

And whereas the said scheme hath been transmitted by the said Bishop to the said Archbishop for his consideration :

And whereas the said Archbishop, being satisfied with the said scheme, hath certified the same, and the consents aforesaid, to His Majesty in Council, by his report dated the sixteenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and one, which said report is in the words and figures following:—

“We the undersigned Frederick, Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury do hereby report to Your Majesty in Council

“That the Right Reverend George Wyndham Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells has represented unto us (amongst other things)

“That there are in the county of Somerset and diocese of Bath and Wells the perpetual curacy or vicarage and parish church of Publow and the vicarage and parish church of Stanton Drew with the chapelry of Pensford annexed.

“That it appears to the said Lord Bishop that under the provisions of the Pluralities Act 1838 the portion of the said chapelry of Pensford adjacent to Publow may be advantageously separated from the said vicarage and parish church of Stanton Drew and be united and annexed to the contiguous perpetual curacy or vicarage and parish of Publow for ecclesiastical purposes only.

“That pursuant to the directions contained in the said Act the said Lord Bishop has drawn up a scheme in writing describing the mode in which it appears to him that the proposed alteration may best be effected and how the changes consequent upon 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, which scheme together with the consents thereto in writing of the said Lord Bishop, the Venerable Hilton Bothamley, Archdeacon of Bath and the Reverend John Galbraith, vicar of Chew Magna as the patrons or persons entitled to nominate or present to the perpetual curacy or vicarage and parish church of Publow in case the same were now vacant, the Reverend Henry Howard Tripp, Clerk, Master of Arts, the Incumbent of the said perpetual curacy or vicarage and parish church of Publow and the said Venerable Hilton Bothamley Archdeacon of Bath and as such the patron or person entitled to present to the vicarage of Stanton Drew with Pensford in case the same were now vacant and the Reverend John Wynn Werninck, Clerk, the Incumbent of the said vicarage of Stanton Drew with Pensford has been transmitted to us by the said Lord Bishop for our consideration.

“The representation and scheme of the said Lord Bishop and the consents before referred to are hereunto annexed.

“And we the said Archbishop being on full consideration and enquiry satisfied with the said scheme do hereby pursuant to the said Pluralities Act 1838 certify the same and such consents as 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 carrying the said scheme into effect.

“F. 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 said scheme be carried into effect.

A. W. FitzRoy.

War Office, January 20, 1903.

The KING has been graciously pleased to signify His intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officer, whose claims have been submitted for His Majesty's approval, for conspicuous bravery in Somaliland, as stated against his name:—

Corps.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
1st (Central Africa) Battalion, King's African Rifles	Captain (local Lieutenant-Colonel) A. S. Cobbe, D.S.O., Indian Army	During the action at Erego, on 6th October, 1902, when some of the Companies had retired, Lieutenant-Colonel Cobbe was left by himself in front of the line, with a Maxim gun. Without assistance he brought in the Maxim, and worked it at a most critical time. He then went out under an extremely hot fire from the enemy about 20 yards in front of him, and from his own men (who had retired) about the same distance behind, and succeeded in carrying in a wounded Orderly. Colonel Swayne, who was in command of the Force, personally witnessed this Officer's conduct, which he describes as most gallant.