

Providence, contribute to the welfare and prosperity of my people.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read; after which the Lord Chancellor said:

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in Her Majesty's name, and in obedience to Her commands, prorogue this Parliament to Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of November next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of November next.

**A**T the Court at *Balmoral*, the 6th day of *September*, 1880.

PRESENT.

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS 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, chapeltries, 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, chapeltry, 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, chapeltry, 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 enquiry, 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," after reciting the provisions hereinbefore recited, it is, amongst other things, further enacted, "That any such scheme or modification may be drawn up according to the regulations and directions in such Act contained, subject to the consent, in writing, of the patron or patrons of the benefice or benefices to be affected thereby, under his or their hands, notwithstanding the vacancy of such benefice or benefices, and it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council thereupon to make an Order for carrying such scheme or modification thereof, as the case may be, into effect, and such Order being registered in the registry of the diocese, as directed by the said Act, shall come into operation, and shall be forthwith binding on all persons whatsoever, notwithstanding such vacancy or vacancies."

And whereas the Lord Bishop of Exeter hath made a representation in writing to his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury in the words and figures following that is to say:—

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

"I the Right Reverend Frederick Lord Bishop of Exeter do hereby represent to your Grace as follows:—

"1. There is in the county of Devon and my diocese of Exeter the parish of Brentor which is a vicarage in the patronage of the Most Noble Francis Charles Hastings Duke of Bedford and is now vacant.

"2. The said parish which is shown on the map hereto annexed and is thereon coloured blue has its own church and by the census of 1871 had a population of 120 persons.

"3. The gross annual income of the said vicarage is £66 14s. 10d. or thereabouts and there is no residence house belonging thereto.

"4. The parish of Brentor adjoins and intersects the parish of Lamerton in the county and diocese aforesaid and separates that portion of the parish of Lamerton which is coloured pink on the said map (hereinafter referred to as 'the District of North Brentor') from the other portion of the same parish which is thereon coloured green. The district of North Brentor has well known and defined boundaries.

"5. The population of the parish of Lamerton aforesaid was by the said census 1333 persons and that part of the same parish which constitutes the district of North Brentor is estimated to contain a population of about 300 persons.

"6. The parish of Lamerton has its own parish church and there is also within that portion of the same parish which is herein called the district of North Brentor a chapel of ease to the same parish church for the accommodation of persons residing within that district together with a house of residence for the minister of such chapel and the said chapel has also a separate endowment which amounts annually to £71 19s. 0d. or thereabouts.

"7. The gross annual value of the vicarage of Lamerton aforesaid is £460 arising partly from rent-charges in lieu of tithes partly from glebe and partly from surplice fees and of such annual