

"bishop 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 His Majesty in Council, it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council to make an Order for carrying such scheme, or modification thereof, as the case may be, into effect."

And whereas the Right Reverend Francis, Lord Bishop of Oxford, hath pursuant to the enactment aforesaid, represented to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

"I, Francis, by Divine permission Bishop of Oxford, do in pursuance of the twenty-sixth section, of the Pluralities Act 1838, hereby represent to your Grace as follows:

"1. There is in the county of Berks and my diocese of Oxford the vicarage of Wantage the parish whereof contains a population of four thousand. The net annual value of the said benefice is three hundred and fifty-seven pounds or thereabouts.

"2. There is also in the said county and diocese the rectory of East Lockinge the parish whereof contains a population of three hundred and ten. The net annual value of this benefice is three hundred and sixteen pounds or thereabouts.

"3. A certain portion or district of the said parish of Wantage comprising the civil parish of West Lockinge the boundaries of which are well known and defined lies at a distance of about two and a quarter miles from the parish church of Wantage and about three-quarters of a mile from the parish church of East Lockinge and has a population of sixty.

"4. It appears to me that under the provisions of the said Pluralities Act the said district or civil parish of West Lockinge may be advantageously separated from the said parish of Wantage and be united to the said parish of East Lockinge to which it may be more conveniently annexed.

"5. The benefice of Wantage with West Lockinge is in the patronage of the Dean and Canons of Windsor. The benefice of East Lockinge is in the patronage of Lady Wantage.

"6. The Reverend and Honourable Maurice John George Ponsouby is the present Incumbent of the benefice of Wantage and the Reverend J. G. Cornish is the present Incumbent of the benefice of East Lockinge.

"7. Pursuant to the directions contained in the twenty-sixth section of the first mentioned Act of Parliament I the said Bishop have drawn up a scheme in writing annexed to this representation describing the mode in which it appears to me the proposed alterations may best be effected and how the changes consequent thereon in respect of 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 I do hereby submit the

same to your Grace together with the consents thereto in writing of the said patrons and Incumbents. To the intent that if your Grace shall on full consideration and enquiry be satisfied with such scheme you may certify the same and such consents by your report to His Majesty in Council.

"F. Oxon."

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

"The SCHEME.

"That the district and civil parish of West Lockinge shall be separated from the said parish of Wantage and annexed for ecclesiastical purposes to the parish of East Lockinge. That the Incumbent of the benefice of East Lockinge shall have the sole and exclusive cure of souls within the said district so annexed to East Lockinge.

"That the parishioners of such district shall be entitled to accommodation in the parish church of East Lockinge but shall cease to be entitled to accommodation in the parish church of Wantage except nevertheless any person or persons possessing a legal right by faculty or otherwise to any pew or sitting in the said parish church of Wantage and who may not be willing to relinquish and give up the same.

"That marriages, baptisms, churchings, and burials shall be solemnized and performed in the parish church of East Lockinge for the inhabitants of the said district and all fees dues ecclesiastical offerings and emoluments arising from the said district shall henceforth belong to the Incumbent of the benefice of East Lockinge.

"That a modus of three pounds eight shillings and fourpence arising from West Lockinge shall be transferred to the rectory of East Lockinge but that no other alteration shall be made in the emoluments of the said benefices of Wantage and East Lockinge.

"That no alteration shall be made in the patronage of the said benefices or either of them.

"F. Oxon."

"CONSENTS.

"The Very Reverend Philip Frank Eliot, D.D., Dean of the King's Free Chapel of Saint George within His Castle of Windsor and the Canons of the same Chapel the patrons or persons entitled to present to the benefice of Wantage in the county of Berks and diocese of Oxford in case the same were now vacant the Reverend and Honourable Maurice John George Ponsouby the Incumbent of the same benefice Lady Wantage of Lockinge House Wantage, the patron or person entitled to present to the benefice of East Lockinge in the county of Berks and diocese of Oxford in case the same were now vacant and the Reverend James George Cornish the Incumbent of the same benefice hereby respectively signify to your Grace our several consents to the scheme above proposed and set forth and to every matter and thing therein contained.

"In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hand this seventh day of July one thousand nine hundred and three.

(L. S.)

(Seal of the Dean.)

"Maurice John George Ponsouby.

"J. G. Cornish,

Rector of East Lockinge.

"H. S. Wantage."

And whereas the said scheme hath been transmitted by the said Bishop to the said Archbishop for his consideration:

And whereas the said Archbishop being satisfied with the said scheme hath certified the