

churchings, and burials should be solemnized or performed at the said church of Saint Matthew, Pontypridd, situate as aforesaid, and that the fees to be received in respect of the publication of such banns and of the solemnization or performance of the said offices should be paid and belong to the Minister of the same church for the time being: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as expressing any intention on the part of us, the said Commissioners, to concur in or approve the taking of any fee for the performance of the said office of baptism or for the registration thereof.

"We, therefore, humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take the premises into Your Royal consideration, and to make such Order with respect thereto as to Your Majesty, in Your Royal wisdom, shall seem meet.

"The SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Representation has reference.

"The District Chapelry of Saint Matthew, Pontypridd, being:—

"All, that part of the new parish (sometime district chapelry) of Saint Catherine, Pontypridd, in the county of Glamorgan and in the diocese of Llandaff, which is bounded upon part of the north-west by the parish of Llanwonno, upon the north and upon the east by the parish of Eglwysilan, upon the south by the new parish of Glyntaff, all in the said county and diocese, and upon the remaining sides, that is to say, upon the west and upon the remaining part of the north-west, by an imaginary line commencing upon the boundary which divides the said new parish of Glyntaff from the said new parish of Saint Catherine, Pontypridd, at the centre of the bridge over the River Taff which connects Llanover-street with Bridge-street, and extending thence first northward and then north-eastward along the middle of the River Taff for a distance of forty-one chains and a half or thereabouts to the boundary which divides the said new parish of Saint Catherine, Pontypridd, from the said parish of Llanwonno."

And whereas the said representation has been approved by His Majesty in Council: now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said representation, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts; and His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said diocese of Llandaff.

A. W. FitzRoy.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of June, 1909.

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 twenty-fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, 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 Edgar, Lord Bishop of Saint Albans, as Bishop of the diocese within which are situate the united rectories of Great and Little Birch and the rectory of Layer Breton all in the county of Essex, 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 might with advantage to the interests of religion be united into one benefice, we inquired into the circumstances of the case.

"That on such inquiry it appeared to us that such union might be usefully made and would not be of inconvenient extent and that the said Lord Bishop, being the Patron or person entitled to present to the said united rectories of Great and Little Birch upon every two successive