

gate yearly value does not exceed five hundred pounds, 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 Reverend Edward Balston, Clerk, Doctor in Divinity, vicar of the vicarage and parish church of Bakevell, in the said county of Derby and diocese of Lichfield, being, in right of his said vicarage, the parson or person entitled to present or nominate to both the said benefices, is consenting to the union of the said benefices.

"That six 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 on the principal outer door of the 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, to us, the said archbishop, against such union, and no such cause has been shown.

"The representation of the said Lord Bishop of Lichfield, our inquiry into the circumstance of the case, the statement of circumstances in reply thereto, the consent in writing of the said patron, and a copy of the representation and notice 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.

"As witness our hand this eleventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

"A. C. Cantuar."

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in Council, by and with the advice of the said Council, is pleased to order, and doth hereby order, that the said vicarage or perpetual curacy of Ashford-in-the-Water, and the said vicarage or perpetual curacy of Sheldon, in the county of Derby, shall be united into one benefice, with cure of souls, for ecclesiastical purposes only.

Arthur Helps.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 25th day of June, 1872.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the first session of the Parliament holden in the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to abridge the holding of benefices in plurality, and to make better provision for the residence of the clergy," 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 Her Majesty in Council, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council to make an Order for carrying such scheme, or modification thereof, as the case may be, into effect."

And whereas by another Act of Parliament, passed in the second and third years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to make better provision for the assignment of ecclesiastical districts to churches or chapels augmented by the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne; and for other purposes," it is, amongst other things, further enacted, "That when, by any Order of Her Majesty in Council as aforesaid, a separate parish for ecclesiastical purposes is constituted, the same shall, on registration thereof, and with the consent in writing of the incumbent or incumbents of the benefice or benefices to be thereby affected, become a perpetual curacy and benefice, and the minister thereof, duly nominated and licensed thereto, and his successors shall be a body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession, and may receive and take to himself and his successors all such lands, tenements, tithes, rent-charges, and hereditaments as shall be granted unto him or them, and such perpetual curate shall thenceforth have, within the limits of the district parish formed under the Church Building Acts, for the church of such perpetual curacy, sole and exclusive cure of souls, and shall not in anywise be subject to the control or interference of the incumbent or incumbents of the benefice or benefices to be affected by such Order, if he or they shall have consented to such Order as aforesaid: but if such incumbent or incumbents shall not have so consented thereto, this last-mentioned provision shall not come into operation until the next avoidance of the benefice by the incumbent objecting thereto, or by the surviving incumbent objecting, if more than one