"vince, with respect to his own diocese, and i "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 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 vicar-"ages 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 dio-" cese, 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 prin-" cipal 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 in-"quiry 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 vicar-"ages, 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-eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, in the words following, that is to say:—

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

"We the undersigned Edward White Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury Primate of all England and Metropolitan do hereby certify to Your Majesty in Council.

"That the Right Reverend Edward Lord Bishop of Lincoln as Bishop of the diocese within which are situate the vicarage of East Ravendale and the perpetual curacy or vicarage of West Ravendale both in the county and diocese of Lincoln 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 the Venerable John Hodgson Iles of Lichfield in the county of Stafford Clerk Archdeacon of Stafford and the Reverend Woodthorpe Johnson of

Grainsby in the county of Lincoln Clerk being as trustees of a certain indenture of settlement bearing date the ninth day of October one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven the patrons of the said benefices and Robert John Hinman Parkinson of East Ravendale aforesaid being as equitable tenant for life in possession under the same indenture of settlement the person entitled to nominate to the said benefices if the same respectively were now vacant consent to the proposed union.

"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 to the principal outer door of the parish church of East Ravendale and in a public and conspicuous place namely in a place where notices are usually affixed in the parish of West Ravendale the parish church being in ruins 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 Lincoln our enquiry into the circumstances of the case the statement of circumstances in reply thereto the consent 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 consent 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 only.

"As witness our hand this twenty-eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

" 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 perpetual curacy or vicarage of West Ravendale, situate in the county and diocese of Lincoln, and the vicarage of East Ravendale, situate in the same county and diocese, shall be united into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only.

C. L. Peel.

A T the Court at Windsor, the 25th day of March, 1887.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council. 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 in some instances tithings, "hamlets, chapelries, and other places or districts "may be separated from the parishes or mother "churches to which they belong, with great "advantage, and places altogether extra-parochial "may in some instances with advantage be annexed "to parishes or districts to which they are con-"tiguous, or be constituted separate parishes for "ecclesiastical purposes," it is, amongst other things, enacted, "That when with respect to his own diocese it shall appear to the Archbishop "of the Province, or when the Bishop of any "diocese shall represent to the said Archbishop