

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 Cosmo Gordon, Lord Archbishop of York, hath, pursuant to the provisions of the said Act, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Certificate in writing, bearing date the 20th day of April, in the year of Our Lord 1914, in the words and figures following:—

"The undersigned, Cosmo Gordon, Lord Archbishop of York, hereby states that it having appeared to him that the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of Thornton le Street and the Benefice (being a Vicarage) of North Otterington, with Thornton le Moor, and Thornton le Beans, both in the County and Diocese of York, might with advantage to the interests of religion be united into one Benefice for ecclesiastical purposes under the Acts of Parliament of the 1st and 2nd years of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 106, and of the 13th and 14th years of the same reign, Chapter 98, he made inquiries into the circumstances of the case, and that on such Inquiry it appeared to him that the said union might be usefully made, and that the said Benefices, if united, would not be of inconvenient extent, and that he therefore caused to be published as required by the said first-mentioned Act a statement in writing of the facts, with notice to any person or persons interested to show cause in writing within the time prescribed by the said Act against such Union, and that such time has expired without any reasonable cause having been shown to him. Wherefore the said Archbishop doth hereby, pursuant to the said first-mentioned Act, certify to Your Majesty in Council that the circumstances of the case respecting the said Union appeared on the before-mentioned Inquiry to be as follows:—

"That the said two Vicarages and Benefices are contiguous.

"That the aggregate population of the Parishes of the said two Benefices, according to the latest returns of population made under the authority of Parliament, does not exceed 707 persons, the population of Thornton le Street being 150, made up as follows:—

Thornton le Street	-	-	-	100
North Kilvington	-	-	-	50

and the population of North Otterington, with Thornton le Moor, and Thornton le Beans being 557, made up as follows:—

North Otterington	-	-	-	75
Thornton le Moor	-	-	-	285
Thornton le Beans	-	-	-	197

"That the net yearly value of the Benefice of Thornton le Street is £165 or thereabouts, and the net yearly value of the Benefice of North Otterington, with Thornton le Moor, and Thornton le Beans, is £200 or thereabouts, to

which there should be added a special endowment of £94 per year for the Stipend and provision of an Assistant Curate for the Parish of North Otterington.

"That there is one Church belonging to the Benefice of Thornton le Street, and three Churches belonging to the Benefice of North Otterington, with Thornton le Moor, and Thornton le Beans, sufficient for the accommodation of the Inhabitants of the Parishes of such United Benefice.

"That each of the said Benefices has a House of Residence, and, in case the proposed union of such Benefices shall be carried into effect, it is proposed that the Vicar of the United Benefice shall use the Parsonage House of the Benefice of Thornton le Street as the Parsonage House of the United Benefice, and that the Parsonage House of the Benefice of North Otterington, with Thornton le Moor, and Thornton le Beans, shall be assigned as the Residence House of the Assistant Curate.

"That the Patronage of the Benefice of Thornton le Street is vested in the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Christ in Oxford, and that of the Benefice of North Otterington, with Thornton le Moor, and Thornton le Beans, is vested in the Archbishop in right of his See, and they have signified their Consent to the Union hereinbefore proposed.

"That the Reverend Frank Hilton Jackson, Clerk, M.A., is the present Vicar of the said Vicarage and Benefice of Thornton le Street, and he is also a consenting party hereto.

"That the said Benefice of North Otterington, with Thornton le Moor, and Thornton le Beans, is now vacant.

"That if the proposed Union is carried into effect it is proposed that the Patronage or Right of Presentation to the said United Benefice of Thornton le Street, with North Otterington, Thornton le Moor, and Thornton le Beans, shall be vested jointly in the said Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford, and the said Archbishop, who shall exercise the Right of Patronage as follows:—On the occasion of the next vacancy which shall occur after the taking effect of this Scheme the said Archbishop and his Successors shall be entitled to exercise the Right of Presentation, and on the occasion of the second vacancy after the taking effect of this Scheme the Right of Presentation shall be exercised by the said Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford, and thereafter the said Archbishop and his Successors, and the said Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford, shall exercise the Right of Presentation to the said United Benefice alternately.

"That if the proposed Union be carried into effect the said United Benefice shall be known by the name of 'Thornton le Street, with North Otterington, Thornton le Moor, and Thornton le Beans.'

"The said Inquiry and Consents are thus certified by the said Archbishop to the intent that Your Majesty in Council may by virtue of the said Acts issue an Order, if Your Majesty in Council shall so think fit, for uniting the said Benefices of Thornton le Street, with North Otterington, Thornton le Moor, and Thornton le Beans, into one Benefice with Cure of Souls for ecclesiastical purposes only.

"Cosmo. EBOR."

Now, therefore, His Majesty in Council, by and with the advice of His said Council, is