

of January, in the year of our Lord 1915, in the words following:—

“We, 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 Bertram, Lord Bishop of Norwich, as Bishop of the Diocese within which are situate the Rectory of East Lexham, and the Rectory of West Lexham, both in the County of Norfolk, having represented unto us that the said Benefices are contiguous to each other, and of which the aggregate population does not exceed 1,500 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 Augustus Leverton Jessop, being the Patron or person entitled to present to the Rectory of East Lexham (if the same were now vacant), and also to the Rectory of West Lexham (the same being now vacant), has consented to the proposed union:

“That 6 weeks and upwards before certifying such Inquiry and Consent to Your Majesty in Council we caused a Copy in Writing of the aforesaid Representation of the said Lord Bishop to be affixed to the principal outer door of the Parish Church of each of the said Benefices, with notice to any person or persons interested that he, she, or they, might, within such 6 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 Norwich, our Inquiry into the circumstances of the case, the Statement of Circumstances in reply thereto, the Consent in Writing of the said Patron, and the copies of the Representation and Notices before mentioned, are hereunto annexed:

“And we do hereby certify the Inquiry and Consent 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 Benefices into one Benefice with Cure of Souls for ecclesiastical purposes only.

“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 Rectory of East Lexham, situate in the County of Norfolk, and Diocese of Norwich, and the Rectory of West Lexham, situate in the same County and Diocese, shall be united into one Benefice with Cure of Souls for ecclesiastical purposes only.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 28th day of *July*, 1915.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 26 of the Pluralities Act, 1838, after reciting that “Whereas in some instances Tithings, Hamlets, Chapelries, and other Places or Districts

may be separated from the Parishes or Mother Churches to which they belong, with great advantage, and Places altogether extra-parochial may, in some instances, with advantage be annexed to Parishes or Districts to which they are contiguous, or be constituted separate Parishes for ecclesiastical purposes,” it is, amongst other things, enacted, “That when with respect to his own Diocese it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, or when the Bishop of any Diocese shall represent to the said Archbishop, that any such Tithing, Hamlet, Chapelry, Place or District within the Diocese of such Archbishop, or the Diocese of such Bishop, as the case may be, may be advantageously separated from any Parish or Mother Church, and either be constituted a separate Benefice by itself, or be united to any other Parish to which it may be more conveniently annexed, or to any other adjoining Tithing, Hamlet, Chapelry, Place, or District, parochial or extra-parochial, so as to form a separate Parish or Benefice, or that any Extra-Parochial Place may with advantage be annexed to any Parish to which it is contiguous, or be constituted a separate Parish for ecclesiastical purposes; and the said Archbishop, or Bishop, shall draw up a Scheme in Writing (the Scheme of such Bishop to be transmitted to the said Archbishop for his consideration) describing the mode in which it appears to him that the alteration may best be effected, and how the changes consequent on such alteration in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction, glebe lands, tithes, rent charges, and other ecclesiastical dues, rates, and payments, and in respect to patronage and rights to pews, may be made with justice to all parties interested; and if the Patron or Patrons of the Benefice or Benefices to be affected by such alteration shall consent in writing under his or their Hands to such Scheme, or to such modification thereof, as the said Archbishop may approve, and the said Archbishop shall, on full consideration and inquiry, be satisfied with any such Scheme, or modification thereof, and shall certify the same and such Consent as aforesaid, by his Report to His Majesty in Council, it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council to make an Order for carrying such Scheme, or modification thereof, as the case may be, into effect.”

And whereas the Right Reverend Charles Gore, Lord Bishop of Oxford, hath made a Representation in writing, dated the 10th day of May, 1915, to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

“I, Charles Gore, by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of Oxford, do, in pursuance of the 26th Section of the Pluralities Act, 1838, hereby represent to your Grace as follows:—

“There is in the County of Berks, and my Diocese of Oxford, the Vicarage of Cumnor, the Parish whereof, containing a population of 1,103 or thereabouts, has a Church accommodating 300 persons:

“The net annual value of the said Benefice is £261 Os. Od. or thereabouts:

“There is also in the said County and Diocese the Vicarage of North Hinksey, the Parish whereof, containing a population of 657 or thereabouts, has a Church accommodating 160 persons:

“The net annual value of the said Benefice is £221 Os. Od. or thereabouts: