

“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 His 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 His Majesty in Council, and thereupon it shall be lawful for His 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 His 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 twenty-first day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two, 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 Alwyne Lord Bishop of Ely as Bishop of the diocese within which are situate the rectory of Conington and the rectory of Knapwell, both in the county of Cambridge 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 Right Honourable Arthur James Balfour First Lord of the Treasury being the patron or person entitled in right of the Crown to present to the rectory of Knapwell—the same being now vacant and the said Lord Bishop being in right of his Bishoprick the patron or person entitled to present to the rectory of Conington if the same were now vacant respectively consent to the proposed union.

“That six weeks and upwards before certifying such enquiry and consents to Your Majesty in Council we caused a copy in writing of the aforesaid representation of the Lord Bishop 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 such cause has been shown.

“The representation of the said Lord Bishop of Ely, our enquiry into the circumstances of the case, the statement of circumstances in reply thereto, the consents 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 consents 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 present to the said benefices 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 and every alternate right to present to the said united benefice shall belong to and be exercised by the said Right Honourable Arthur James Balfour First Lord of the Treasury on behalf of the Crown and his successors and the second and every alternate right to present to the said united benefice shall belong to and be exercised by the said Lord Bishop of Ely and his successors.”

“*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 Conington, situate in the county of Cambridge and diocese of Ely, and the rectory of Knapwell, situate in the same county and diocese, 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 pleased to direct that the course and succession in which the respective patrons 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 first and every alternate right to present shall belong to and be exercised by the Right Honourable Arthur James Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, on behalf of the Crown, and his successors, and the second and every alternate right to present shall belong to and be exercised by the Lord Bishop of Ely and his successors.

“*A. W. FitzRoy.*”

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 11th day of *August*, 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