

“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; and it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council to give directions for regulating the course and succession in which 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 sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, in the words following, that is to say:—

“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 William Bishop of Oxford as Bishop of the diocese within which are situate the vicarage of Great Kimble and the rectory of Little Kimble both in the county of Buckingham 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 Earl of Buckinghamshire (being the patron or person entitled to present to the said benefice of Great Kimble if the same were now vacant) and the Reverend Arthur Kennet Hobart Hampden (being the patron or person entitled to present to the said benefice of Little Kimble if the same 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 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 of the said Lord Bishop of Oxford 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 notices 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.”

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 Great Kimble in the county of Buckingham and diocese of Oxford and the rectory of Little Kimble 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 further pleased to direct that the right of presentation to such united benefice shall belong to the Right Honourable Sidney Carr Hobart Hampden Earl of Buckinghamshire as the sole patron thereof subject only to the Reverend Arthur Kennet Hobart Hampden being entitled to the first turn, or right of presentation to the said united benefice upon the first avoidance thereof if he shall then be living.

*C. L. Peel.*

*Privy Council Office, August 24, 1895.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Petition has been presented to Her Majesty by the Council of the Borough of Longton, in the County of Stafford, praying, under the provisions of the “Municipal Corporations Act, 1882,” for an alteration of the number and boundaries of the Wards of the said Borough; and notice is hereby further given, that Her Majesty has been pleased, by Her Order in Council of this day’s date, to order that the said Petition be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council, on the thirtieth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

*Privy Council Office, August 27, 1895.*

SEAL FISHERIES (NORTH PACIFIC) ACT, 1895.

NOTICE is hereby given that, after the expiration of forty days from the date hereof, it is proposed to submit to Her Majesty in Council, in pursuance of the above-mentioned Act, the draft of an Order in Council intitled “The Seal Fisheries (North Pacific) Order in Council, 1895.”

And notice is hereby further given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, copies of the proposed draft Order in Council can be obtained by any public body, within forty days of the date of this notice, at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall.