

Scawton situate in the county and diocese of York and the perpetual curacy of Cold Kirby situate in the same county and diocese shall be united into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only.

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AT the Court of *Windsor*, the 19th day of *July*, 1883.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the first session of 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," it is, 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 hereinafter 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 twelfth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, in the words following, that is to say:—

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

"We the undersigned Edward White 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 of Castleacre and the vicarage of Newton by Castleacre both in the county of Norfolk and diocese of Norwich being contiguous to each other and of which the aggregate population does not exceed one thousand four hundred and thirty persons 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 Right Honourable the Earl of Leicester K.G. being the patron or person entitled to present to the said vicarage of Castleacre if the same were now vacant and the said Lord Bishop being the patron or person entitled to collate to the said vicarage of Newton by Castleacre if the same were now vacant have signified their consents in writing to the union of the 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 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 consents in writing of the patrons and the copies of the representation and notice before mentioned are hereunto annexed.

"And we the said Archbishop 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 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 (that is to say) the right to present to the said united benefice for the first two turns shall be vested in the Right Honourable Thomas William Earl of Leicester his heirs and assigns and the next following turn or right to present shall be vested in the Honourable and Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Norwich and his successors and so on in like manner for ever the first two turns or right to present out of every three turns or right to present being vested in the said Earl of Leicester his heirs and assigns and the remaining turn or right to present out of every three turns or right to present being vested in the said Lord Bishop of Norwich and his successors.

"As witness our hand this twelfth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

"Edw. Cantuar."