

“ 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, six weeks before certifying such inquiry and consent to Her Majesty, as hereinafter directed, cause a statement in writing of the facts 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 than one patron, shall present or nominate to such united benefice, from time to time, as the same shall become vacant.”

And whereas the Lord Archbishop of York pursuant to the provisions of the said Act, hath duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a certificate in writing, bearing date the fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“ To the QUEEN’s Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

“ The undersigned William by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of York Primate of England and Metropolitan doth hereby state that it having appeared to him that the rectory of Tunstall-in-Holderness and the rectory of Hilston both in the county and diocese of York might with advantage to the interests of religion be united into one benefice for ecclesiastical purposes under the Acts of Parliament of the first and second years of your Majesty’s reign chapter 106 and the thirteenth and fourteenth years of the same reign chapter 98 he made enquiries into the circumstances of the case and that on such enquiry it appeared to him that the said union might usefully be made and would not be of inconvenient extent and he therefore caused to be published as required by the said first-mentioned Act a statement in writing of the facts with notice to any person or persons interested to show cause in writing to the said Archbishop within the time prescribed by the said Act against the said union and that such time has expired without any cause having been shown to him wherefore the said Archbishop doth hereby pursuant to the said first-mentioned Act certify to your Majesty in Council that the circumstances of the case respecting the said union are as follows, that is to say—

“ That the said two benefices are contiguous.

“ That the aggregate population of the said two benefices according to the latest returns of population made under the authority of Parliament does not exceed one thousand five hundred persons the population of the said benefice of Tunstall-in-Holderness being one hundred and forty-four and

the population of the said benefice of Hilston being forty-two.

“ That the benefices when united will not be of inconvenient extent.

“ That there is a church belonging to each of the benefices sufficient for the accomodation of the inhabitants.

“ That the net yearly value of the said benefice of Tunstall-in-Holderness is one hundred and nine pounds and that of the said benefice of Hilston is eighty-one pounds.

“ That the said two benefices have for some years past been held together under a dispensation.

“ That there is a house convenient for the residence of the incumbent of the benefices when united.

“ That the patronage of or right of collation to the said benefice of Tunstall-in-Holderness is vested in us in right of our Archbishoprick and that the patronage of or right of presentation to the said benefice of Hilston is vested in Sir Tatton Sykes of Sledmere in the East Riding of the said county of York Baronet and he hath signified his consent to such union as aforesaid.

“ That the Reverend Charles Abbott is the incumbent of the said rectories of Tunstall-in-Holderness and Hilston and he hath consented to such union as aforesaid.

“ That it is proposed that if such union as aforesaid shall be effected the patronage of the united benefice of Tunstall-in-Holderness and Hilston so often as the same shall become vacant shall belong to and be exercised by the said Archbishop of York and his successors Archbishops of York for ever and the said Sir Tatton Sykes his heirs executors and administrators alternately and that on the first vacation of the said proposed united benefice the right of collation or presentation thereto for that turn shall belong to and be exercised by the said Archbishop or his successors Archbishops of York.

“ The said inquiry and consents are thus certified by the said Archbishop to the intent that your Majesty in Council may by virtue of the said Acts issue an Order if your Majesty shall so think fit for uniting the said benefices of Tunstall-in-Holderness and Hilston into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only.

“ As witness the hand of the said Archbishop this fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

“ W. Ebor.”

Now therefore Her Majesty in Council by and with advice of Her said Council is pleased to order, and doth hereby order that the said rectory of Tunstall-in-Holderness and the rectory of Hilston both in the county and diocese of York shall be united into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only. And Her Majesty in Council is pleased to give directions and declare that the course and succession in which the respective patrons for the time being shall present to the said benefice after the same shall be united into one benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows, that is to say:—The first presentation shall be made by the Lord Archbishop of York or his successor, Archbishop of York for the time being, and the next following presentation by Sir Tatton Sykes his heirs executors or administrators, and so on alternately for ever.

C. L. Peel.