

At the Court at *St. James's*, the 11th day of *June*, 1910.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section twenty-one of the Pluralities Act, 1838, after reciting that, "Whereas from the increase of population, or from other circumstances, it may be expedient that two or more benefices which have been heretofore united or which may be hereafter united under the provisions of this Act should be disunited," it is amongst other things enacted, "that when two or more benefices shall have been united, or may be hereafter united into one benefice, and with respect to his own diocese it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, or the Bishop of any diocese shall represent to the said Archbishop of the Province, that one or more of the benefices within his diocese, of which such united benefice shall consist, may be separated therefrom with advantage to the interests of religion, the said Archbishop shall inquire into the circumstances of the case, and if on such inquiry it shall appear to him that such union may be usefully dissolved, so far as respects such benefice or benefices, he shall, six weeks at least before certifying such inquiry to His Majesty as hereinafter directed, cause, with respect to his own diocese, a statement in writing of the facts, and in all 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 the benefices forming part of the united benefice, 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 hands to the said Archbishop against any such disunion; and if no sufficient cause be shown within such time, the Archbishop shall certify the inquiry and consent, when the patron's consent is necessary, to His Majesty in Council, and thereupon it shall be lawful for His Majesty to issue an Order for separating such last-mentioned benefice or benefices from such united benefice, and for declaring the rights of patronage of the several patrons, if there be more than one patron, and such Order shall be registered in the registry of the diocese to which such united benefice shall belong, which Order the Registrar of such diocese, immediately on the receipt thereof, is hereby required to register accordingly, and thereupon immediately if such united benefice shall be then vacant, otherwise on the first avoidance thereof, such union shall be *ipso facto* dissolved, so far only as regards such benefice or benefices so proposed to be separated from such united benefice, but in all other respects shall remain in full force and effect, and thenceforward such last-mentioned benefice or benefices shall be and be deemed and taken to be a separate and distinct benefice or benefices to all intents and purposes whatever as if no such union had taken place, and the patron or patrons thereof shall and may according to the terms of such Order present or nominate thereto respectively, and so from time to time upon each and every avoidance of the same: Provided always, that no benefices which have been united for more than sixty years before the passing of this Act shall be disunited without the consent in writing of the patron or patrons thereof."

And whereas by section twenty-three of the said Act it is further enacted "that whenever two or more benefices which have at any

"time been united into one benefice shall be disunited and become separate benefices under the provisions of this Act . . . it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council, on the recommendation of the Archbishop of the Province, with the consent of the patron or patrons of such benefices respectively . . . to assign and attach such portion of the glebe lands, tithes, moduses, rent-charges, or other endowments or emoluments belonging to, or arising or accruing within the limits of such united benefice to each of such benefices respectively, as to His Majesty in Council shall seem fit, notwithstanding such proportion of glebe lands, tithes, rent-charges, moduses, or other endowments, or any part thereof, may not arise or accrue within the limits of the benefice to which the same shall be so assigned and attached as aforesaid, or may not have belonged thereto, and also to divide and apportion between such benefices all such charges and outgoings as before the disunion thereof were imposed upon the whole united benefice."

And whereas on the thirteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and nine, the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, caused a statement of facts respecting a proposed disunion of the benefices of Waldershare and Beauxfield (otherwise Whitfield) with the vicarage of West Langdon, all situate in the county of Kent and diocese of Canterbury, to be affixed to the principal outer doors of the churches of the said benefices, such statement being in the words and figures following:—

"A statement in writing of the facts respecting the proposed disunion of the united benefice consisting of the rectory of Waldershare and the vicarage of Beauxfield, otherwise Whitfield, with the vicarage of West Langdon, all in the county of Kent, within the diocese and province of Canterbury, by the separation of the vicarage of Beauxfield, otherwise Whitfield, with the vicarage of West Langdon from the rectory of Waldershare under the provisions of the Pluralities Act, 1838 (1 and 2 Victoria, chapter one hundred and six.)

"Whereas it having appeared to us, Randall Thomas, Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury, that the united benefice consisting of the rectory of Waldershare and the vicarage of Beauxfield, otherwise Whitfield, with the vicarage of West Langdon in our diocese of Canterbury, might with advantage to the interests of religion be disunited by the separation of the vicarage of Beauxfield, otherwise Whitfield, with the vicarage of West Langdon from the rectory of Waldershare under the Pluralities Act, 1838, we have made enquiries into the circumstances of the case, and on such enquiry it having appeared to us that such union might be usefully dissolved, we do hereby in pursuance of the said Act of Parliament make the following statement of facts:—

"That the aggregate population of the parishes of Waldershare, Beauxfield, otherwise Whitfield, and West Langdon according to the latest returns of population does not exceed six hundred and thirty persons, the population of the parish of Waldershare being two hundred and forty-three, that of Beauxfield, otherwise Whitfield, two hundred and ninety-one, and that of West Langdon ninety-six.

"That there is a church belonging to each of the said benefices. The church at Waldershare has accommodation for two hundred and fifty people, that at Beauxfield, otherwise Whitfield,