

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 Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, 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 tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, in the words following:—

"We, 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 George Wyndham, Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, as Bishop of the diocese within which are situate the rectory of Seavington St. Michael and the perpetual curacy of Seavington St. Mary, both in the county of Somerset, having represented unto us that the said benefices are contiguous to each other, and of which the aggregate population does not exceed fifteen hundred persons, and the aggregate yearly value five hundred pounds, 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 Right Honourable William John Lydston, Earl Poulett, being the patron or person entitled to present to the rectory of Seavington St. Michael (the same being now vacant), and the Dean and Chapter of the cathedral church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Bristol, being the patrons or persons entitled to present to the perpetual curacy of Seavington St. Mary (if the same were now vacant), have consented to the proposed union.

"That six weeks and upwards before certifying such inquiry and consents 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, and no such cause has been shown.

"The Representation of the said Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, our inquiry into the circumstances of the case, the statement of circumstances in reply thereto, the consents 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 inquiry and consents 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 only.

"And we further recommend that the patronage of the said united benefice shall be vested in the said Right Honourable William John Lydston, Earl Poulett, and the said Dean and Chapter of the cathedral church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Bristol alternately, and that the first right of presentation after the said benefices shall come to be holden by the same Incumbent shall belong to the said Right Honourable William John Lydston, Earl Poulett, and his successors in title.

"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 Seavington Saint Michael, situate in the county of Somerset and diocese of Bath and Wells, and the perpetual curacy of Seavington Saint Mary, situate in the same county and diocese, shall be united into one benefice, with cure of souls for ecclesiastical purposes only.

And His Majesty in Council, by and with the advice of His said Council, is further pleased to direct that the course and succession in which the respective patrons for the time being shall present or nominate to the said benefices, after the same shall be united into one benefice, and come to be holden by the same Incumbent, 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 by the said Right Honourable William John Lydston, Earl Poulett, and his successors in title, and the said Dean and Chapter of the cathedral church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Bristol and their successors alternately, and the first turn or right of presentation shall belong to and be exercised by the said Right Honourable William John Lydston, Earl Poulett, and his successors in title.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 13th day of *June*, 1913.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section 21 of the Pluralities Act, 1838, after reciting that "Whereas from the increase of popula-