

And whereas the Lord Bishop of Lincoln hath made a representation to his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and hath drawn up a scheme, in writing, bearing date the seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and hath transmitted the said scheme to his said Grace, such representation and scheme, with the consent, in writing, of the said Bishop of Lincoln and the Reverend G. Harpur, Clerk, vicar of the vicarage of North Clifton, being in the words and figures following:—

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

“I, the Right Reverend Christopher, Lord Bishop of Lincoln, do hereby represent to your Grace that there is in the county of Nottingham, and diocese of Lincoln, the vicarage and parish church of North Clifton, to which belongs, amongst other places, the ancient parochial chapelry of Harby, the boundaries whereof are well known and defined.

“That the population of the parish of North Clifton, according to the census of 1871, exclusive of the said chapelry of Harby, amounts to 549 persons.

“That there is one church in the parish of North Clifton, affording accommodation for 280 persons or thereabouts.

“That the parish church of North Clifton is distant from the chapel of Harby about five miles.

“That the annual value of the said vicarage of North Clifton, after deducting a permanent drainage rate, and exclusive of a grant from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England of £120 per annum, as a stipend for a curate, is £286 4s. 2d.; arising from land, £221 14s. 4d.; tithe rent charge, £21 19s. 10d.; reserved rent, £22; and a grant of £20 10s. from the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England.

“That the said vicarage of North Clifton is in my patronage by virtue of my bishoprick.

“That the population of the said chapelry of Harby, according to the census of 1871, amounts to 370 persons.

“That there is one chapel or church in the said chapelry of Harby affording accommodation for about 150 persons, and that the sum of £1,800 has been contributed for the rebuilding of the same.

“That the said chapelry of Harby is treated as a separate parish for all civil purposes, and baptisms and churchings have been from time immemorial, and are now, solemnized in the chapel of the said chapelry. That since the 8th day of March, 1867, marriages have been solemnized in the chapel of the said chapelry, under a licence granted by the then Lord Bishop of Lincoln, under the provisions of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the 6th and 7th years of his late Majesty King William the Fourth, chapter 85, intituled “An Act for Marriages in England.” That the inhabitants of the said chapelry have from time immemorial buried their dead in the burial ground surrounding the said chapel, situate in the said chapelry.

“That there is in the county of Lincoln, and within the said diocese of Lincoln, and contiguous and adjoining to the said chapelry of Harby, an extra-parochial place, known by the name of Swinethorpe.

“That the population of the said extra-parochial place of Swinethorpe, according to the census of 1871, amounts to 56 persons.

“That there is no church or chapel within the limits of the said extra-parochial place.

“That the inhabitants thereof have no right to any pew or sitting in any church or chapel.

“That it appears to me, that the said chapelry of Harby, may, under the provisions of the Acts of the first and second years of Her present Majesty, chapter 106, and the second and third years of Her said Majesty, chapter 49, be advantageously separated from the said parish and parish church of North Clifton, and that the said chapelry of Harby, and the said extra-parochial place called Swinethorpe, may be advantageously united together and constituted a separate and distinct parish or benefice for ecclesiastical purposes.

“That if the said chapelry of Harby be separated from the said vicarage of North Clifton, and with the said extra-parochial place called Swinethorpe, constituted a separate benefice by the name and style of the perpetual curacy of Harby with Swinethorpe, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have decided to secure to the said perpetual curacy, as from the date of the Order in Council constituting the same, the grant of £120 per annum, which they now make towards the stipend of a curate for the parish of North Clifton with Harby. They also propose to annex to the new cure, a house and eight acres of land, adjoining the said chapel at Harby, which they have before proposed to make over to the said vicarage of North Clifton, and which may be taken as representing an income of £22 10s. per annum, and to make a further grant of £58 per annum, in augmentation of the income of the new benefice, thus raising the total income of the new benefice to £200 per annum. As by the foregoing arrangement, the house and eight acres of land, which it was previously proposed should be annexed to the vicarage of North Clifton, will be made over to Harby, the said Commissioners, will, when the formation of Harby into a separate benefice shall have been completed, secure to the said vicarage of North Clifton, a further grant of £22 10s. per annum.

“That pursuant to the direction contained in the 26th section of the said first-mentioned Act of Parliament, I, the said Lord Bishop, have drawn up a scheme, in writing, appended to this representation, describing the mode in which it appears to me that the alterations above proposed may be best effected, and how the changes consequent on such alteration, in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction, dues, rates, and payments, and in respect to patronage and rights to pews may be made with justice to all parties interested. And I do submit the same to your Grace, together with the consent, in writing, of me, the said Christopher, Lord Bishop, of Lincoln, the patron in right of my said bishoprick of the said vicarage of North Clifton, and of the Reverend George Harpur, Clerk, the vicar of the said vicarage of North Clifton, to the intent that your Grace may, if on full consideration and enquiry, you shall be satisfied with the said scheme, certify the same, and such consent to Her Majesty in Council.

“Scheme.

“That the chapelry of Harby be separated from the said vicarage and parish church of North Clifton aforesaid, and that the said chapelry of Harby, and that the said extra-parochial place called Swinethorpe, be united together and be constituted a separate and distinct benefice for all ecclesiastical purposes, by the name or style of the perpetual curacy of Harby with Swinethorpe, of which the said chapel in the said chapelry of Harby shall be the parish church and be and