

benefice (being a rectory) of Pitchcott respectively 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 sufficient 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 said 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 and for declaring that the right to present or nominate to the said benefices after the same shall be united into one benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall belong to and be vested in the patron for the time being of the said rectory of Oving for the first turn in every two turns of presentation and in the patron for the time being of the said rectory of Pitchcott for the second turn in every two turns.

"F. Cantuar."

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 Oving and the rectory of Pitchcott both being in the diocese of Oxford and county of Buckingham shall be united into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only.

And His Majesty in Council by and with the advice of His said Council, is further pleased to direct that the course and succession in which the respective patrons for the time being shall present or nominate to such united benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows, that is to say, the right of presentation shall be exercised alternately, the patron of the rectory of Oving having the first turn or right of presentation.

A. W. FitzRoy.

AT the Court at *Saint James's*, the 6th day of *March*, 1902.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section twenty-six of "The Pluralities Act, 1838," 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 contiguous, 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 that any such tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place or district within the

"diocese of such Archbishop, or the diocese of such Bishop, as the case may be, may be advantageously separated from any parish or mother church and either be constituted a separate benefice by itself or be united to any other parish to which it may be more conveniently annexed, or to any other adjoining tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place, or district, parochial or extra-parochial, so as to form a separate parish or benefice, or that any extra-parochial place may with advantage be annexed to any parish to which it is contiguous, or be constituted a separate parish for ecclesiastical purposes; and the said Archbishop or Bishop shall draw up a scheme in writing (the scheme of such Bishop to be transmitted to the said Archbishop for his consideration) describing the mode in which it appears to him that the alteration may best be effected, and how the changes consequent on such alteration in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction, glebe lands, tithes, rent charges, and other ecclesiastical dues, rates, and payments, and in respect to patronage and rights to pews, may be made with justice to all parties interested; and if the patron or patrons of the benefice or benefices to be affected by such alteration shall consent in writing under his or their hands to such scheme, or to such modification thereof as the said Archbishop may approve, and the said Archbishop shall, on full consideration and inquiry, be satisfied with any such scheme, or modification thereof, and shall certify the same and such consent as aforesaid, by his report to Her Majesty in Council, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council to make an Order for carrying such scheme, or modification thereof, as the case may be, into effect."

And whereas the Right Reverend George Wyndham, Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, hath pursuant to the enactment aforesaid represented in a writing dated the eighth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and one to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Frederick Lord Archbishop of Canterbury as follows:—

"We, George Wyndham Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells do hereby represent to your Grace that there are in the county of Somerset and diocese of Bath and Wells the perpetual curacy or vicarage and parish church of Publow and the vicarage and parish church of Stanton Drew with the chapelry of Pensford annexed.

"That the annual income of the said benefice of Publow is about two hundred and thirty pounds gross and according to the last census the population thereof was four hundred and twenty-nine.

"That the annual value of the said benefice of Stanton Drew with Pensford amounting to two hundred and twenty-five pounds is mainly derived from tithes which were commuted at the sum of two hundred and eighty-eight pounds and are now worth about two hundred pounds. According to the last census the population of Stanton Drew with Pensford was seven hundred and twelve, the population of Pensford being about two hundred and thirty but it is not separately stated in the census returns.

"That the chapelry of Pensford is believed to have contained about three hundred acres but the boundaries are not now known as it is merged in the parish of Stanton Drew.

"That there is in the said chapelry of Pensford a church or chapel distant from the parish church of Stanton Drew about two and a half miles by a very circuitous route in which church or chapel Divine service is performed by the Incumbent of Stanton Drew at considerable inconvenience owing to the distance from the vicarage.