

“ purposes is constituted, the same shall, on registration thereof, and with the consent in writing of the incumbent or incumbents of the benefice or benefices to be thereby affected, become a perpetual curacy and benefice, and the minister thereof, duly nominated and licensed thereto, and his successors, shall be a body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession, and may receive and take to himself and his successors all such lands, tenements, tithes, rent-charges, and hereditaments as shall be granted unto him or them, and such perpetual curate shall thenceforth have, within the limits of the district parish formed under the Church Building Acts for the church of such perpetual curacy, sole and exclusive cure of souls.”

And whereas the Lord Bishop of Chichester hath made a Representation in writing to his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury in the words and figures following, that is to say :—

“ To the Most Reverend Archibald Campbell Lord Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury.

“ I the Right Reverend Richard Lord Bishop of Chichester do hereby represent to your Grace that there are in the borough of Hastings in the county of Sussex and the diocese of Chichester the small parish of Saint Michael and the reputed parish or extra-parochial place of Holy Trinity otherwise Dissolved Priory, the respective boundaries whereof are well known and defined.

“ That there is not any church or place of worship in the said parish of Saint Michael.

“ That within the said reputed parish or extra-parochial place of Holy Trinity otherwise Dissolved Priory and immediately contiguous to the said parish of Saint Michael there has been long built a church now awaiting consecration which has been accepted by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners as a fit and proper church and which prior to the ratification of the scheme will be conveyed to them ; it has been open since the twenty-ninth day of September one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight for Divine worship under a licence from the Bishop and it has been used by the inhabitants of both the said parish of Saint Michael and the said reputed parish or extra-parochial place of Holy Trinity otherwise Dissolved Priory as their parish church, and the minister licensed to serve in this building has had pastoral charge of both the said parish of Saint Michael and the said reputed parish or extra-parochial place of Holy Trinity otherwise Dissolved Priory, and no other minister of the Church of England has at any time had jurisdiction or exercised his office within them.

“ That the said parish of Saint Michael and the said reputed parish or extra-parochial place of Holy Trinity otherwise Dissolved Priory are set forth upon the plan which accompanies this representation and that on such plan the said parish of Saint Michael is coloured red and the said reputed parish or extra-parochial place of Holy Trinity otherwise Dissolved Priory is coloured green.

“ That the population of the said parish of Saint Michael amounts, according to the census of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, to three hundred and fifty-two : and that the population of the said reputed parish or extra-parochial place of Holy Trinity otherwise Dissolved Priory amounts, according to the said census, to three thousand six hundred and nineteen.

“ That the said church of the Holy Trinity holds about nine hundred ; and that the sittings are all free ; it is supported by the offertory, and the income tax return for some years made by the

officiating minister has been five hundred and twenty pounds.

“ That the patronage of the said parish of Saint Michael is not known.

“ That it appears to me that the said reputed parish or extra-parochial place of Holy Trinity otherwise Dissolved Priory may under the provisions of the Acts of Parliament of the 1st and 2nd years of Her present Majesty, chapter 106, and the second and third years of Her present Majesty, chapter 49, be advantageously annexed to the said parish of Saint Michael and the whole be constituted a separate parish and perpetual curacy to be called or known as ‘ Holy Trinity, Hastings.’

“ That, pursuant to the direction contained in the 26th section of the said first-mentioned 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 the annexation above proposed may be best effected, and I do submit the same to your Grace to the intent that your Grace may, if on full consideration and enquiry you shall be satisfied with the said scheme, certify the same to Her Majesty in Council.

“ Given under my hand this twenty-fourth day of February one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two. “ R. Cicestr.”

And whereas the Scheme referred to in the said Representation is as follows :—

“ The SCHEME referred to in the foregoing Representation.

“ It is proposed to annex the said reputed parish or extra-parochial place of Holy Trinity otherwise Dissolved Priory to the said parish of Saint Michael and to constitute the whole a separate parish for ecclesiastical purposes and a perpetual curacy of which the church belonging to the said reputed parish or extra-parochial place of Holy Trinity otherwise Dissolved Priory shall upon the consecration thereof be the parish church.

“ That the said perpetual curacy when constituted shall be called or known as ‘ Holy Trinity, Hastings,’ and shall be subject to the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Lord Bishop of Chichester for the time being and of the Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of Lewes.

“ That baptisms churchings marriages and burials shall be performed in the church of the benefice so to be constituted and that the fees for all such offices performed within the limits of the said benefice, and all ecclesiastical dues offerings and other emoluments arising from or in respect of the said benefice, and usually payable to the incumbent of a benefice, shall belong to the incumbent of the said intended perpetual curacy or benefice of Holy Trinity Hastings.

“ That the incumbent of the said intended perpetual curacy shall have cure of souls within the limits thereof.

“ That the right of nominating a minister to the church of such perpetual curacy and benefice shall be for ever vested and be in the Lord Bishop for the time being of the said diocese of Chichester.

“ R. Cicestr.”

And whereas the said Bishop of Chichester hath transmitted the said scheme to the Archbishop of Canterbury for his consideration and the said Archbishop being satisfied with such scheme, hath certified the same by his report, to Her Majesty in Council, dated the sixth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, which report is in the words and figures following :—