

"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 His Majesty in Council a certificate in writing, bearing date the third day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

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

"That the Right Reverend Charles late Lord Bishop of Worcester as Bishop of the diocese within which are situate the rectory of Oxhill and the rectory of Whatcote 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 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 Henry Oldham Soutter, of number 19, Onslow-gardens, South Kensington, London, Esquire, the patron or person entitled to present to both the benefices (being rectories) of Oxhill and Whatcote, 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 Charles late 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 patron 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.

*"Randall Cantuar."*

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 Oxhill, situate in the county of Warwick and diocese of Worcester, and the rectory of Whatcote, situate in the same county and diocese, shall be united into one benefice with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only.

*A. W. FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 23rd day of *October*, 1905.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS 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 His 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 His Majesty in Council, and thereupon it shall be lawful for His 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 His 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 twelfth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, in the words following, that is to say:—

"We the undersigned Randall Thomas Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury Primate of All England and Metropolitan do hereby certify to Your Majesty in Council—

"That the Right Reverend Herbert Edward Lord Bishop of Winchester, as Bishop of the diocese within which are situate the rectory of Hartley Mauditt and the perpetual curacy of West Worldham, both in the county of Hants, having represented unto us that the said benefices being contiguous to each other and of which the aggregate population does not exceed one hundred and forty-two 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 Emily Plummer, Widow, the patron or person entitled to present to the benefice (being a rectory) of Hartley