

“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 by section twenty-three of the said Act it is further enacted “That whenever two or more benefices which have at any time been united into one benefice shall be disunited, and become separate benefices under the provisions of this Act . . . it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council, on the recommendation of the Archbishop of the Province, with the consent of the patron or patrons of such benefices respectively . . . to assign and attach such portion of the glebe lands, tithes, moduses, rent-charges, or other endowments or emoluments belonging to, or arising or accruing within the limits of such united benefice, to each of such benefices respectively, as to Her Majesty in Council shall seem fit, notwithstanding such proportion of glebe land, tithes, rent-charges, moduses, or other endowments or emoluments, or any part thereof, may not arise or accrue within the limits of the benefice to which the same shall be so assigned and attached as aforesaid, or may not have belonged thereto, and also to divide and apportion between such benefices all such charges and outgoings as before the disunion thereof were imposed upon the whole united benefice.”

And whereas on the sixth day of February one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two Charles John, Lord Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, made a representation to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Edward White, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury in the words following, that is to say:—

“To the Most Reverend Edward White Lord Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury.

“I Charles John Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol do hereby represent to your Grace that it appears to me that the disunion of the united benefice of the rectory of Brimpsfield and the

rectory of Cranham in the county of Gloucester and my diocese of Gloucester and Bristol by the separation of the said rectory of Brimpsfield from the said rectory of Cranham may be made with advantage to the interests of religion. Witness my hand this sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

“C. J. Gloucester and Bristol.”

And whereas on the twenty-ninth day of February one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two the said Archbishop inquired into the circumstances of the case.

And whereas on the fourteenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two the said Archbishop certified to Her Majesty in Council as follows, 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 Charles John Lord Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol as Bishop of the diocese within which is situate the united benefice consisting of the rectory of Brimpsfield and the rectory of Cranham in the county of Gloucester having represented unto us that the disunion of the said united benefice by the separation of the rectory of Cranham from the rectory of Brimpsfield may be made with advantage to the interests of religion we enquired into the circumstances of the case.

“That on such enquiry it appeared to us that such union might be usefully dissolved and that the Reverend Richard Henry Denne, Clerk M.A. of Brimpsfield aforesaid being the patron or person entitled to present to the said united benefices if the same were now vacant consents to the proposed disunion.

“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 each of the parish churches of the said united benefice 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 disunion and no such cause has been shown.

“The representation of the said Lord Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, our enquiry into the circumstances of the case the reply thereto the consent in writing of the patron 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 separating the said rectory of Cranham from the said rectory of Brimpsfield and in accordance with the consent in writing of the patron above referred to we recommend that each benefice when disunited shall retain its own original endowments and emoluments and bear its own charges and outgoings.

“As witness our hand this fourteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

“Edw. Cantuar.”

Now therefore Her Majesty in Council, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased