

"That the population of the said parish of Littleborough according to the census of 1871 amounts to 70 persons.

"That there is one church in the said parish of Littleborough affording accommodation for 63 persons or thereabouts.

"That the annual value of the said vicarage of Littleborough amounts to £105, arising from glebe lands, rent-charge, grant from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England and grant from Queen Anne's Bounty.

"That the said vicarage of Littleborough is in the patronage of Francis John Savile Foljambe of Osberton in the said county Esquire M.P.

"That there is in the said county and diocese the vicarage and parish church of South Leverton with Cottam Chapelry.

"That the population of the parish of South Leverton exclusive of the hamlet of Cottam according to the census of 1871 amounts to 488 persons.

"That the population of Cottam according to the same census amounts to 90 persons.

"That there are two churches in the parish of South Leverton one being situated in the middle of the village of South Leverton affording accommodation for 355 persons or thereabouts and another situated in the middle of the village of Cottam and usually called Cottam Church affording accommodation for 77 persons or thereabouts and distant from the church of South Leverton  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

"That for all ecclesiastical purposes there is no legal distinction or boundary between the parishes of South Leverton and Cottam the whole forming one parish.

"That by usage the village of Cottam with a certain portion of land adjoining or in the neighbourhood has become a separate and distinct parish for all civil purposes electing its own churchwardens overseers of the poor and other parish officers and the inhabitants resort to the said church or chapel of Cottam exclusively for public worship and for baptisms churchings marriages and burials of their dead which have been from time immemorial and are now solemnized and performed therein although the said church or chapel of Cottam with the burial ground in which it stands is not within the boundary of the said civil parish of Cottam.

"That the said church or chapel of Cottam is distant from the aforesaid church of Littleborough  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

"That the annual value of the said vicarage of South Leverton with Cottam is £310 arising from glebe land rent-charge surplice fees and grant from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England.

"That the said vicarage of South Leverton with Cottam is in my patronage by virtue of my bishopric.

"That there is in the said county and diocese the vicarage and parish church of North Leverton with the perpetual curacy of Apesthorne annexed.

"That the population of the said parish of North Leverton with Apesthorne according to the census of 1871 amounts to 397 persons.

"That there is one church in the said parish of North Leverton with Apesthorne affording accommodation for 183 persons or thereabouts.

"That the annual value of the said vicarage of North Leverton with the perpetual curacy of Apesthorne amounts to £300 arising from glebe land rent-charge and grant from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England.

"That the said vicarage of North Leverton with Apesthorne is in the patronage of the Lord Bishop of Manchester by virtue of his bishopric.

"That a portion of the said parish of North Leverton with Apesthorne consisting of four houses containing a population of about 20 persons is situated at a distance of  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles from the church of North Leverton aforesaid three quarters of a mile from the church or chapel of Cottam aforesaid and three quarters of a mile from the church of Littleborough aforesaid.

"That the inhabitants of the said four houses usually resort to the church or chapel of Cottam for public worship and for baptisms and churchings and have occasionally buried their dead in the burial ground belonging to the said church or chapel.

"That there is in the said county and diocese the rectory and parish church of Treswell.

"That the population of the said parish of Treswell according to the census of 1871 amounts to 266 persons.

"That there is one church in the said parish of Treswell affording accommodation for 196 persons or thereabouts.

"That the annual value of the said rectory of Treswell amounts to £350 arising from tithes glebe land and Three per cent. Consols.

"That the said rectory of Treswell is in the patronage of the Dean and Chapter of York.

"That a portion of the said parish of Treswell consisting of six houses containing a population of about 30 persons is situated at a distance of  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles from the church of Treswell aforesaid.

"That the said six houses of the parish of Treswell are within quarter of a mile of the church or chapel of Cottam aforesaid and very closely adjoining the village of Cottam and that the inhabitants of the said six houses usually resort to Cottam church for public worship and for baptisms and churchings and have frequently buried their dead in the burial ground belonging to the said church.

"That it appears to me that a portion of the parish of South Leverton with Cottam including the village of Cottam and the church or chapel of Cottam with the burial ground thereto belonging as shown upon the plan hereunto appended the said portion of the said parish being coloured round with brown and the main portion of the said parish being coloured round with blue may under the provisions of the Act of the first and second years of Her present Majesty c. 106 be advantageously separated from the said parish and parish church of South Leverton and that the portion before referred to of the said parish of North Leverton with Apesthorne which is shown upon the plan aforesaid by a yellow colour the main portion of the said parish of North Leverton with Apesthorne being coloured round with pink may under the provisions of the same Act be advantageously separated from the said parish and parish church of North Leverton and that the portion before referred to of the said parish of Treswell which is shown upon the same plan by a violet colour the main portion of the said parish being coloured round with pink may under the provisions of the same Act be advantageously separated from the said parish and parish church of Treswell and that the three portions so proposed to be separated may be together annexed and united to the aforesaid parish of Littleborough so as to form together a separate and distinct parish for ecclesiastical purposes.

"That upon such separation and union being effected the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England are prepared to make to the said vicarage of Littleborough a grant of £50 per annum to meet a benefaction from other sources of £600 and 12a. 3r. 36p. of land proposed to be separated from the endowments of the said vicarage of