

Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

"I, Edgar Charles Sumner, by Divine Permission Bishop of Gloucester, do in pursuance of the 26th Section of the Pluralities Act, 1838, hereby represent to your Grace as follows:—

"1. There is in the City of Gloucester and County of Gloucester, and within my Diocese of Gloucester, the Vicarage of St. Mary de Lode, the Parish whereof contains an estimated present population of 3,964. The net annual value of this Benefice, arising from glebe rents, income payable by the Ecclesiastical Commission and Queen Anne's Bounty, and fees and other sources, is about £218.

"2. There is also in the same City and Diocese, the Vicarage of St. Catharine, the Parish whereof contains an estimated present population of 3,704. The net annual value of this Benefice, arising from tithe rentcharge, glebe rents, income payable by the Ecclesiastical Commission and Queen Anne's Bounty, and fees and other sources, is about £292.

"3. A certain District of the said Parish of St. Mary de Lode, situate at Wotton, in and near the said City of Gloucester, lies at a distance of about a mile from the Parish Church of St. Mary de Lode, and about the same distance from the Parish Church of St. Catharine, but it contains within it a new Church now nearing completion which is intended to be made the Parish Church of St. Catharine.

"4. It appears to me that under the provisions of the said Pluralities Act the District referred to in the last preceding paragraph may advantageously be separated from the said Parish of St. Mary de Lode, and annexed to the said Parish of St. Catharine to which it is contiguous.

"5. The Benefice of St. Mary de Lode is in the patronage of the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester. The Benefice of St. Catharine is in my own patronage by virtue of my Bishoprick.

"6. The Reverend William Christian Macklin is the present Incumbent of the Benefice of St. Mary de Lode. The Reverend Samuel Richmond Robertson is the present Incumbent of the Benefice of St. Catharine.

"7. Pursuant to the directions contained in the 26th section of the said Pluralities Act, I, the said Bishop, have drawn up a Scheme in writing, annexed to this Representation, describing the District so as aforesaid proposed to be annexed to the said Parish of St. Catharine, and the mode in which it appears to me the alteration may best be effected, and how the changes consequent thereon in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction, glebe lands, tithes, rentcharges, 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 in writing of the said Patrons and Incumbents to the intent that, if your Grace shall on full consideration and inquiry 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 a District shall be separated from the said Parish of St. Mary de Lode, and annexed for ecclesiastical purposes to the contiguous Parish of St. Catharine; That the said District is delineated and described in the plan hereunto annexed, and is thereon coloured red, and is situated at Wotton, in the said City of Gloucester.

"That the Incumbent of the said Parish of St. Catharine to which such District shall be annexed shall have the sole and exclusive cure of souls within the said District.

"That the Parishioners of the said District shall be entitled to accommodation in the Church of the said Parish of St. Catharine, but shall cease to be entitled to accommodation in the Church of the said Parish of St. Mary de Lode, excepting nevertheless any person or persons possessing a legal right by faculty or otherwise to any pew or sitting in the said Parish Church of St. Mary de Lode, and who may not be willing to relinquish and give up the same.

"That marriages, baptisms, churchings, and burials shall be solemnized and performed for the Inhabitants of the said District in the Parish Church for the time being of St. Catharine.

"That all fees, dues, ecclesiastical offerings, and emoluments, (including all tithes and tithe-rentcharge), arising from the said District shall belong to the Incumbent of the said Parish of St. Catharine to which such District shall be annexed.

"That no alteration shall be made in the patronage or endowment (except as aforesaid) of the said Benefices or either of them."

"CONSENTS.

"We, the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester, being the Patrons or persons entitled to present to the Benefice of St. Mary de Lode, in the City and County of Gloucester, and Diocese of Gloucester, (in case the same were now vacant), the Reverend William Christian Macklin, being the Incumbent of the same Benefice, Edgar Charles Sumner, Lord Bishop of Gloucester, being by virtue of our Bishoprick the Patron or person entitled to present to the Benefice of St. Catharine, in the City and Diocese of Gloucester, (in case the same were now vacant), and the Reverend Samuel Richmond Robertson, the Incumbent of the same Benefice, do 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, the said Dean and Chapter, have caused our Common Seal to be hereunto affixed, and I, the said Bishop, and we, the said William Christian Macklin, and Samuel Richmond Robertson, have hereunto set our hands this 28th day of March, 1914.

"EDGAR C. S. GLOUCESTER,
Patron of St. Catharine,
Gloucester.

"W. C. MACKLIN.

"S. RICHMOND ROBERTSON.

"H. D. M. SPENCE-JONES,

Dean of Gloucester,

On behalf of Dean and Chapter
of Gloucester, Patrons of St.
Mary de Lode.

"NIGEL D. HAINES, N.P.,
Registrar to the Dean and
Chapter of Gloucester."

(L. S.)