

and declare, and be it ordered and declared as follows:—

Acetylene when liquid or when subject to a pressure above that of the atmosphere capable of supporting a column of water exceeding one hundred inches in height and whether or not in admixture with other substances, shall be deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act, subject to the following exception; that if it be shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State that acetylene, declared to be explosive by this Order when in admixture with any substance, or in any form or condition, is not possessed of explosive properties, the Secretary of State may by Order exempt such acetylene from being deemed to be an explosive within the said Act.

And whereas by section forty-three of the Explosives Act, 1875, it is provided that Her Majesty from time to time by Order in Council, may prohibit, either absolutely or except in pursuance of a licence of the Secretary of State under the said Act, or may subject to conditions or restrictions the manufacture, keeping, importation from any place out of the United Kingdom, conveyance, and sale, or any of them, of any explosive which is of so dangerous a character that in the judgment of Her Majesty it is expedient for the public safety to make such Order.

And whereas it is in the judgment of Her Majesty expedient for the public safety that acetylene, when an explosive within the meaning of this Order, shall be prohibited.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the above-mentioned provision of this Act, Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order and prescribe that acetylene declared to be an explosive by this Order shall be prohibited from being manufactured, imported, kept, conveyed, or sold.

C. L. Peel.

**A**T the Court at Windsor, the 26th day of November, 1897.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by section sixteen of "The Pluralities Act 1838" as amended by "The Pluralities Act 1850" 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, 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 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 twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, in the words following, that is to say:—

"We the undersigned Frederick, Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan do hereby certify to Your Majesty in Council:

"That the Right Reverend John Lord Bishop of Norwich as Bishop of the diocese within which are situate the rectory of Rickingham Superior and the rectory of Rickingham Inferior both in the county of Suffolk having represented unto us that the said benefices being contiguous to each other and of which the aggregate population does not exceed one thousand five hundred persons may 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 is not of inconvenient extent and that George Holt Wilson of Redgrave Hall in the county of Suffolk Esquire being the patron or person entitled to present to the said rectory of Rickingham Superior which is now vacant and being also the patron or person entitled to present to the said rectory of Rickingham Inferior if the same were now vacant consents 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 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 enquiry into the circumstances of the case, the statement of circumstances in reply thereto, the consent in writing of the said patron 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."

Now therefore Her Majesty in Council by