

one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, in the words and figures following, that is to say:

“ We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of your Majesty's reign, intituled “ An Act to carry into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical “ Duties and Revenues,” have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme, for uniting the two medieties of the rectory of Claypole, in the diocese of Lincoln.

“ Whereas it is by the said recited Act enacted, that, with respect to any parish in which both the profits and the spiritual charge are divided between two or more incumbents, each having a mediety or portion of the benefice, a plan or plans may be framed by the bishop of the diocese, with the consent of the patron or patrons, and so as not to prejudice the interests of any existing incumbent, for constituting any of such portions separate benefices, or for consolidating two or more of such portions into one benefice to be held by one incumbent, or for making such other arrangements as he may judge likely to promote the efficient discharge of pastoral duties in such parishes; and any such plan may be carried into effect by the authority hereinafter provided;

“ And whereas the Right Rev. John Bishop of Lincoln, by virtue of the said recited provisions, has duly prepared and submitted to us a plan in the words and figures following, that is to say;

“ Whereas by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held the third and fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled “ An Act to carry into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues,” it is enacted, that with respect to any parish in which both the profits and the spiritual charge are divided between two or more incumbents, each having a mediety or portion of the benefice, a plan or plans may be framed by the bishop of the diocese, with the consent of the patron or patrons, and so as not to prejudice the interests of any existing incumbent for constituting any of such portions separate benefices, or for consolidating two or more of such portions into one benefice to be held by one incumbent, or for making

such other arrangements as he may judge likely to promote the efficient discharge of pastoral duties in such parishes, and any such plan may be carried into effect by the authority therein provided; and whereas the parish of Claypole, in the diocese and archdeaconry of Lincoln, is a rectory with cure of souls, and consists of two medieties, one called the North Mediety, and the other called the South Mediety, both of which are in the patronage of John Pemberton Plumtre, of Tredville, in the county of Kent, Esquire, and have hitherto usually been held by different incumbents, and are now so held; and whereas it appears to me to be expedient, and likely to promote the efficient discharge of the pastoral duties in the said parish of Claypole, that the said medieties should be united and form one benefice; I, John Bishop, of Lincoln, with the consent of the said John Pemberton Plumtre, testified by his having signed and sealed this plan, do hereby recommend and propose, that when either of the said two medieties shall become vacant, if the rector of the other mediety shall be presented and inducted thereto, the said two medieties shall forthwith, after such induction, become and be permanently united, and shall form one benefice to all intents and purposes, and shall for ever thereafter be held by one incumbent, but if the spiritual person presented to the mediety so first becoming vacant, shall be other than the then rector of the other mediety, he shall take the same, subject to the provision hereinafter contained, and every future incumbent thereof shall take the same subject to the same provision, that is to say; that upon the vacancy of the second mediety, the then rector of the first mediety shall forthwith, without any presentation, institution, induction or other proceeding whatsoever, become and be rector of both the said two medieties, and the same shall forthwith become and be permanently united, and shall form one benefice to all intents and purposes, and shall for ever thereafter be held by one incumbent.

*J. Lincoln.* (L.S.)

“ This plan was signed and sealed by the above-named John Pemberton Plumtre this fifteenth day of March 1842, in the presence of

*John Pemberton Plumtre.* (L.S.)

*Robert John Ramsden, Lincoln-inn.*

“ And whereas the arrangement proposed in the said plan appears to us likely to promote the efficient discharge of the pastoral duties of the said parish of