

"That on such enquiry it appeared to us that such union might be usefully made and would not be of inconvenient extent and that the said Lord Bishop of Worcester being the Patron or person entitled to present to the said rectory of Saint Helen with Saint Alban (if the same were now vacant) and also to the said rectory of Saint Michael in Bedwardine (the same being now vacant) has consented 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 to 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 Worcester, our enquiry into the circumstances of the case, the statement of circumstances in reply thereto, the consent in writing of the said Lord Bishop as Patron of the said benefices 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 Saint Helen with Saint Alban, situate in the city and diocese of Worcester, and the rectory of Saint Michael in Bedwardine, situate in the same city 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 19th day of *October*, 1908.

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 parishes for ecclesiastical purposes," it is, amongst other things, enacted "That when with respect to his own diocese it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, or when the Bishop of any diocese shall represent to the said Archbishop that any such tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place or district within the diocese of such Archbishop, or the diocese of such Bishop, as the case may be, may be advantageously separated from any parish or mother church and either be constituted a separate benefice

"by itself or be united to any other parish to which it may be more conveniently annexed, or to any other adjoining tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place, or district, parochial or extra-parochial, so as to form a separate parish or benefice, or that any extra-parochial place may with advantage be annexed to any parish to which it is contiguous, or be constituted a separate parish for ecclesiastical purposes; and the said Archbishop or Bishop shall draw up a scheme in writing (the scheme of such Bishop to be transmitted to the said Archbishop for his consideration), describing the mode in which it appears to him that the alteration may best be effected, and how the changes consequent on such alteration in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction, glebe lands, tithes, rent charges, and other ecclesiastical dues, rates and payments, and in respect to patronage and rights to pews, may be made with justice to all parties interested; and if the patron or patrons of the benefice or benefices to be affected by such alteration shall consent in writing under his or their hands to such scheme, or to such modification thereof as the said Archbishop may approve, and the said Archbishop shall, on full consideration and inquiry, be satisfied with any such scheme, or modification thereof, and shall certify the same and such consent as aforesaid, by his report to His Majesty in Council, it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council to make an Order for carrying such scheme, or modification thereof, as the case may be, into effect; and such Order being registered in the registry of the diocese, which the registrar is hereby required to do, shall be forthwith binding on all persons whatsoever including the Incumbent or Incumbents of the benefice or benefices to be affected thereby, if he shall have consented thereto in writing under his or their hands, but if such Incumbent or Incumbents shall not have so consented thereto the Order shall not come into operation until the next avoidance of the benefice by the Incumbent objecting to the alteration, or by the surviving Incumbent objecting, if more than one shall object thereto, and in such case the Order shall forthwith, after such avoidance, become binding on all persons whatsoever."

And whereas the Right Reverend John Reginald, Lord Bishop of Rochester, hath, pursuant to the enactment aforesaid, represented in a writing dated the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eight, to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

"I John Reginald by Divine permission Bishop of Rochester do in pursuance of the twenty-sixth section of the Act of Parliament of the first and second years of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria chapter one hundred and six hereby represent to your Grace.

"1. There is in the county of Kent and my diocese of Rochester the rectory of Beckenham the parish whereof lies adjoining to the ecclesiastical parish of Bromley and contains according to the census of one thousand nine hundred and one a population of eleven thousand seven hundred and fifty.

"2. The net annual value of the benefice of Beckenham arising from tithe rentcharge dividends from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and other sources is five hundred and ten pounds.

"3. In the same county and diocese is the particular district of Saint Mary Shortlands which was constituted under the authority of an Instrument bearing date the third day of November one thousand eight hundred and