

weeks, show cause in writing under his, her, or their hands to the said Archbishop against any such disunion, and, if no sufficient cause be shown within such time, the Archbishop shall certify the Inquiry and Consent, when the Patron's Consent is necessary, to His Majesty in Council, and thereupon it shall be lawful for His Majesty to issue an Order for separating such last-mentioned Benefice or Benefices from such United Benefice, and for declaring the rights of patronage of the several Patrons, if there be more than one Patron, and such Order shall be registered in the Registry of the Diocese to which such United Benefice shall belong, which Order the Registrar of such Diocese, immediately on the receipt thereof, is hereby required to register accordingly, and thereupon immediately, if such United Benefice shall be then vacant, otherwise on the first avoidance thereof, such union shall be, *ipso facto*, dissolved, so far only as regards such Benefice or Benefices so proposed to be separated from such United Benefice, but in all other respects shall remain in full force and effect, and thenceforward such last-mentioned Benefice or Benefices shall be, and be deemed and taken to be, a separate and distinct Benefice or Benefices to all intents and purposes whatever as if no such union had taken place, and the Patron or Patrons thereof shall and may according to the terms of such Order present or nominate thereto respectively, and so, from time to time, upon each and every avoidance of the same: Provided always, that no Benefices which have been united for more than sixty years before the passing of this Act shall be disunited without the Consent in writing of the Patron or Patrons thereof."

And whereas by Section 23 of the said Act it is further enacted that "Whenever two or more Benefices which have at any time been united into one Benefice shall be disunited and become separate Benefices under the provisions of this Act, whether the Order for disunion shall extend to the whole number of Benefices of which such United Benefice consisted, or to one or more of such Benefices only, it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council, on the recommendation of the Archbishop of the Province, with the Consent of the Patron or Patrons of such Benefices respectively, (such Consent to be signified in writing under the hands of such Patron or Patrons) to assign and attach such portion of the glebe lands, tithes, moduses, rent-charges or other endowments or emoluments belonging to or arising or accruing within the limits of such United Benefice to each of such Benefices respectively as to His Majesty in Council shall seem fit, notwithstanding such proportion of glebe lands, tithes, rent-charges, moduses, or other endowments or emoluments, or any part thereof, may not arise or accrue within the limits of the Benefice to which the same shall be so assigned and attached as aforesaid, or may not have belonged thereto, and also to divide and apportion between such Benefices all such charges and outgoings as before the disunion thereof were imposed upon the whole United Benefice."

And whereas the Right Reverend Archibald, Lord Bishop of Exeter, hath made a Representation in writing, dated the 3rd day of July, 1912, to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

"We, Archibald Lord Bishop of Exeter,

do hereby represent to your Grace that it appears to us that the disunion of the United Benefice of Knowstone with Molland, in the County of Devon, and our Diocese of Exeter, by the separation of the said Vicarage of Knowstone from the said Vicarage of Molland, may be made with advantage to the interests of religion.

"A. Exon."

And whereas, on the 11th day of July, 1912, the said Archbishop inquired into the circumstances of the case.

And whereas the said Bishop did, by a further Representation in writing, dated the 10th day of October, 1913, furnish the said Archbishop with a Statement of Circumstances as follows:—

"Whereas your Grace having inquired of me, Archibald, Lord Bishop of Exeter, what are the circumstances of the case on which I found my opinion that the disunion of the Vicarage of Knowstone with the Vicarage of Molland, in the County of Devon, and Diocese of Exeter, by the separation of the said Vicarage of Knowstone from the said Vicarage of Molland may be made with advantage to the interests of religion, I do hereby represent to your Grace that the circumstances of the case are as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That each of the said Parishes of Knowstone and Molland has its own Parish Church with accommodation for 245 and 250 persons respectively and that the population of the said Parishes was 343 and 397 respectively at the Census of 1901 and at the Census of 1911 the combined population was 722.

"2. That the distance between the two Parishes is five miles or thereabouts and they are separated by a very rough and hilly road.

"3. That there is a house of residence at Knowstone but no house of residence at Molland.

"4. That the Reverend Edward Henry Moscardi is the Incumbent of the said United Benefice, and he and Ethel Moscardi his wife are the Patrons thereof and they are consenting to the proposed disunion as appears by their consent hereunder written.

"5. That the gross Annual Income of the Parish of Knowstone is £369 derived from Tithe Rent Charge amounting to £301 as commuted and 55 acres of Glebe and there is a house of residence belonging to the said Vicarage.

"6. That the gross Annual Income of the Parish of Molland is £339 derived solely from Tithe Rent Charge commuted at £339 and there is no house of residence belonging thereto.

"7. That in addition to the above-mentioned Incomes of Knowstone and Molland there is at present payable to the Vicar of Knowstone with Molland under the trusts of the Will of one Thomas Clarke, dated 7th August, 1721, and a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated 6th May, 1892, the Sheaf Tithes of the Parish of Molland except West Molland Farm commuted at £99 13s. 2d. (hereinafter referred to as 'Clarke's Charity') towards defraying the Stipend of a Curate resident in the said Parish and duly licensed thereto by the Ordinary.

"8. That the First Fruits £26 10s. 10d. and Tenths £2 13s. 1d. now charged upon the united Vicarage of Knowstone with Molland shall be apportioned equally between the said Vicarage of Knowstone and Molland.