

aforesaid, and the net average annual income of the minister of such last-mentioned church or chapel does not exceed the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds, and the population of the said district amounts to nine thousand three hundred at the least :

“ And whereas the Archbishop of Canterbury, for the time being, is also patron of the rectory of Cliffe, at Hoo, in the same county, and in the deanery of Shoreham, the peculiar and immediate jurisdiction of the cathedral and metropolitan Church of Christ, Canterbury; and the net average annual income of the rector thereof exceeds one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, and the population of the parish of Cliffe, at Hoo, is below nine hundred :

“ And whereas it has been agreed by the Reverend William Vallance, the present incumbent of the said perpetual curacy of Maidstone, to transfer the patronage and right of nomination of the minister of the said church or chapel of the Holy Trinity, Maidstone, to the Archbishop of Canterbury, for the time being; with a view to the permanent augmentation of the income of the minister thereof, in manner hereinafter-mentioned; and application has been made to us, to make arrangements for such transfer, and for apportioning the incomes of the said rectory and of the said chapel, between the rector of the said rectory and the minister of such chapel, in manner following; and it appears to us to be expedient that such transfer and apportionment should be forthwith carried into effect :

“ We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the Right Honourable and Most Reverend William Archbishop of Canterbury, and of the said Reverend William Vallance, in testimony whereof they have respectively hereunto set their hands and seals, that the patronage of and right of nomination of the minister to the said church or chapel of the Holy Trinity, Maidstone, shall forthwith be transferred to and absolutely vested in the said William Archbishop of Canterbury, and his successors Archbishops of Canterbury, for ever.

“ And whereas an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the second and third years of your Majesty's reign, intituled “ An Act to make better provision for the assignment of ecclesi-

astical districts to churches or chapels augmented by the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne, and for other purposes,” contains the following recital and enactments, that is to say:

“ And whereas it is expedient to make provision for the more permanent security of the endowments and emoluments which shall have been, or may hereafter be, provided for the use or benefit of any church or chapel, whether built, acquired, or appropriated, or to be built, acquired, or appropriated, under the authority of the said recited Acts, or any of them, or under any other authority, or for the use or benefit of the incumbent of any such church or chapel, or of the spiritual person serving the same, be it, therefore, enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne to accept, take, and hold any such endowments and emoluments upon the trusts, and for the intents and purposes for which the same shall have been, or may hereafter be, given or granted by the person or persons providing the same, in like manner as any such endowments or emoluments may now be taken or held by any private trustees or trustee, and it shall and may be lawful for any trustees or trustee of any such endowments or emoluments to assign and transfer the same to the said Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne, to be held and applied by them upon the same trusts, and for the same intents and purposes, as the same, previously to such assignment and transfer, were held by such trustees or trustee; provided always, that no such gift, grant, assignment, or transfer shall be made to the said Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne until, by an instrument in writing under their common seal, they shall have signified their consent to accept the same :

“ And be it further enacted, that, in all cases in which such consent of the said Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne shall have been so given, the money provided for such endowments shall be paid to the Treasurer, for the time being, of the said Governors; and the receipt or receipts of such Treasurer shall be effectual discharges or an effectual discharge for so much money as in such receipts or receipt shall be expressed to the person or persons paying the