

" remain in full force and effect, and thenceforward such last-mentioned benefice or benefices shall be and be deemed and taken to be a separate and distinct benefice or benefices to all intents and purposes whatever as if no such union had taken place, and the patron or patrons thereof shall and may according to the terms of such Order present or nominate thereto respectively, and so from time to time upon each and every avoidance of the same : Provided always, that no benefices which have been united for more than sixty years before the passing of this Act shall be disunited without the consent, in writing, of the patron or patrons thereof."

And whereas the Lord Bishop of Manchester has drawn up, together with a scheme, a representation in writing, bearing date the sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and has transmitted the same to his Grace the Lord Archbishop of York, in the words and figures following (that is to say):—

"To the Most Reverend William, Lord Archbishop of the Province of York.

"I, The Right Reverend James, by Divine permission, Lord Bishop of Manchester, do hereby represent to your Grace, in pursuance of a certain Act of Parliament, made and passed in the session of Parliament held in the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled 'An Act to abridge the holding of benefices in plurality, and to make better provision for the residence of the Clergy,' and a certain other Act of Parliament, made and passed in the session of Parliament held in the second and third years of the reign of Her said Majesty, intituled 'An Act to make better provision for the assignment of ecclesiastical districts to churches and chapels augmented by the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne, and for other purposes':—

"That by a certain Order of Her Majesty in Council, bearing date the twenty-first January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, under the provisions of the above-named Acts of Parliament, the perpetual curacy and separate benefice of Warton, in and belonging to the original or ancient parish of Kirkham, in the county of Lancaster, and my diocese of Manchester, was constituted and formed, and a certain church at Freckleton, and, inter alia, the township of Freckleton, was included in the said separate benefice, the said church to be 'a chapel of ease' to the church of Warton aforesaid.

"That the said township of Freckleton, and the said church or chapel of ease, still belong to and form part of the said perpetual curacy or separate benefice of Warton, and the said township of Freckleton, is distant from the said church of Warton one mile one and a half furlongs, or thereabouts.

"That the said township of Freckleton contains a population of nine hundred and thirty persons or thereabouts.

"That the said benefice or ecclesiastical parish of Warton aforesaid contains a population of one thousand four hundred and eighty-nine persons or thereabouts.

"That the church of Warton aforesaid affords accommodation for three hundred persons or thereabouts.

"That the inhabitants of the said township of Freckleton are now respectively liable to all rates, charges, and assessments made for or in respect of the parish church of Warton aforesaid, and

are entitled, with the rest of the inhabitants of the parish of Warton aforesaid, to the offices at and accommodation within the parish church.

"That the said church or chapel of Freckleton is conveniently placed in or near the centre of the separate benefice or curacy hereinafter proposed to your Grace, and affords accommodation for three hundred persons or thereabouts.

"That the said hereinafter proposed benefice or curacy of Freckleton is to consist of the whole of the township of Freckleton.

"That the Reverend Thomas Henry Dundas, vicar or perpetual curate of Warton aforesaid, is prepared to endow the said church or chapel of Freckleton with the annual sum of fifty pounds (part of the annual sum of two hundred and seventy pounds received by him by way of augmented endowment from Christ Church, Oxford), or with an equivalent in tithe rent-charges arising from lands in the said township of Freckleton.

"That it is proposed that the patronage or right of nominating an incumbent or curate to the church or chapel of Freckleton shall, on the same becoming a perpetual curacy and benefice, of right belong to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Christ, in Oxford, of the foundation of King Henry the Eighth, and their successors.

"That the patronage of the vicarage or perpetual curacy and parish church of Warton aforesaid doth of right belong to the said Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford aforesaid.

"That the Reverend Thomas Henry Dundas is now the vicar or perpetual curate of the said vicarage or perpetual curacy and parish church of Warton with Freckleton as aforesaid.

"That the annual value of the vicarage, perpetual curacy, or benefice of Warton (with Freckleton) is three hundred and fifty-pounds, arising partly from the payment of the said annual sum of two hundred and seventy pounds from the said Dean and Chapter, the sum of eighty pounds from the rent of certain cottages, houses, and land, situate in the townships of Out Rawcliff, Warton, Newton, and Scales, and Goosnargh, purchased by the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty, and partly from glebe and partly from surplice fees and Easter offerings.

"That it appears to me that the said township of Freckleton may, under the provisions of the said Acts of Parliament, be advantageously separated from the said parish of Warton, and be constituted a separate parish and perpetual curacy.

"That pursuant to the directions contained in the twenty-sixth section of the said first-named Act of Parliament, I, the said Lord Bishop, have drawn up a scheme in writing, appended to this representation, describing the mode in which it appears to me that the alterations above proposed may be best effected, and how the changes consequent on such alteration in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction, glebe lands, tithes, 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.

"SCHEME for carrying the foregoing Representation into effect.

"I propose to your Grace the following scheme ; that is to say:—

"That the township of Freckleton shall be separated from the parish of Warton, and annexed to the church or chapel at Freckleton aforesaid, and be constituted and formed a separate parish