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PRESENT.

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 6th of September, 1876, in the words following, viz. :-

"Whereas we have had under consideration the arrangements which have hitherto existed in regard to the duties of the Chaplain of Greenwich Hospital we are humbly of opinion that, upon the present occasion of the retirement of the officer holding that appointment, the duties connected with the hospital and school should be separated.

"And we would most humbly submit for the approval of your Majesty that the officer selected for the appointment of Chaplain of Greenwich Hospital, being relieved from all duty at the school, should, in addition to his clerical duties at Greenwich Hospital, have the responsibility of advising us as to the selection, &c., of candidates to fill the position of Chaplain in your Majesty's Fleet, and that he should be styled "Chaplain of the Fleet" and be granted a salary of £650 per annum, inclusive of his half-pay, with £2 2s. per week for

lodging allowance. "The Lords Commissioners of your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal and we would humbly beg that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to authorize us to carry out this arrangement from the 11th August.

Her Majesty having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly,

C. L. Peel.

T the Court at Balmoral, the 23rd day of October, 1876.

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WHEREAS by an Act passed in the first session of Parliament holden in the first

T the Court at Balmoral, the 23rd day of , Majesty, intituled "An Act to abridge the holding " of benefices in plurality, and to make better " provision for the residence of the clergy," it is, amongst other things, enacted, "That whenever "it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Pro-"vince, 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 con-" tiguous to each other, and of which the aggregate " population. shall not exceed one thousand five "hundred persons, and the aggregate yearly value " shall not exceed five hundred pounds, 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 vicar-"ages respectively, is or are consenting thereto, " such consent being signified in writing under the " hands of such patron or patrons, the said Archbishop shall, six weeks before certifying such " inquiry and consent to Her Majesty, as herein-" after 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 six " 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 Her Majesty in Council, and thereupon it " shall be lawful for Her 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 it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council " to give directions for regulating the course and " succession in which the patrons, if there be more and second years of the reign of Her present " than one patron, shall present or nominate to