Certificate in writing bearing date the 11th day of June, 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:—

Your Majesty in Council:— "That the Right Reverend Edwyn, Lord Bishop of Southwell, as Bishop of the Diocese within which are situate the Perpetual Curacy of Kingston-on-Soar, and the Vicarage of Ratcliffe-on-Soar, both in the County of Nottingham, 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 The Right Honourable Algernon Henry, Baron Belper, being the Patron or person entitled to present to both the said Benefices of Kingston-on-Soar and Ratcliffe-on-Soar 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 Southwell, 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 Vicarage of Ratcliffe-on-Soar, situate in the County of Nottingham, and Diocese of Southwell, and the Perpetual Curacy of Kingston-on-Soar, situate in the same County and Diocese, shall be united into one Benefice, with Cure of Souls, for ecclesiastical purpose's only.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of February, 1916.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council. WHEREAS by Section 1 of the Burial Act, 1855, it is provided that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, from time to time to postpone the time appointed by any Order in Council for the discontinuance of burials, or otherwise to vary any Order in Council made under any of the Acts recited in the said Act, or under the said Act (whether the time thereby appointed for the discontinuance of burials thereunder, or other operation of such Order, shall or shall not have arrived) as to His Majesty, with such advice as aforesaid, may seem fit:

And whereas His Majesty was pleased by His Order in Council, dated the 20th day of August, 1915, to direct the discontinuance forthwith of burials in the Parish Church of St. Andrew, High Ham, in the County of Somerset, and, with certain exceptions, in the Churchyard attached thereto:

And whereas His Majesty was pleased by His Order in Council, dated the 24th day of September, 1915, to order that the time appointed for the discontinuance of burials in the said Churchyard should be postponed to the 28th day of February, 1916:

And whereas it seems fit to His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, that the time for discontinuing burials in the said Churchyard should be further postponed:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice aforesaid, is pleased to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the time appointed for the discontinuance of burials in the Churchyard of the Parish of High Ham, in the County of Somerset, be postponed to the 28th day of February, 1917.

Almeric FitzRoy.

India Office,

16th February, 1916.

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following appointment to the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, in recognition of the meritorious service of the undermentioned Officer in connection with the War:--

To be an Additional Knight Commander of the said Most Eminent Order:---

General Babar Shumshere Jung Rana Bahadur, of Nepal.

ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE PEER FOR IRELAND.

Crown and Hanaper Office.

IN pursuance of an Act passed in the fortieth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, entitled "An Act to regulate "the mode by which the Lords Spiritual and "Temporal, and the Commons, to serve in the "Parliament of the United Kingdom, on the "part of Ireland, shall be summoned and "returned to the said Parliament,"I do hereby give Notice, that The Right Honourable Francis Charles Adelbert Henry, Earl of Kilmorey, has been chosen to be the Peer to succeed to the vacancy made in the House of Lords of the said United Kingdom by the demise of John Thomas William, Baron Massy.

Dated this 14th day of February, 1916.

Gerald Horan,

Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper, and Permanent Secretary to the Lord Chancellor of Ireland.