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At the Court at *Goodwood House*, the 1st day of *August*, 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 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 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 eleventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eight, in the words 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 Augustus, Lord Bishop of Lichfield, as Bishop of the diocese within which are situate the benefice of Warslow and the benefice of Saint John the Baptist, Elkstone, both in the county of Stafford, having represented unto us that the said benefices being contiguous to each other and of which the aggregate population does not exceed fifteen hundred persons might with advantage to the interests of religion be united into one benefice 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 Llewelyn John Price, Clerk, Bachelor of Arts, Vicar of the vicarage and parish church of Alstonfield, in the county of Stafford and diocese of Lichfield aforesaid, being the Patron or person entitled to present to both the said benefices of Warslow and of Saint John the Baptist, Elkstone, in case the same were now vacant, has consented to the proposed union.