

"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 His Majesty in Council a certificate in writing, bearing date the fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, 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 James Stewart Lord Bishop of Worcester as Bishop of the diocese within which are situate the rectory of Morton Bagot and the rectory of Oldberrow both in the county of Warwick 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 usefully be made and is not of inconvenient extent and that the Reverend Samuel Peshall, M.A., being the patron or person entitled to present to the rectory of Oldberrow and Constance Peshall wife of the said Samuel Peshall the patroness or person entitled to present to the rectory of Morton Bagot 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 such cause has been shown.

"The representation of the said Lord Bishop of Worcester, 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 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 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 becomes vacant shall be as follows: the first and every alternate right to present to the said united benefice shall belong to and be exercised by the said Samuel Peshall his heirs and assigns and the second and every alternate right to present to the said united benefice after the union thereof shall belong to and be exercised by the said Constance Peshall her heirs and assigns.

"As witness our hand this fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

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Now, therefore, His Majesty in Council, by and with the advice of His said Council is pleased to order as it is hereby ordered that the rectory of Morton Bagot in the county of Warwick and diocese of Worcester and the rectory of Oldberrow in the same county and diocese shall be united into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only under the style or title of the united rectories of Oldberrow and Morton Bagot.

And His Majesty in Council by and with the advice of His 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 right of presentation shall be exercised alternately, the patron of Oldberrow having the first turn or right of presentation

*A. W. FitzRoy.*

AT the Court at Saint James's, the 25th day of March, 1901.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section twenty-six of "The Pluralities Act, 1838," after reciting that "Whereas in some instances tithings, hamlets, chapelries, and other places or districts may be separated from the parishes or mother churches to which they belong, with great advantage, and places altogether extra-parochial may in some instances with advantage be annexed to parishes or districts to which they are contiguous, or be constituted separate