitted by the said Lord Bishop to us for our consideration.

"The representation and scheme of the said Lord Bishop and the consents before referred to are hereunto annexed.

"And we the said Archbishop being on full consideration and inquiry satisfied with the said scheme do hereby pursuant to the Act of the first and second years of Your Majesty's reign chapter 106 certify the same and such consents as 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 carrying the said scheme into effect.

"As witness our hand this twenty-third day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

"*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 said scheme of the Lord Bishop of Oxford be carried into effect.

*C. L. Peel.*

AT the Court at Windsor, the 5th day of March, 1885.

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 province, 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 contiguous 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 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."