

of patronage and rights to pews, may be made with justice to all parties interested; and the said Archbishop being on full consideration and enquiry satisfied with such scheme, he doth, by this report to your Majesty in Council, certify the same to your Majesty, together with the consents in writing to the said scheme of the patron and incumbent of the benefice to be affected, to the intent that your Majesty in Council, in case it should be thought expedient and proper so to do, may make an order for carrying such scheme into effect."

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in Council, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that such scheme shall be carried into effect.

*Edmund Harrison.*

AT the Court at Windsor, the 5th day of May, 1873.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the first session of the Parliament holden in the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to abridge the holding of benefices in plurality, and to make better provision for the residence of the clergy," after reciting that "Whereas, in some instances, tithings, hamlets, chapelries, and other places or districts may be separated from the parishes or mother churches to which they belong, with great advantage, and places altogether extra-parochial may in some instances with advantage be annexed to parishes or districts to which they are contiguous, or be constituted separate parishes for ecclesiastical purposes," it is, amongst other things, enacted "That when, with respect to his own diocese, it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, or when the bishop of any diocese shall represent to the said archbishop that any such tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place or district within the diocese of such archbishop, or the diocese of such bishop, as the case may be, may be advantageously separated from any parish or mother church, and either be constituted a separate benefice by itself or be united to any other parish to which it may be more conveniently annexed, or to any other adjoining tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place, or district, parochial or extra-parochial, so as to form a separate parish or benefice, or that any extra-parochial place may with advantage be annexed to any parish to which it is contiguous, or be constituted a separate parish for ecclesiastical purposes; and the said archbishop or bishop shall draw up a scheme in writing (the scheme of such bishop to be transmitted to the said archbishop for his consideration), describing the mode in which it appears to him that the alteration may best be effected, and how the changes consequent on such alteration in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction, glebe lands, tithes, 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; and if the patron or patrons of the benefice or benefices to be affected by such alteration shall consent in writing under his or their hands to such scheme, or to such

modification thereof as the said archbishop may approve, and the said archbishop shall, on full consideration and inquiry, be satisfied with any such scheme, or modification thereof, and shall certify the same and such consent as aforesaid, by his report to Her Majesty in Council, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council to make an Order for carrying such scheme, or modification thereof, as the case may be, into effect."

And whereas by another Act of Parliament, passed in the second and third years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to make better provision for the assignment of ecclesiastical districts to churches or chapels augmented by the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne; and for other purposes," it is, amongst other things, further enacted, "That when, by any Order of Her Majesty in Council as aforesaid, a separate parish for ecclesiastical purposes is constituted, the same shall, on registration thereof, and with the consent in writing of the incumbent or incumbents of the benefice or benefices to be thereby affected, become a perpetual curacy and benefice, and the minister thereof, duly nominated and licensed thereto, and his successors, shall be a body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession, and may receive and take to himself and his successors all such lands, tenements, tithes, rent-charges and hereditaments as shall be granted unto him or them, and such perpetual curate shall thenceforth have, within the limits of the district parish formed under the Church Building Acts, for the church of such perpetual curacy, sole and exclusive cure of souls, and shall not in anywise be subject to the control or interference of the incumbent or incumbents of the benefice or benefices to be affected by such Order, if he or they shall have consented to such Order as aforesaid; but if such incumbent or incumbents shall not have so consented thereto, this last-mentioned provision shall not come into operation until the next avoidance of the benefice by the incumbent objecting thereto, or by the surviving incumbent objecting, if more than one shall object thereto, and in such case the last-mentioned provision shall forthwith after such avoidance come into operation, and shall be binding on all persons whatsoever."

And whereas the Right Reverend George, Lord Bishop of Sarum, hath by a representation, under his hand, dated the twenty-second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, represented unto the Archbishop of Canterbury, in the words and figures following (that is to say):

"To the Most Reverend Archibald Campbell, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

"We, the Right Reverend George, Lord Bishop of Sarum, do hereby represent to your grace that to the vicarage and parish church of Melksham, in the county of Wilts and our diocese of Sarum, belong two ancient parochial chapelries, known by the respective names of Seend and Erlestoke the limits and boundaries whereof respectively are well known and defined.

"That, according to the last census, the population of the parish of Melksham is three thousand six hundred and eighty-three, of the chapelry of Seend one thousand and seventeen, and of the chapelry of Erlestoke three hundred and forty-three.

"That there is in each of the said parochial chapelries of Seend and Erlestoke a church or