

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*; the 16th day of *December*, 1925.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Right Reverend St. Clair George Alfred, Lord Bishop of Salisbury, has, under Section 26 of the Pluralities Act, 1838, made a Representation to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, in the following terms:—

" I, The Right Reverend St. Clair George Alfred, Bishop of Salisbury, in pursuance of the 26th Section of the Pluralities Act, 1838, do hereby represent to Your Grace that there is in the County of Wilts and my Diocese of Salisbury the Vicarage or Benefice of Dilton Marsh and the Rectory or Benefice of Corsley.

" That on the south-west of the said parish of Dilton Marsh is the Hamlet or District of Chapmanslade. That the said Hamlet or District is situate partly in the ecclesiastical parish of Dilton Marsh and partly in the ecclesiastical parish of Corsley.

" That the said Hamlet or District is three miles from the parish of Dilton Marsh and one mile from the parish of Corsley.

" That according to the last census the population of the said parish of Dilton Marsh was fifteen hundred and twenty-five. That the population of the said Hamlet or District was three hundred partly in Dilton Marsh and partly in Corsley, and that the population of the said parish of Corsley was seven hundred and eighty-four.

" That there is a parish Church in each of the said parishes and that there is also a consecrated Chapel of Ease and surrounding burial ground in that portion of the said Hamlet or District of Chapmanslade as lies in the parish of Dilton Marsh.

" That the parish Church of Dilton Marsh contains accommodation for six hundred persons. That the Chapel of Ease at Chapmanslade contains accommodation for one hundred and thirty persons and that the parish Church at Corsley contains accommodation for four hundred persons.

" That the net annual value of the benefice of Dilton Marsh is three hundred and fifty pounds and that the net annual value of the benefice of Corsley is three hundred and thirteen pounds or thereabouts.

" That there is in the parish of Dilton Marsh a house of residence and that there is a house of residence in the said parish of Corsley.

" That the Patronage of the said benefice of Dilton Marsh belongs to the Lord Bishop of Salisbury for the time being in right of His Bishopric and that the Reverend Leonard Robert West is the present Incumbent thereof and that the Patronage of the said benefice of Corsley belongs to the Most Honourable the Marquess of Bath and that the Reverend Frederick George Allsopp is the present Incumbent thereof.

" That it appears to me and we do hereby represent to Your Grace that under the provisions of the said Pluralities Act, 1838, the portion of the said Hamlet or District known

as Chapmanslade situate in the parish of Dilton Marsh shown on the plan annexed to the Scheme appended to this Representation and thereon surrounded with a red verge line may be advantageously separated from the parish of Dilton Marsh and be annexed for ecclesiastical purposes to the parish of Corsley to which it is contiguous.

" That pursuant to the directions contained in the 26th Section of the Pluralities Act, 1838, I have drawn up a Scheme in writing describing the mode in which it appears to me that the proposed alterations may be effected and how the changes consequent on such alterations in respect to Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Glebe lands, tithe 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. Which Scheme together with the consents thereto of the before mentioned Patrons and Incumbents I do submit to Your Grace 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 as aforesaid 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.

" It is proposed to separate from the ecclesiastical parish of Dilton Marsh and annex to the ecclesiastical parish of Corsley the portion of the Hamlet or District known as Chapmanslade situate in the parish of Dilton Marsh shown on the plan annexed hereto and thereon surrounded with a red verge line.

" That the Incumbent of the ecclesiastical parish to which such portion of the Hamlet or District is annexed shall have the sole and exclusive cure of souls within such district.

" That the inhabitants of such portion of the Hamlet or District shall be entitled to accommodation in the parish of Corsley and shall cease to be entitled to any right of accommodation in the parish Church of Dilton Marsh except nevertheless any person or persons (if any) possessing a legal right by faculty or otherwise to any pew or sitting in the parish Church of Dilton Marsh and who may not be willing to relinquish and give up the same.

" That the inhabitants of such portion of the Hamlet or District shall have such and the same right to have marriages baptisms churchings and burials solemnized and performed in the parish Church of Corsley as they might have had in the parish Church of Dilton Marsh and that the inhabitants of the ecclesiastical parish of Corsley (including the inhabitants of that portion of the Hamlet or District of Chapmanslade as has anciently been situate in Corsley) shall have and enjoy all such rights and privileges in the Chapel of Ease and surrounding Churchyard in the Hamlet or District of Chapmanslade as were formerly enjoyed by the Inhabitants of the ecclesiastical parish of Dilton Marsh.

" That all fees ecclesiastical offerings and emoluments arising from such Hamlet or District so to be separated from Dilton Marsh shall henceforth belong to the Incumbent of Corsley.