

AT the Court at *Saint James's*, the 4th day of *November*, 1901.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section sixteen of "The Pluralities Act, 1838," as amended by "The Pluralities Act, 1850," 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, 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 it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council to give directions for regulating the course and succession in which the 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 His Majesty in Council a certificate in writing, bearing date the third day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We Frederick by Divine Providence Archbishop of Canterbury do hereby in pursuance of the Pluralities Act 1838, certify to Your Majesty in Council:

"That it having appeared to us that the benefice consisting of the vicarage of Postling and the rectory of Radegund and the benefice (being a rectory) of Stanford all in the county of Kent and our diocese of Canterbury might with advantage to the interests of religion be united into one

benefice for ecclesiastical purposes only we enquired into the circumstances of the case and on such enquiry it appeared:

"That the benefices are contiguous and that the union will not be of inconvenient extent.

"That the aggregate population of the parishes of Postling and Radegund and Stanford according to the latest returns of population made under the authority of Parliament does not exceed four hundred and eight persons the population of Postling and Radegund being one hundred and twenty, and the population of Stanford being two hundred and eighty-eight.

"That there is a church in the parish of Postling and Radegund with accommodation for one hundred persons and also a church at Stanford with accommodation for one hundred and thirty persons.

"That there is a sufficient house of residence on each of the said benefices.

"That the net yearly value of the benefice of Postling and Radegund is one hundred and seventy-two pounds thirteen shillings and six pence or thereabouts and the net yearly value of Stanford is ninety-three pounds ten shillings and six pence or thereabouts.

"That the patronage of the benefice of Postling and Radegund belongs to us in right of our Archbishoprick and the patronage of the benefice of Stanford belongs to Mrs. Eleanor Tylden.

"That the circumstances of the two parishes make it possible and desirable that they should be worked as one.

"That we and the said Mrs. Eleanor Tylden consent to the union of the said two benefices for ecclesiastical purposes only and that the course and succession in which the respective patrons for the time being shall collate present or nominate to the said benefice after the same shall be united into one benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows that is to say, the first turn in every three turns of presentation shall belong to and be exercised by the patron for the time being of the said rectory of Stanford and the second and third turns in every three turns shall belong to and be exercised by the patron for the time being of the said vicarage of Postling with Radegund.

"That the house of residence that now belongs to the said benefice of Stanford shall become the house of residence of the united benefice.

"That six weeks and upwards before certifying such enquiry and consents to Your Majesty in Council we caused a statement in writing of the facts to be affixed to 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 sufficient cause has been shown.

"The copies of the statement of facts and notice before referred to and the consents of the patrons before mentioned are hereunto annexed.

"And we do hereby certify the enquiry and consents and matters 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 and for declaring that the course and succession in which the respective patrons for the time being shall collate present or nominate to the said benefice after the same shall be united into one benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows that is to say, the first turn in every three turns