

"That pursuant to the directions contained in the said Pluralities Act the said Lord Bishop has drawn up a Scheme in writing describing the mode in which it appears to him that the proposed alterations may best be effected, and how the changes consequent upon such alterations in respect of Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Glebe Lands, Tithe Rent Charges, and other Ecclesiastical Dues, Rates and Payments, and in respect to Patronage and Rights to Pews may be made with justice to all parties interested, which Scheme, together with the Consents in writing of myself, being the Patron or person entitled to present to the said Benefice of Kings Langley, the Reverend John Parker Haythornthwaite, the Incumbent of the said Benefice, the said Edgar, Lord Bishop of St. Albans, the Patron or person entitled to present to the said Benefice of Abbots Langley, and the Reverend Arthur Henry Parnell, the Incumbent of the said Benefice, has been transmitted to Us for Our consideration:

"The Representation and Scheme of the said Lord Bishop and the Consents above referred to are hereunto annexed:

"And we, the said Archbishop, being, on full consideration and enquiry, satisfied with the said Scheme do hereby, pursuant to the said Pluralities Act, certify the same and such Consents as 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 carrying the said Scheme into effect."

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 said Scheme be carried into effect.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 18th day of *August*, 1919.

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 one thousand five hundred 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 signi-

fied 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, 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 11th day of November, 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 William Lord Bishop of Exeter, as Bishop of the Diocese within which are situate the Benefice of East Worlington and the Benefice of West Worlington, both in the County of Devon, 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, might, with advantage to the interests of religion, be united into one Benefice, we enquired into the circumstances of the case:

"That on such Enquiry it appeared to us that such Union might be usefully made, and would not be of inconvenient extent, and that The Right Honourable Beatrice Mary Countess of Portsmouth being the Patron or person entitled to present to the Benefice of East Worlington, and Hugh Nicholas Granville Stucley, being the Patron or person entitled to present to the Benefice of West Worlington, have consented to the proposed Union:

"That six weeks and upwards before certifying such Enquiry 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 shew 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 shewn:

"The Representation of the said Lord Bishop of Exeter, our Enquiry into the cir-