

Great Britain, for the time being, on behalf of Her Majesty; the fourth presentation shall be made by the said Edward Scudamore Lucas his heirs or assigns, and so on in the same manner so that the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain shall always have two successive turns of presentation, and the said Edward Scudamore Lucas, his heirs or assigns, the next turn following.

And Her Majesty in Council, by and with the advice aforesaid, is also pleased to order and determine that such united benefice shall belong to the diocese of Hereford.

C. L. Peel.

At the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 3rd day of August, 1886.

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."

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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, enacted "That any such scheme or modification as aforesaid may be drawn up according to the regulations and directions in the hereinbefore-recited 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 hereinbefore-recited Act, shall come into operation, and shall be forthwith binding on all persons whatsoever, notwithstanding such vacancy or vacancies."

And whereas by the said last-recited Act 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 controul 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."

And whereas Edward Harold, Lord Bishop of Winchester, hath represented in a writing, dated the seventeenth of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, to the Right Honourable Edward White, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

"To the Most Reverend Edward White Lord Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury.

"I the Right Reverend Edward Harold Bishop of Winchester do hereby represent to your Grace that to the benefice (being a rectory) and parish church of Buriton in the county of Southampton and my diocese of Winchester belong the ancient parochial chapelry of Petersfield which contains the district or place of Sheet and the tithings of Lower Weston and Lower Nursted the limits and boundaries whereof respectively are well known and defined.

"That according to the last census the population of the parish of Buriton exclusive of the said chapelry district or place and tithings is eight hundred and fifty-three and the population of the said chapelry of Petersfield inclusive of the said district or place of Sheet is two thousand two hundred and ninety-four and the population of the said tithings of Lower Weston and Lower Nursted is three hundred.