

having a mediety or portion of the benefice, a plan may be framed by the bishop of the diocese, with the consent of the patron, and so as not to prejudice the interests of any existing incumbent, for constituting any of such portions separate benefices, and for making such other arrangements as he may judge likely to promote the efficient discharge of pastoral duties in such parishes; and any such plan may be carried into effect by the authority in the said Act provided:

“ And whereas the parish of Bampton, in the county and diocese of Oxford, is a parish in which both the profits and the spiritual charge thereof are divided among three incumbents, each having a portion of the benefice within the intent and meaning of the said Act, there being three vicars separately instituted, each to a portion of the said benefice, such three portions being respectively commonly designated by the names of the first portion, the second portion, and the third portion; and the spiritual charge of the said parish is divided between and among the said three portionists, so as to be a charge upon them jointly and equally:

“ And whereas the said parish of Bampton comprises the township and hamlets following; that is to say, the township of Bampton, with the hamlet of Weald, containing together a population of 1604; the hamlet of Lew, containing a population of 195; the hamlets of Aston and Cote, containing together a population of 727; the parochial chapelry of New and Old Shifford, with the hamlets of Brighthampton and Chimney, containing together a population of 228; the aggregate population of the whole parish (according to the last census) being 2754:

“ And whereas the profits of the said benefice are now divided and enjoyed among and by the said three portionists, in manner following; that is to say;

“ The incumbent of the first portion enjoys separately a house of residence, with its appurtenances and glebe land allotted to that portion under an Act of Parliament, passed in the fifty-second year of His late Majesty King George the Third; the incumbent of the second portion has a house of residence, with its appurtenances and glebe land allotted to that portion under the same Act; and the incumbent of the third portion has a house of residence, with its appurtenances and glebe land allotted to that portion under the same Act;

the said houses of residence being all situated in the said township of Bampton, and the said glebe lands in the same township, and in the said hamlets of Weald and Lew:

“ And whereas the residue of the profits and emoluments arising from the said benefice, consisting of tithes and corn rent, is divided equally among the said three portionists in a certain order and course, so that their incomes arising therefrom are nearly equal:

“ And whereas the emoluments derived from the several sources before mentioned are estimated to be of the net yearly amounts following; that is to say;

| | |
|---|-------|
| The glebe of the first portion | 262 |
| The glebe of the second portion..... | 210 |
| The glebe of the third portion | 228 |
| Tithes in the parish of Clanfield | 90 |
| Tithes in the hamlets of Aston and Cote..... | 400 |
| Tithes in the hamlet of Brighthampton | 100 |
| Tithes in the chapelry of Shifford..... | 92 |
| Tithes in the hamlet of Chimney..... | 85 |
| Corn rent arising in the lands of Haddon | 80 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £1547 |

And the yearly tenths, pensions, synodals, and other ecclesiastical charges payable out of the said benefice, including an annual pension of ten pounds to the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Exeter, who are the patrons of the said parish and benefice, are paid by the said three portionists in equal shares:

“ And whereas, besides the parish church of Bampton, situate in the said township of Bampton, which affords accommodation for one thousand one hundred persons, there is a newly-erected and consecrated chapel in the said hamlet of Lew affording accommodation for one hundred and sixty persons, a newly-erected and consecrated chapel in the hamlet of Aston affording accommodation for five hundred persons, and an ancient chapel at Shifford affording accommodation for one hundred and sixty persons;

“ And whereas, upon the separation of the said three portions of the said vicarage, as is hereinafter mentioned, it is proposed to provide a more conveniently situated house of residence for the intended new vicarage of Bampton Aston than that now belonging to the said third portion, by