

chapel, that in the former chapelry being distant from the parish church of Melksham aforesaid three miles or thereabouts, and that in the latter chapelry ten miles or thereabouts, in each of which Divine service has been hitherto performed by the incumbent or curate of the said benefice.

"That the said parish church of Melksham affords accommodation for nine hundred and fifty persons, the church or chapel of Seend for three hundred and ninety-nine persons, and the church or chapel of Erlestoke for one hundred and eighty persons.

"That the said parochial chapelry of Seend is treated as a distinct parish for all civil purposes, and baptisms, churchings, marriages, and burials have heretofore been and now are solemnized and performed in the said church or chapel thereof, and the burial ground thereto belonging.

"That the charges and expenses of repairing and maintaining the church of Melksham and chapel of Erlestoke aforesaid are respectively defrayed by the inhabitants of that parish and chapelry exclusively, and the parishioners or inhabitants of the said parochial chapelry of Seend have from time immemorial resorted to the church or chapel of their chapelry, and repaired and maintained the same exclusively, and have elected from amongst themselves church or chapelwardens, as if the chapelry was a distinct and separate parish.

"That the gross annual value of the said vicarage of Melksham with Seend and Erlestoke, exclusive of the annual value of the vicarage, house, and appurtenances, amounts to the sum of one thousand two hundred and forty-five pounds or thereabouts, arising from one thousand one hundred and seventy pounds rent-charges in commutation of tithes, and from forty acres of glebe land and surplice fees.

"That it does not appear that any of the inhabitants or landowners of Seend possess any legal right, by faculty or otherwise, to the exclusive use of any pews or sittings in the said church of Melksham or chapel of Erlestoke, or that any of the inhabitants or landholders of the said parish of Melksham and chapelry of Erlestoke possess any such legal right, by faculty or otherwise, to the exclusive use of any pews or sittings in the said church or parochial chapel of Seend.

"That the right of patronage of and to the vicarage and parish church of Melksham, with the chapelries of Seend and Erlestoke aforesaid, is vested in the Dean and Chapter of our cathedral church of Sarum, and the Reverend Matthew Wilkin-on, Clerk, Doctor in Divinity, is the present incumbent thereof.

"That it appears to us that under the provisions of the Acts of Parliament first and second Victoria, chapter one hundred and six, and the second and third Victoria, chapter forty-nine, the said parochial chapelry of Seend may be advantageously separated from the said vicarage and parish church of Melksham, and from the said chapelry of Erlestoke, and be constituted a separate benefice

"That pursuant to the direction contained in the twenty-sixth section of the said first-mentioned Act, we have prepared the following scheme, which, together with the consent thereto of the patrons and incumbent of the said benefice, we do submit to your Grace to the intent, that you may if on full consideration and enquiry your Grace shall be satisfied with such scheme, certify the

same, and such consent, by your report to Her Majesty in Council.

"The SCHEME above referred to.

"That the said parochial chapelry of Seend, shall be separated from the said vicarage and parish church of Melksham, and from the said chapelry of Erlestoke, and be constituted a separate parish for ecclesiastical purposes and a perpetual curacy and benefice, by the name or style of the perpetual curacy of Seend, of which the said church or chapel in the said parochial chapelry shall be the parish church.

"That the proposed separate parish and benefice shall be subject to the same ecclesiastical jurisdiction as the said vicarage of Melksham, and the incumbent thereof shall have exclusive cure of souls within the limits of the same.

"That the several rent-charges or other payments in lieu or commutation of vicarial tithes, amounting in the whole to two hundred pounds and fourpence, which are particularly specified in the schedule hereunder written, and also the herbage of the chapelyard of Seend aforesaid, and the surplice fees for baptisms, churchings, marriages, and burials, or other ecclesiastical offices solemnized and performed within the same chapelry, and all dues, offerings, and other emoluments arising within or in respect of the said chapelry, and usually payable to the incumbent of a benefice, shall belong and be attached to the said proposed separate benefice of Seend for ever, and be held, received, and enjoyed by the incumbent thereof for the time being accordingly.

"That the first fruits, amounting to thirty-eight pounds nine shillings and fourpence, and the annual tenths, amounting to three pounds sixteen shillings and elevenpence farthing, now payable in respect of the said vicarage of Melksham with Seend and Erlestoke, shall henceforth be paid in the following proportions, namely, by the incumbent of the proposed separate parish and benefice of Seend for first fruits six pounds three shillings and seven pence, and for tenths twelve shilling and four pence farthing; and by the incumbent of Melksham with Erlestoke for first fruits thirty-two pounds five shillings and ninepence, and for tenths three pounds four shillings and seven pence.

"That the patronage or right of nomination of or to the said proposed new benefice of Seend shall be vested in the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Sarum and their successors for ever.

"That the inhabitants of the said chapelry of Seend shall continue and be liable to the repairs and maintenance of the church or chapel of their own chapelry, and to the expenses incidental to the due performance of Divine service therein, but, as heretofore, shall not be liable to contribute to the repairs and maintenance of the parish church of Melksham, nor of any church or chapel now or hereafter built elsewhere than within the limits of such chapelry, and that the inhabitants of Seend shall not, as such inhabitants, be entitled to any accommodation within the parish church of Melksham or chapel of Erlestoke aforesaid, nor shall the inhabitants of Melksham and of the chapelry of Erlestoke, as such inhabitants, be entitled to any accommodation within the said church or chapel of Seend.

"Given under our hand the twenty-second day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.