

said benefices into one benefice, with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes; 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 Gloucester and Bristol, 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 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, and for declaring that the course and succession in which the respective patrons for the time being shall collate, present, or nominate to the said benefices, after the same shall be united into one benefice, from time to time as the same shall become vacant, shall be as follows, namely, in case the benefice of Ampney Saint Peter shall become vacant before that of Ampney Saint Mary (in which event, according to the provisions of the Act of Parliament, of the 1st and 2nd Victoria, chapter 106, in this behalf the said Charles John, Lord Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, would be bound to present or nominate to the vacant benefice the present Incumbent of Ampney Saint Mary), the first turn or right of presentation or nomination to the said united benefice which shall then next happen shall belong to the said Sir Michael Edward Hicks Beach, his heirs and assigns; but in case the benefice of Ampney Saint Mary shall become vacant before that of Ampney Saint Peter (in which event, according to the provisions of the Act of Parliament of the 1st and 2nd Victoria, chapter 106, in this behalf, the said Sir Michael Edward Hicks Beach would be bound to present or nominate to the vacant benefice the present Incumbent of Ampney Saint Peter), the first turn or right of presentation or nomination to the said united benefice shall belong to the said Charles John, Lord Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, and, subject as aforesaid, the right of presentation to the said united benefice shall be alternately in the said Sir Michael Edward Hicks Beach, his heirs and assigns, and of the said Charles John, Lord Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, and his successors for ever. As witness our hand this twenty-eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

*"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 perpetual curacy or vicarage of Ampney Saint Peter, and the perpetual curacy of Ampney Saint Mary, both in the county of Gloucester, and diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, shall be united into one benefice, with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only. And Her Majesty is pleased to direct that the course and succession in which the respective patrons for the time being of the perpetual curacies shall present or nominate

to the said united benefices from time to time, as the same shall become vacant, shall be as in the said certificate of the said Archbishop is set out.

*Arthur Helps.*

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 28th day of *November*, 1874.

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