

“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, 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.”

And whereas the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury pursuant to the provisions of the said Act, hath duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a certificate in writing, bearing date the twenty-fifth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, in the words following, that is to say:—

“We the undersigned Frederick, 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 rectory of Greetham and the vicarage of Ashby Puerorum both in the county 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 may 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 is not of inconvenient extent and that the Very Reverend Edward Charles Wickham, Clerk, Doctor in Divinity, Dean of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln and the Chapter of the same church, the patrons or person entitled to present or nominate to the rectory of Greetham and to the vicarage of Ashby Puerorum in case the same were now respectively 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 Lincoln our enquiry into the circumstances of the case, the statement of circumstances in reply thereto the consent in writing of the said 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.”

Now, therefore His Majesty in Council by and with the advice of His said Council is pleased to order as it is hereby ordered that the rectory of Greetham and the vicarage of Ashby Puerorum both being in the county and diocese of Lincoln shall be united into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only.

A. W. FitzRoy.

AT the Court at *Saint James's*, the 8th day of August, 1901.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, chapter seventy-seven, of the Act of the third and fourth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter one hundred and thirteen, and of the Act of the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter sixty-three, duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a scheme bearing date the eighteenth day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and one, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth chapter seventy-seven of the Act of the third and fourth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria chapter one hundred and thirteen and of the Act of the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth years of Her said late Majesty chapter sixty-three have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following scheme with respect to the Archdeaconry of Bristol in the diocese of Bristol.

“Whereas by an Order of Her said late Majesty in Council bearing date the thirty-first day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six and published in the London Gazette on the seventh day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven there were effected certain re-arrangements of the areas of the Rural Deaneries in the said Archdeaconry of Bristol and in the other Archdeaconries at that time in the diocese of Gloucester and Bristol.

“And whereas by another Order of Her said late Majesty in Council bearing date the seventh day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven and published in