

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 1,500 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 Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, hath, pursuant to the provisions of the said Acts, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Certificate in writing, bearing date the 30th day of January, 1915, 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 Bertram, Lord Bishop of Norwich, as Bishop of the Diocese within which are situate the Rectory of Litcham, and the Vicarage of Kempston, both in the County of Norfolk, having represented unto us that the said Benefices, which are contiguous to each other, and of which the aggregate population does not exceed 1,500 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 Augustus Leverton Jessopp, being the Patron or person entitled to present to the Rectory of Litcham (if the same were now vacant), and

Colonel The Honourable Wenman Coke, being the Patron or person entitled to present to the vicarage of Kempston (the same being 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, against such Union, and no such cause has been shown:

"The Representation of the said Lord Bishop of Norwich, 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, and for declaring that the course and succession in which the respective Patrons for the time being shall present 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 first and second turns of every set of three turns of the right to present or nominate shall belong to and be exercised by the said Augustus Leverton Jessopp, his heirs and assigns, and the third turn of every such set of three turns shall belong to and be exercised by the said Colonel The Honourable Wenman Coke, his heirs and assigns, and so on in like order and succession.

"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 Litcham, situate in the County of Norfolk, and Diocese of Norwich, and the Vicarage of Kempston, 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 first and second turns of every set of three turns of the right to present or nominate shall belong to, and be exercised by, the said Augustus Leverton Jessopp, his heirs and assigns, and the third turn of every set of three turns shall belong to, and be exercised by, Colonel the Honourable Wenman Coke, his heirs and assigns, and so on in the like order and succession.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*