

third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, have presented a petition to Her Majesty, representing that the number of polling places for the southern division of the said county of Lancaster is insufficient, and praying that Leigh may be a polling place for the said division, within which such place is situate.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said petition into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare, order and direct, and it is hereby declared, ordered, and directed that Leigh shall be a polling place for the southern division of the county palatine of Lancaster; and that the Justices of the Peace for such southern division of the said county, in quarter sessions or some special sessions assembled, as mentioned in the said Act, passed in the third year of the reign of His said late Majesty, shall, conformably to the said Act, divide such division into convenient polling districts, and assign one of such districts to each polling place.

Arthur Helps.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the
30th day of *April*, 1861,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty, chapter fifty, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the eighteenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, in the words and figures following; that is to say:

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the sixteenth and seventeenth years of your Majesty, chapter fifty, have prepared and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council the following scheme for effecting exchanges of the patronage of certain benefices between your Majesty, the Right Reverend Samuel, Bishop of Oxford, and the President and Fellows of the College of Saint John, in the University of Oxford.

"Whereas your Majesty is seized in fee in right of the Crown of the patronage of, or perpetual right of nomination to, the rectories of Whitchurch, in the county and diocese of Oxford, and Lower Hardres, in the county of Kent, and diocese of Canterbury, and the said rectories do not exceed respectively the value of twenty pounds in the Queen's books.

"And whereas the said Samuel, Bishop of Oxford, is seized in fee in right of his see of the patronage of, or perpetual right of nomination to, the vicarage of Icklesham, with the chapelry of Rye Harbour, in the county of Sussex, and diocese of Chichester.

"And whereas the said President and Fellows of the said College of Saint John are seized in fee of the patronage of, or perpetual right of nomination to, the vicarage of Saint Laurence, Reading, in the county of Berks, and diocese of Oxford.

"And whereas, by the third section of the above-recited Act, it is enacted, that the word 'person' shall include any corporation, and the master, provost, warden, or head of any college or collegiate establishment, and the master, guardian,

or head of any hospital, and the governing body respectively entitled in his or their corporate capacity to any such patronage, and shall also extend to and include the Queen's Majesty, as well in respect of patronage vested or to be vested in or exercised by Her Majesty, in right of the Crown, as in right of the Duchy of Lancaster, or of the Duchy of Cornwall, and in every case of exchange in right of the Crown, where the benefice is above the yearly value of twenty pounds in the Queen's books, the assent of Her Majesty shall be testified by the signature of the Lord High Treasurer or First Commissioner of the Treasury for the time being; and when such yearly value shall be twenty pounds or under, such assent shall be testified by the signature of the Lord High Chancellor; and the assent of Her Majesty, when the patronage is in respect of the Duchy of Lancaster, shall be testified by the signature of the Chancellor of the Duchy; and when the patronage is in respect of the Duchy of Cornwall, such assent shall be testified by two or more of the Principal Officers of the said Duchy, to be appointed in manner provided for appointment of Officers to grant leases under the provisions of an Act passed in the session held in the first and second years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, chapter five, which assent they are hereby authorised and empowered to give; and in every case of exchange in right of the Duchy of Cornwall, when there is a Duke of Cornwall, the assent of the said Duke shall be testified in writing, under the privy seal of the said Duke, first had and obtained for that purpose.

"And whereas the Right Honourable John, Baron Campbell, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, acting on behalf of your Majesty, the said Samuel, Bishop of Oxford, and the said President and Fellows of the said College of Saint John, have signified to us their desire that exchanges of the patronage of the said benefices may be effected as hereinafter recommended and proposed.

"And whereas we have made due enquiry and calculation as to the circumstances and the relative value of the said benefices and patronage, and we do hereby certify to your Majesty that, after making all proper deductions and allowances, the circumstances and values of the said benefices are as is set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed.

"Now, therefore, with the assent of the said John, Baron Campbell, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, acting on behalf of your Majesty, the said Samuel, Bishop of Oxford, and the said President and Fellows of the said College of Saint John, in testimony whereof the said John, Baron Campbell, has signed, the said Samuel, Bishop of Oxford, has signed and sealed, and the said President and Fellows of the said College of Saint John have sealed this scheme, we humbly recommend and propose that, upon and from the day of the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of your Majesty in Council, ratifying this scheme, and without any conveyance or assurance in the law, other than such duly gazetted Order, the patronage of, or perpetual right of nomination to, the said rectories of Whitchurch and Lower Hardres shall be assigned and transferred from your Majesty and your successors in right of the Crown, and shall become and be vested in, and shall and may be exercised by the said Samuel, Bishop of Oxford, and his successors in the said see, and that in exchange for the same the patronage of, or perpetual right of nomination