

“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 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 ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“We the undersigned Randall Thomas, Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, do hereby certify to Your Majesty in Council:—

“That the Right Reverend Herbert Edward Lord Bishop of Winchester having represented unto us that the vicarage of Longparish, in the county of Hants, and his diocese of Winchester might with advantage to the interests of religion be united to the prebend and sinecure rectory of Longparish so that the said rectory and vicarage of Longparish respectively might become one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only, we inquired into the circumstances of the case.

“That on such inquiry it appeared to us that such union might be usefully made, and would not be of inconvenient extent, and that Stuart Henry James Johnson, of 4, Eaton-place, in the county of Middlesex, Esquire, the patron or person entitled to present to the rectory of Longparish in case the same were now vacant, and Parry John Woodcock, of Longparish Rectory, in the said county of Hants, Clerk in Holy Orders as such Rector, the patron or person entitled to present to the vicarage of

Longparish, the same being now vacant, have consented to the proposed union.

“That six weeks and upwards before certifying such inquiry and consent to Your Majesty in Council we caused a copy of the aforesaid representation of the said Lord Bishop to be affixed on the principal outer door of the parish church of the said vicarage, prebend and sinecure rectory of Longparish, 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 Winchester, our inquiry into the circumstances of the case, the statement of circumstances in reply thereto, the consents 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 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 rectory and vicarage into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes, and to give directions that the patronage thereof as one benefice with cure of souls shall be and become vested in the said Stuart Henry James Johnson, his heirs and assigns for ever.

“*Randall 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 prebend and sinecure rectory of Longparish, situate in the county of Hants and diocese of Winchester, and the vicarage of Longparish, 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 further pleased to direct that the patronage of the said benefices after the same shall be united shall be and become vested in the said Stuart Henry James Johnson, his heirs and assigns for ever.

*A. W. FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 4th day of *June*, 1908.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section sixteen of the Pluralities Act, 1838, as amended by section eight of 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