

and the Vicarage of Preston Wynne, both in the County of Hereford, having represented unto us that the said Benefices, being 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 John Wood, Esq., M.P., and William Sidebottom, Esq., being the Patrons or persons entitled to present (jointly as Trustees) to the Rectory of Felton, if the same were now vacant, and the said Lord Bishop of Hereford, in right of his Bishopric, being the Patron or person entitled to collate to the Vicarage of Preston Wynne, if the same were now vacant, have consented to the proposed union.

"That six weeks and upwards before certifying such Inquiry and Consents 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 six weeks, show cause in writing under his, her, or their hand or hands, against such union to us, the said Archbishop, and no such cause has been shown.

"The Representation of the said Lord Bishop, our Inquiry into the circumstances of the case, the Statement of Circumstances in reply thereto, the Consents in Writing of the said Patrons, and the Copies of the Representation and Notices before mentioned, are hereunto annexed.

"And we do hereby certify the Inquiry and Consents 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, and for declaring that the course and succession in which the respective Patrons for the time being shall present or collate to the said Benefices, after the same shall be united into one Benefice, and come to be holden by the same Incumbent, from time to time as the same shall become vacant, shall be as follows, that is to say:—the first turn of every set of three turns of the right to present shall belong to and be exercised by the said Lord Bishop of Hereford, and his Successors, and the second and third turns of every such set of three turns shall belong to and be exercised by the said John Wood and William Sidebottom, and their Successors, and so on in like order and succession.

"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 Felton, situate in the County and Diocese of Hereford, and the Vicarage of Preston Wynne, situate in the same County and Diocese, shall be united into one Benefice, with Cure of Souls, for ecclesiastical purposes only.

And His Majesty in Council, by and with the advice of His said Council, is further pleased to direct that the course and succession

in which the respective Patrons for the time being shall present, or collate, to the said Benefices, after the same shall be united into one Benefice, and come to be holden by the same Incumbent, from time to time as the same shall become vacant, shall be as follows, that is to say:—the first turn of every set of three turns of the right to present shall belong to, and be exercised by, the said Lord Bishop of Hereford, and his Successors, and the second and third turns of every such set of three turns shall belong to, and be exercised by, the said John Wood and William Sidebottom, and their Successors, and so on in like order and succession.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 30th day of *November*, 1915.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 21 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