

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 such Order, being registered in the registry of the diocese, which the Registrar is hereby required to do, shall be forthwith binding on all persons whatsoever, including the Incumbent or Incumbents of the benefice or benefices to be affected thereby, if he or they shall have consented thereto in writing under his or their hands."

And whereas the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells 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 Honourable and Right Reverend Arthur Charles Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells do hereby represent to your Grace that there are in the county of Somerset and my diocese of Bath and Wells the vicarage and parish church of Kilton and the vicarage and parish church of Stogursey with the chapelry of Lilstock annexed the boundaries of which chapelry are well known and defined.

"That the annual income of the said benefice of Kilton is about one hundred and ninety-five

pounds and according to the last census the population thereof was 136 and is now about that number.

"That the annual income of the said benefice of Stogursey with Lilstock is about three hundred and fifteen pounds and according to the last census the population of Stogursey was 1489 and the population of Lilstock was 74 and the population of the last-mentioned places respectively are now about the same as at the date of the late census.

"That the chapelry of Lilstock contains about 714 acres.

"That there is in the said chapelry of Lilstock a church or chapel distant from the parish church of Stogursey about three miles or thereabouts in which church or chapel Divine service is performed by the incumbent of Stogursey or his curate.

"That baptisms marriages churchings and burials have been from time immemorial and are now solemnized and performed in the church or chapel of the said chapelry and in the burial-ground belonging thereto.

"That the said chapelry of Lilstock is contiguous to the said parish of Kilton and the church or chapel of the said chapelry is about half a mile from the church of Kilton and about three miles from the parish church of Stogursey.

"That the patronage of the said vicarage and parish church of Kilton belongs to me in right of my bishoprick and the Reverend Samuel Shedden is the incumbent of the said vicarage and parish church and the patronage of the vicarage of Stogursey with Lilstock belongs to the Provost of the College Royal of the Blessed Mary of Eton near unto Windsor in the county of Bucks and the Fellows of the same College and the Reverend Frederick Meade King is the incumbent of such last-mentioned benefice.

"That it appears to me that under the provisions of the Act of Parliament of the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty chapter 106 the said chapelry of Lilstock may be advantageously separated from the said vicarage and parish church of Stogursey and be united and annexed to the said vicarage and parish of Kilton for ecclesiastical purposes.

"That pursuant to the directions contained in the twenty-sixth section of the said Act I have prepared the following scheme which together with the consents thereto in writing of the patrons and incumbents of the said vicarages of Kilton and Stogursey with Lilstock I do submit to your Grace to the intent that your Grace may if on full consideration and enquiry you shall be satisfied with such scheme certify the same and such consents by your report to Her Majesty in Council."

And whereas the scheme and consents referred to in the said representation are as follows:—

"The SCHEME above referred to.

"That the said chapelry of Lilstock shall be separated from the said vicarage and parish church of Stogursey and be united and annexed to the parish of Kilton aforesaid for ecclesiastical purposes.

"That the said chapelry shall be subject to the same ecclesiastical jurisdiction as the said vicarage of Kilton and the incumbent of Kilton shall have the exclusive cure of souls within the limits of the said chapelry.

"That the following lands and tithe rent-charges or payments in lieu of tithes now belonging to the said vicarage of Stogursey with Lilstock shall henceforth be transferred to the said vicarage of Kilton and shall for ever hereafter belong be paid to and be received and recoverable by the