

"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 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, made a representation in writing 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 Oxford and my diocese of Oxford the vicarage of Swalcliffe the ecclesiastical parish whereof comprises the civil parish of Swalcliffe with a population of two hundred and fifty-five the civil parish of Epwell with a population of two hundred and seventeen the civil parish of West Shutford with a population of two hundred and seventy-one and the civil parish of East Shutford with a population of twelve the whole of such benefice of Swalcliffe containing a total population of seven hundred and fifty-five and has three churches all of which have to be served by the vicar of Swalcliffe. The net annual value of the said benefice is one hundred and twenty-one pounds four shillings and seven pence or thereabouts.

"2. There is also in the said county and diocese the perpetual curacy of Sibford Gower the ecclesiastical parish whereof contains a population of six hundred and forty-nine. The net annual value of this benefice is one hundred and eighty-seven pounds three shillings and four pence or thereabouts.

"3. The portion or district of the said parish of Swalcliffe comprising the said civil parish of

Epwell the boundaries of which are well known and defined lies at a distance of about three miles from the parish church of Swalcliffe and about one and a half miles from the parish church of Sibford Gower and has a church with accommodation for two hundred and fifty.

"4. That upon the scheme hereinafter set forth taking effect the patrons have arranged to grant to the benefice of Swalcliffe an annual sum of fifty pounds charged upon the lands belonging to them in the said parish of Swalcliffe subject to a grant being made by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England to meet such benefaction such sum of fifty pounds being in lieu of part of a voluntary contribution of one hundred and fifty pounds hitherto made by the said patrons to the Vicar of Swalcliffe.

"5. It appears to me that under the provisions of the said Pluralities Act. 1838, the said district or civil parish of Epwell may be advantageously separated from the said parish of Swalcliffe and united to the said parish of Sibford Gower to which it is contiguous.

"6. The benefice of Swalcliffe and the benefice of Sibford Gower are both in the patronage of the Warden and Scholars of New College Oxford.

"7. The Reverend Canon Thomas Jordan Moulder is the present Incumbent of the benefice of Swalcliffe and the Reverend Archibald James Moxon is the present Incumbent of the benefice of Sibford Gower.

"8. Pursuant to the directions contained in the twenty-sixth section of the first-mentioned Act of Parliament I the said Bishop have therefore 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."

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

#### "SCHEME.

"That the district and civil parish of Epwell shall be separated from the said parish of Swalcliffe and united for ecclesiastical purposes to the contiguous parish of Sibford Gower.

"That the Incumbent of the benefice of Sibford Gower shall have the sole and exclusive cure of souls within the said district of Epwell so annexed to Sibford Gower.

"That the parishioners of such district of Epwell shall cease to be entitled to accommodation in the parish church of Swalcliffe 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 Swalcliffe and who may not be willing to relinquish and give up the same.

"That the inhabitants of Epwell shall have such and the same right (if any) to have marriages baptisms churchings and burials solemnized and performed in the parish church of Sibford Gower for the inhabitants of the said district as they now possess in the parish church of Swalcliffe.

"That all fees dues ecclesiastical offerings and emoluments arising from the said district shall