

“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; 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 Right Reverend Richard, Lord Bishop of Llandaff, hath represented in a writing dated the twentieth day of June one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Edward White, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

“To the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Edward White by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of Canterbury Primate of All England and Metropolitan.

“We Richard Bishop of Llandaff in pursuance of the twenty-sixth section of ‘The Pluralities Act 1838’ (one and two Victoria chapter one hundred and six) do hereby represent to your Grace as follows:—

“1. There is in the county of Monmouth and diocese of Llandaff the benefice or rectory of Llanhilleth the parish whereof contains a population of about four thousand. The net annual value of the said benefice of Llanhilleth arising from all sources is two hundred and sixty pounds or thereabouts.

“2. There is in the same county of Monmouth and diocese of Llandaff the benefice or perpetual curacy of Penmaen the parish or district whereof contains a population of eleven thousand or thereabouts the net annual value of the said benefice of Penmaen arising from all sources is two hundred and eighty pounds or thereabouts.

“3. There is also in the same county of Monmouth and diocese of Llandaff the benefice or perpetual curacy of Saint Michael Abertillery the

parish or district whereof contains a population of thirteen thousand or thereabouts. The net annual value of the said benefice of Saint Michael Abertillery arising from all sources is two hundred pounds or thereabouts.

“4. A certain part coloured green on the plan hereto annexed of the district called Crumlin which is situate within the said parish of Llanhilleth and which contains a population of about two hundred and fifty persons which lies contiguous to the said parish of Penmaen (the other portion of such district of Crumlin being already in the same parish of Penmaen) may from its geographical position as well as the fact that these mountain villages are sometimes included in two and sometimes three parishes be with great advantage to the religious interests of the population resident there separated from the said parish of Llanhilleth and annexed to the said parish of Penmaen.

“5. That a certain district called Aberbeeg with a population containing about one thousand persons is situate in the said parishes of Llanhilleth Penmaen and Abertillery. Those portions thereof which lie within the said parishes of Abertillery and Penmaen being coloured respectively blue and red upon the said plan such district of Aberbeeg is situated between the two hamlets called Six Bells and Llanhilleth and is about two miles from Abertillery the latter being a compact town with a population of about thirteen thousand persons higher up the valley and is also about three miles distant from the parish church of Penmaen but only one mile distant from the parish church of Llanhilleth and therefore such portions of the district of Aberbeeg could with great advantage to the religious interests of the population resident within such portions of the said district of Aberbeeg be separated from the said parishes of Abertillery and Penmaen and annexed to the said parish of Llanhilleth.

“6. It appears to us the said Bishop of Llandaff and we do hereby represent to your Grace that under the provisions of the Pluralities Acts 1838 and 1887 the several places or districts hereinbefore referred to may be advantageously separated from the parishes to which the same now severally belong and be severally annexed to the parishes as follows:—

“(a.) That portion or district of the parish of Llanhilleth hereinbefore distinguished and called by the name of Crumlin (coloured green on the plan) to be annexed to the parish of Penmaen.

“(b.) The portions of the parishes of Abertillery and Penmaen hereinbefore described as forming part of the district of Aberbeeg (and coloured respectively blue and red on the plan) to be annexed to the parish of Llanhilleth.

“7. The Most Honourable the Marquess of Abergavenny K.G. is the patron of the benefice of Llanhilleth. The Crown and we the said Bishop of Llandaff alternately are the patrons of the benefice of Penmaen and the Reverend Howell Howell Clerk Rector of Abertillery in the county of Monmouth is the patron of the benefice of Saint Michael Abertillery.

“8. The Reverend Daniel Felix Clerk is the present incumbent of the benefice or rectory of Llanhilleth the Reverend David Gower Clerk is the present incumbent of the benefice or perpetual curacy of Penmaen and the Reverend Hiram Smyth Rees Clerk is the present incumbent of the benefice or perpetual curacy of Saint Michael Abertillery.

“Pursuant to the directions contained in the twenty-sixth section of ‘The Pluralities Act 1838,’ we the said Bishop of Llandaff have drawn