

purposes and subject to the provisions applicable to other hereditaments vested in us :

“ And whereas the property aforesaid is not subject to any outstanding lease or grant, but is now in our possession, but on account of its character or situation is unsuitable or inconvenient to be held or applied for the purposes for which estates vested in us are applicable under the Acts by which our proceedings are governed :

“ And whereas with a view to the advantageous appropriation of the said property, or of the proceeds thereof, for the ultimate improvement of our common fund it is expedient that the said property, or such part or parts thereof as we shall at any time and from time to time think fit, should be sold or disposed of, and accordingly that we should be empowered to sell or dispose of our interest in such property, or in any part or parts thereof, in such manner as shall appear to us advisable :

“ Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose that we may be authorized and empowered, by Instrument or Instruments in writing duly executed according to law, from time to time to sell or dispose of and duly to convey, according to the provisions of the said Act of the 6th and 7th years of Her said late Majesty's reign, all or any of the said property formerly belonging to the said Prebend, and so vested in us as aforesaid, with its appurtenances, and all our estate, right, title, and interest therein, or in any part or parts thereof, unto and to the use of any person or persons desirous or willing to purchase the same, and his or their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, or otherwise as he or they shall direct or appoint, and for such consideration as shall upon due calculation and inquiry appear to us to be just and reasonable, it being our intention to invest the proceeds of such sale from time to time as occasion may arise in the purchase of lands, tithes, rentcharges, tenements, or hereditaments, or of some estate or interest therein convenient to be held by us for the purposes of the Acts by which our proceedings are governed as aforesaid, and in the meantime to invest the proceeds in some Government or Parliamentary Stock or other Public Securities in England.

“ And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in conformity with the provisions of the herein-named Acts, or of either of them, or of any other Act of Parliament.

“ All which we humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty in Council.”

And whereas the said Scheme has been approved by His Majesty in Council :

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said Scheme, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts.

And His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the Diocese of Lincoln.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 23rd day of *October*, 1918.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 16 of the Pluralities Act, 1838, as amended by the Pluralities Act, 1850, it is, amongst other things, enacted, “ That whenever it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, with respect to his own Diocese, and whenever it shall be represented to him by the Bishop of any Diocese, or by the Bishops of any two Dioceses, that two or 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 1,500 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, 6 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 6 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 whereas the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, 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 27th day of February, 1918, in the words following :—

“ We, the undersigned, 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 Edward, Lord Bishop of Winchester, as Bishop of the Diocese within which are situate the Rectory of Crawley, and the Vicarage of Littleton, both in the County of Southampton, 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 re-