

"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 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 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 third day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, in the words following, that is to say:—

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

"We the undersigned Edward White Archbishop of the province of Canterbury Primate of all England and Metropolitan do hereby certify to Your Majesty in Council.

"That the Right Reverend Richard Lord Bishop of Llandaff and the Right Reverend James Lord Bishop of Hereford having represented unto us that the rectory of Llanguna in the county of Monmouth and diocese of Llandaff and the rectory of Kentchurch in the county and diocese of Hereford being contiguous to each other and of which the aggregate population does not exceed four hundred and thirty-four 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 Edward Scudamore Lucas of Kentchurch Court in the county of Hereford Esquire is the patron or person entitled to present to the said rectory of Llanguna the same being now vacant and the

Right Honourable Farrer Baron Herschell Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain is the patron or person entitled on behalf of Your Majesty to present or nominate to the said rectory of Kentchurch if the same were now vacant and that they severally consent to the proposed union.

"That six weeks and upwards before certifying such enquiry and consent to Your Majesty in Council we caused a copy in writing of the aforesaid representation of the said Lords Bishops of Llandaff and Hereford 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 Lords Bishops of Llandaff and Hereford our enquiry 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 enquiry 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 and 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 first presentation shall be made by Edward Scudamore Lucas Esquire his heirs or assigns and the next two following presentations shall be made by the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain for the time being on behalf of Your Most Gracious Majesty the fourth presentation shall be made by the said Edward Scudamore Lucas his heirs or assigns and so on in the same manner so that the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain shall always have two successive turns of presentation and the said Edward Scudamore Lucas his heirs or assigns the next turn following and determining that the said benefices after the same shall be united shall be situate in the Archdeaconry of Hereford and diocese of Hereford and be under and subject to the jurisdiction of the Archdeacon and Bishop of Hereford respectively for the time being.

"As witness our hand this third day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six. "*Edw. Cantuar.*"

Now therefore Her Majesty in Council, by and with the advice of Her said Council is pleased to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the rectory of Llanguna, situate in the county of Monmouth and diocese of Llandaff, and the rectory of Kentchurch, situate in the county and diocese of Hereford, 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 further pleased to direct 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 first presentation shall be made by Edward Scudamore Lucas Esquire his heirs or assigns, and the next two following presentations shall be made by the Lord High Chancellor of