

to time as the same shall become vacant, shall belong to and be vested in the said Right Honourable Robert Bannatyne, Lord Finlay, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and his Successors, and the said Right Honourable Charles Alfred Worsley, Earl of Yarborough, his Heirs and Assigns, alternately, and that the first right of presentation to the said United Benefice shall belong to and be exercised by the said Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain.

“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 Croxton, situate in the County and Diocese of Lincoln, and the Vicarage of Kirmington, 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 belong to and be vested in the said Right Honourable Robert Bannatyne, Lord Finlay, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and his Successors, and the said Right Honourable Charles Alfred Worsley, Earl of Yarborough, his Heirs and Assigns, alternately—the first right of presentation to the said United Benefice being vested in the said Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 8th day of *November*, 1918.

PRESENT,

The KING'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 16 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 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 6 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 whereas the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, pursuant to the provisions of the said Acts, hath duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Certificate in writing, bearing date the 7th day of March, 1918, 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 Melton Constable, and the Rectory of Swanton Novers, both in the County of Norfolk, having represented unto us that the said Benefices, being 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 the Right Honourable Albert Edward Delaval, Lord Hastings, being the Patron or person entitled to present to the said Rectory of Melton Constable, and also the said Rectory of Swanton Novers, has consented to the proposed Union:

“That 6 weeks and upwards before certifying such Inquiry and Consent 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 6 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 Consent in writing of the said Patron, and the copies of the Representation and Notices before mentioned, are hereunto annexed:

“And we do hereby certify the Inquiry and Consent aforesaid to Your Majesty in Council, to the intent that Your Majesty in Council