

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 23 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, whether the Order for disunion shall extend to the whole number of benefices of which such united benefice consisted or to one or more of such benefices only, 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 (such consent to be signified in writing under the hands of such patron or patrons) 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 emoluments, 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 the Right Reverend Bertram, Lord Bishop of Norwich, hath made a representation in writing to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

"Whereas your Grace having enquired of me, Bertram Lord Bishop of Norwich, what are the circumstances of the case on which I found my opinion that the disunion of the united benefice of Burnham Sutton with Overy and medieties of Norton and Ulph, in the county of Norfolk, and my diocese of Norwich by the separation of the said mediety of Burnham Norton from the said benefice of Burnham Sutton with Overy and medieties of Norton and Ulph may be made with advantage to the interests of religion I do hereby represent to Your Grace that the circumstances of the case are as follows, that is to say:

"That the benefice of Burnham Sutton with Overy is a rectory to which are annexed medieties of Burnham Norton and Burnham Ulph.

"That the population of Burnham Sutton with Overy is 895 and the population of the parish of Burnham Norton with Ulph is 352.

"That the endowment of Burnham Sutton with Overy and medieties of Norton and Ulph consisting of

Tithe, rent charge and rent of glebe, Burnham Sutton	..	309	7	1
Tithe, rent charge and rent of glebe, Overy	141	2	1
Half share tithe, rent charge and rent of glebe, Norton	113	3	9

is £563 12s. 11d. per annum.

"That the endowment of the mediety of Burnham Norton consisting of half share of tithe, rent charge and glebe rents amounts to £113 3s. 9d. per annum.

"That there is a house of residence belonging to the united benefice of Burnham Sutton with Overy and medieties of Norton and Ulph.

"That the church of Burnham Sutton has long been in ruins the parishioners of such parish being entitled by a faculty dated the 31st day of July, 1771, to sittings in the church of Burnham Ulph.

"That it is expedient that the mediety of Burnham Norton aforesaid should be disunited from the rectory of Burnham Sutton with Overy and medieties of Norton and Ulph with a view to an order being obtained from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England for the consolidation of the said mediety of Burnham Norton with the other mediety now annexed to Burnham Westgate, in the same county and diocese, under section 72 of 3 and 4 Victoria, cap. 113. This system of medieties which has divided between two clergymen the use of one church and the responsibility for the cure of souls in one parish being grievously against the interests of religion.

"That the patron of the said rectory of Burnham Sutton with Overy and medieties of Norton and Ulph is the Right Honourable the