

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 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 Charles, Lord Bishop of Oxford, hath made a Representation in writing, dated the 10th day of March, 1915, to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

"I, Charles, Bishop of Oxford, in pursuance of the 26th Section of the Pluralities Act, 1838, do hereby represent to your Grace as follows:—

"There is in the County of Berks and Diocese of Oxford the Benefice or Vicarage of Sutton Courtenay with Appleford and Sutton Wick, the Parish whereof contains a population of 1,315, or thereabouts:

"There is a Church at Sutton Courtenay with accommodation for 300 persons, and one at Appleford with accommodation for 100 persons:

"The net annual value from all sources of the said Benefice of Sutton Courtenay with

Appleford and Sutton Wick is £318 0. 0., or thereabouts:

"There is also in the same County and Diocese the Benefice or Vicarage and Rectory of Abingdon, the Parish whereof contains a population of 6,846, or thereabouts, with accommodation in its 3 Churches or Chapels for 1,500 persons:

"The net annual value from all sources of the said Benefice of Abingdon is £370 2s. 4d., or thereabouts:

"There is also in the same County and Diocese the Benefice or Vicarage of Drayton, the Parish whereof contains a population of 513, or thereabouts, with accommodation in the Parish Church for 200 persons:

"The net annual value from all sources of the said Benefice of Drayton is £200 0s. 0d., or thereabouts:

"The Civil Parish or District, in the said Parish of Sutton Courtenay with Appleford and Sutton Wick, known as Sutton Wick (the boundaries of which are well known and defined) with a population of 218, or thereabouts, is in great part distant from 2 to 4 miles from the Church of Sutton Courtenay, and is, as to a certain portion of it, distant *half* a mile from the Church of St. Helen, Abingdon, and is, as to certain further portions of it, distant *one quarter* of a mile from the Church of Drayton:

"That it appears to me, and I do hereby represent to your Grace, that under the provisions of the said Pluralities Act, 1838, such District, in the Parish of Sutton Courtenay with Appleford and Sutton Wick, and known as Sutton Wick, more particularly described in the Scheme appended to this Representation, and delineated on the Plan annexed to such Scheme, and thereon verged partly *pink* and partly *blue*, may be advantageously separated therefrom, and the part verged *pink* annexed to the said Parish of Abingdon, to which it is contiguous, and the part verged *blue* to the said Parish of Drayton, to both of which it is contiguous, for ecclesiastical purposes:

"The Dean and Canons of the King's Free Chapel of St. George within the Castle of Windsor are the Patrons of the Benefice of Sutton Courtenay with Appleford and Sutton Wick, and The Reverend Edward Bruce MacKay is the Incumbent thereof:

"By virtue of my Bishopric I am the Patron of the Benefice of Abingdon, and The Reverend Henry Alexander Kennedy is the Incumbent thereof:

"The Right Honourable Harriet Sarah, Lady Wantage, is the Patron of the Benefice of Drayton, and The Reverend Frederic John Chapman is the Incumbent thereof:

"That pursuant to the directions contained in the said 26th Section of the Pluralities Act, 1838, I, the said Lord Bishop, have drawn up a Scheme in writing, annexed to this Representation, describing the mode in which it appears to me that the alteration above proposed 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,