

land according to the census of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one exclusive of the said hamlet or township of Martin amounts to seven hundred persons.

"That the parish church of Timberland affords accommodation for one hundred and eighty persons or thereabouts.

"That the annual value of the said vicarage of Timberland including the township or hamlet of Martin after deducting all taxes rates dues and other permanent charges and outgoings is three hundred and ninety-four pounds arising from tithe rent-charge glebe land and surplice fees.

"That the said vicarage of Timberland is in the patronage of Sir Thomas Whichcote of Aswarby Hall in the said county of Lincoln Baronet.

"That the population of the said hamlet or township of Martin (according to the census of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one) amounts to eight hundred and fifty persons.

"That the said hamlet or township of Martin contains a chapel consecrated in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six affording accommodation for about two hundred and fifty persons.

"That such chapel is distant from the parish church of Timberland one mile and a half or thereabouts.

"That the said hamlet or township of Martin is treated as a separate parish for all civil purposes and baptisms and churchings are solemnized in the chapel within the said hamlet or township. That since the ninth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven marriages have been solemnized in the said chapel under a licence granted by me under the provisions of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the sixth and seventh years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth chapter eighty-five entitled 'An Act for Marriages in England.' That the inhabitants of the said hamlet or township bury their dead in the burial-ground surrounding the said chapel situate at Martin aforesaid.

"That it appears to me that the said hamlet or township of Martin may under the provisions of the Acts of the first and second years of Her present Majesty chapter one hundred and six and the second and third years of Her said Majesty chapter forty-nine be advantageously separated from the said parish and parish church of Timberland and that the said hamlet or township of Martin may be advantageously constituted a separate and distinct parish for ecclesiastical purposes and a perpetual curacy.

"That if the said hamlet or township of Martin be separated from the said vicarage of Timberland and constituted a separate and distinct benefice and perpetual curacy it is proposed to transfer to the said perpetual curacy the whole of the tithe rent-charge arising within the said hamlet or township of Martin and now belonging to the said vicarage of Timberland and amounting according to the tithe apportionment to the sum of forty-five pounds per annum and it is also proposed to charge the remainder of the endowments of the said vicarage of Timberland with the payment of a sum of thirty-five pounds per annum in favour of the said perpetual curacy and it is hoped that grants in augmentation of the said perpetual curacy may be obtained from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England and other sources.

"That pursuant to the direction contained in the twenty-sixth 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 that the alterations above proposed

may be best effected and how the changes consequent on such alteration in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction dues rates and payments and in respect to patronage and rights to pews may be made with justice to all parties interested. And I do submit the same to your Grace together with the consent in writing of the said Sir Thomas Whichcote Baronet the patron and of the Reverend Christopher George Wheat the vicar of the said vicarage of Timberland to the intent that your Grace may if on full consideration and inquiry you shall be satisfied with the said scheme certify the same and such consent to Her Majesty in Council."

And whereas the Scheme and Consents referred to in the said Representation are as follows:—

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"That the hamlet or township of Martin be separated from the said vicarage and parish church of Timberland and be constituted a separate and distinct parish and benefice for all ecclesiastical purposes by the name or style of the perpetual curacy of Martin of which the said chapel in the said hamlet or township shall be the parish church and the same shall be and remain under the same ecclesiastical jurisdiction as the said vicarage of Timberland now is.

"That the incumbent of Martin shall have exclusive cure of souls within the limits of the said proposed separate parish and benefice.

"That baptisms churchings marriages and burials shall be performed and celebrated in the church of Martin and in the churchyard thereto belonging and that the fees for all such and other ecclesiastical offices arising from or in respect of the said proposed separate parish and benefice and usually payable to the incumbent of a benefice shall belong and be paid to the incumbent thereof.

"That the whole of the tithe rent-charge arising within the said hamlet or township of Martin and now belonging to the said vicarage of Timberland and amounting according to the tithe apportionment to the sum of forty-five pounds per annum be annexed and belong to and form part of the endowment of the said proposed separate parish and benefice.

"That the inhabitants of the said hamlet or township of Martin shall be exonerated from all liability to repair the parish church of Timberland or any other church or chapel now or hereafter to be erected in the said parish but shall be liable subject to the provisions of 'The Compulsory Church Rate Abolition Act 1868' to repair the said church or chapel of Martin and the vicar of Timberland shall henceforth cease to be liable to repair or to contribute to the repair of the chancel of the church or chapel of Martin.

"That the inhabitants of Martin shall be entitled to resort to and attend the said church or chapel at Martin aforesaid as their parish church and to be accommodated with sittings therein but shall not henceforth be entitled to any accommodation in the parish church of Timberland.

"That nothing herein contained shall affect or be construed to affect the right of patronage to the said benefice of Timberland but that the same shall remain continue and be as it now is and that the patronage of the said proposed separate benefice of Martin shall belong to and be vested in me the said Lord Bishop of Lincoln and my successors Bishops of Lincoln for ever.

"That nothing herein contained shall affect or be construed to affect the revenues and endowments of the said vicarage of Timberland except as hereinbefore mentioned namely the annexation of tithe rent-charge of forty-five pounds per