

“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 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 Right Honourable and Most Reverend Cosmo Gordon, Lord Archbishop of York, 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 June, one thousand nine hundred and ten, in the words following:—

“The undersigned Cosmo Gordon, Lord Archbishop of York, doth hereby state that it having appeared to him that the vicarage and benefice of Saint Martin, Coney-street, and the vicarage and benefice of Saint Helen, Stonegate, both in the city and diocese of York, might with advantage to the interests of religion be united into one benefice for ecclesiastical purposes under the Acts of Parliament of the first and second years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter one hundred and six, and of the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter ninety-eight, he made inquiry into the circumstances of the case, and that on such inquiry it appeared to him that the said union might be usefully made and that the said benefices if united would not be of inconvenient extent and that he therefore caused to be published as required by the said first mentioned Act a statement in writing of the facts with notice to any person or persons interested to show cause in writing within the time prescribed by the said Act against such union, and that such time has expired without any reasonable cause having been shown to him.

“Wherefore the said Archbishop doth hereby, pursuant to the said first mentioned Act, certify to Your Majesty in Council that the circumstances of the case respecting the said union appeared on the before mentioned inquiry to be as follows:

“That the said two vicarages and benefices are contiguous.

“That the aggregate population of the said two parishes belonging and appertaining to the said two benefices according to the latest returns of population made under the authority of Parliament does not exceed fifteen hundred persons; the population of the said parish of Saint Martin, Coney-street, being three hundred and nine, and that of the said parish of Saint Helen, Stonegate, being three hundred and twenty-five.

“That the net yearly value of the said benefice of Saint Martin, Coney-street, is two hundred and eight pounds ten shillings, and that of the said benefice of Saint Helen, Stonegate, is fifty-three pounds or thereabouts.

“That the benefices when united will not be of inconvenient extent.

“That there is a church belonging to each of the said two benefices sufficient for the accommodation of the parishioners at a distance from each other by the nearest road of one hundred yards or thereabouts.

“That there is a house, being the residence house belonging to the said benefice of Saint Martin, Coney-street, suitable for the residence of the Incumbent of the said two benefices when united.

“That there is no house of residence belonging to the said benefice of Saint Helen, Stonegate.

“That the patronage or right of presentation to the said benefice of Saint Martin, Coney-street, belongs to the Very Reverend the Dean and the Chapter of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Saint Peter in York, who are consenting parties to the union hereby proposed.

“That the patronage or right of presentation to the said benefice of Saint Helen, Stonegate, belongs to the Archbishop of York for the time being in right of his Archbishopric.

“That the Reverend George Trundle, Clerk, M.A., is Vicar of the said vicarage of Saint Martin, Coney-street, and is a consenting party to the union hereby proposed.

“That the said benefice of Saint Helen, Stonegate, is now vacant by the resignation of the Reverend Thomas Smith, Clerk, the last Incumbent there.

“That if the proposed union is carried into effect it is proposed that all endowments, benefactions and ecclesiastical dues and emoluments belonging or appertaining to the said benefice and parish church of Saint Helen, Stonegate, shall be transferred and become payable to the Incumbent for the time being of the said united benefice of Saint Martin, Coney-street, and Saint Helen, Stonegate.

“That the patronage or right of presentation to the united benefice of Saint Martin, Coney-street, and Saint Helen, Stonegate, shall be vested in the said Lord Archbishop and the said Dean and Chapter and their successors who shall exercise the right of patronage as follows:—

“On the occasion of the next vacancy which shall occur after the taking effect of this scheme in respect of the united benefice of Saint Martin, Coney-street, and Saint Helen, Stonegate, the said Dean and Chapter shall be entitled to exercise the right of presentation, and on the occasion of the second vacancy after the taking effect of this scheme the right of presentation shall be exercised by the said Archbishop, and thereafter the said Dean and Chapter for the time