

amongst other things, enacted, "That whenever it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, 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 contiguous 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 enquiry 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 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 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 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 Canterbury 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 twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty in the words following that is to say:—

"To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

"We the undersigned Archibald Campbell Lord Archbishop of the province of Canterbury Primate of all England and Metropolitan do hereby certify to your Majesty in Council.

"That the Honourable and Right Reverend John Thomas Lord Bishop of Norwich having represented unto us that the vicarage or perpetual curacy of Playford and the vicarage or perpetual curacy of Culpho both in the county of Suffolk and his Lordship's diocese of Norwich being contiguous to each other and of which the aggregate population does not exceed three hundred and nine persons might with advantage to the interests

of religion be united into one benefice we enquired into the circumstances of the case.

"That on such enquiry it appeared to us that such union might be usefully made and would not be of inconvenient extent and that the Most Honourable Frederick William John Hervey Marquis of Bristol being the patron or person entitled to present to the said vicarage or perpetual curacy of Playford if the same were now vacant and Brampton Gurdon of Letton Hall in the county of Norfolk Esquire being the patron or person entitled to present to the said vicarage or perpetual curacy of Culpho the same being now vacant have by writing under their respective hands signified their consent to the union of the said two benefices into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only and that the course and succession in which the respective patrons for the time being shall present or nominate to such united benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as herein after proposed.

"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 parish 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 Norwich our inquiry into the circumstances of the case the statement of circumstances in reply thereto the consent in writing of the 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 present or nominate to such united benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows that is to say the first turn or right to present or nominate shall be vested in the said Brampton Gurdon his heirs and assigns and the two next following turns in the said Marquis of Bristol his heirs and assigns and so on in like manner for ever the first turn or right to nominate out of every three turns being vested in the said Brampton Gurdon his heirs and assigns and the two next following turns being vested in the said Marquis of Bristol his heirs and assigns.

"As witness our hand this twenty-first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty. "A. C. Cantuar."

Now therefore Her Majesty in Council by and with the advice of Her said Council is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered that that the vicarage or perpetual curacy of Playford situate in the county of Suffolk and diocese of Norwich and the vicarage or perpetual curacy of Culpho situate in the same county and diocese shall be united into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only.

And Her Majesty in Council by and with the advice of Her said Council is pleased to direct that the course and succession in which the respective patrons for the time being shall present or