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At the Court at Windsor, the 29th day of June, 1882.

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 modifica-

tion 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 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; but if such Incumbent or Incumbents shall not have so consented thereto, the Order shall not come into operation until the next avoidance of the benefice by the Incumbent objecting to the alteration, or by the surviving Incumbent objecting, if more than one shall object thereto, and in such case the Order shall forthwith after such avoidance become binding on all persons whatsoever."

And whereas the Lord Bishop of Hereford 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 Right Honourable and Most Reverend Archibald Campbell by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury.

"We the Right Reverend James Lord Bishop of Hereford do hereby represent to your Grace as follows:—

"1. That within the county of Hereford and our diocese of Hereford are the vicarage and parish church of Bromyard the parish whereof comprises amongst other places the township of Winslow and the portion of the parish known and hereafter referred to as Rowden and Munderfield Harold.

"2. That within the same county and our diocese are the vicarage and parish church of Avenbury the parish whereof comprises amongst other places the portion of the parish known and hereinafter referred to as Strawberry Hill and other detached portions of the said parish numbered respectively 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 in the tithe apportionment of the said parish of Avenbury.

"3. That the population of the parish of Bromyard including the township of Winslow is 2,978,