

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 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 tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, 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 Saint Lawrence and the vicarage or perpetual curacy of Saint Gregory both in the city of Norwich having represented unto us that the said benefices being contiguous to each other and of which the aggregate population does not exceed fifteen 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 the Right Honour-

able the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain on behalf of the Crown being the patron or person entitled to present to the rectory of Saint Lawrence and the Very Reverend William Lefroy, D.D., Dean of the Cathedral Church of Norwich and the Chapter of the same church being the patrons or persons entitled to nominate to the vicarage or perpetual curacy of Saint Gregory respectively 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 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 sufficient 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 patrons and the copies of the representation and notices 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 for declaring that the right to present or nominate to the said benefices after the same shall be united into one benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall belong to and be vested in the Dean and Chapter of Norwich and their successors for the first out of every three turns and in the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain (on behalf of the Crown) and his successors for the two next following turns and so on in like manner for ever."

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 Saint Lawrence and the vicarage or perpetual curacy of Saint Gregory both being situate in the city and diocese of Norwich 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 order and direct 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 shall belong to and be vested in the Dean and Chapter of Norwich and their successors, and the next two following turns in the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain and his successors (on behalf of the Crown) and thereafter the said Dean and Chapter to have the first of every three turns and so on in like manner for ever.

A. W. FitzRoy.

At the Court at Windsor, the 26th day of November, 1900.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by "The Newcastle Chapter Act 1884" it is enacted that whenever from time to time before the foundation of a Dean and Chapter of Newcastle the Ecclesiastical Commis-