

“that any such tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place, or district within the diocese of such Archbishop, or the diocese of such Bishop, as the case may be, may be advantageously separated from any parish or mother church, and either be constituted a separate benefice by itself or be united to any other parish to which it may be more conveniently annexed, or to any other adjoining tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place, or district, parochial or extra-parochial, so as to form a separate parish or benefice, or that any extra-parochial place may with advantage be annexed to any parish to which it is contiguous, or be constituted a separate parish for ecclesiastical purposes; and the said Archbishop or Bishop shall draw up a scheme in writing (the scheme of such Bishop to be transmitted to the said Archbishop for his consideration) describing the mode in which it appears to him that the alteration may best be 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; and if the patron or patrons of the benefice or benefices to be affected by such alteration shall consent in writing under his or their hands to such scheme, or to such modification thereof as the said Archbishop may approve, and the said Archbishop shall, on full consideration and inquiry, be satisfied with any such scheme, or modification thereof, and shall certify the same and such consent as aforesaid by his report to Her Majesty in Council, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council to make an Order for carrying such scheme, or modification thereof, as the case may be, into effect.”

And whereas Ernest Roland Wilberforce, Lord Bishop of Newcastle bath, pursuant to the enactment aforesaid represented in a writing dated the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, to the Right Honourable William Archbishop of York, as follows:—

“To the Most Reverend William Lord Archbishop of York.

“I the Right Reverend Ernest Roland Wilberforce Lord Bishop of Newcastle do hereby represent to your Grace that there is in the county of Northumberland and my diocese of Newcastle the vicarage of Chollerton the parish whereof comprises amongst other places the townships of Tone and Chipchase the boundaries of which township of Tone and portion of the township of Chipchase hereinafter more particularly referred to are well known and defined and are more particularly delineated and described in the map or plan hereto annexed and thereon coloured round with red the township of Tone being marked ‘Township of Tone’ and the said portion of the township of Chipchase being marked ‘Portion of the Township of Chipchase.’

“That the said portion of the township of Chipchase is bounded by the high road leading from Birtley Pit Houses (otherwise Sooty Row) on the east by the North British Railway Bridge and the entrance-gate of Chipchase Castle on the south and turning north on the west to Warkhaugh Farm and the River North Tyne.

“That there is no church or chapel within the boundaries of the said township of Tone or the said portion of the township of Chipchase and such township of Tone and the said portion of the township of Chipchase are distant from the parish church of Chollerton aforesaid at the nearest point

four miles and three quarters of a mile and at the remotest point seven miles and a half of a mile.

“That the populations of the said township of Tone and the said portion of the township of Chipchase together according to the last census is estimated to be one hundred and forty persons.

“That there is also in the said county of Northumberland and my diocese of Newcastle the vicarage of Birtley the boundaries of the parish whereof are well known and defined and are more particularly delineated and described in the said map or plan hereunto annexed and thereon coloured round with blue.

“That the said township of Tone and the said portion of the township of Chipchase are contiguous to the parish of Birtley and are distant from the parish church of Birtley at the nearest point one-half of a mile and at the remotest point four miles.

“That the population of the parish of Chollerton aforesaid according to the last census amounts to one thousand two hundred and ten persons and that of the said parish of Birtley according to the same census amounts to three hundred and ninety-three persons.

“That the net annual value of the benefice of Chollerton not reckoning the house of residence as an item is four hundred and fourteen pounds.

“That the patronage of the said vicarage of Chollerton is vested in the present vicar thereof the Reverend Christopher Bird.

“That the net annual value of the benefice of Birtley not reckoning the house of residence as an item is one hundred and eighty pounds.

“That the patronage of the said vicarage of Birtley is vested in the Most Noble Algernon George Duke of Northumberland and the Reverend George Rome Hall is now the vicar thereof.

“That the patron and incumbent of the said vicarage and parish church of Chollerton and the patron and incumbent of the said vicarage and parish church of Birtley are all consenting parties to the separation and annexation hereinafter proposed as is testified by their respective hands to the consents in writing hereto annexed.

“That it appears to us that the said township of Tone and the said portion of the township of Chipchase may under the provisions of the Acts of Parliament passed in the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty chapter one hundred and six and the second and third years of the reign of Her present Majesty chapter forty-nine be advantageously separated from the said parish of Chollerton and be annexed to the said parish of Birtley for ecclesiastical purposes.

“That pursuant to the directions contained in the twenty-sixth section of the 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 seems to me that the alteration above proposed may be best effected and how the changes consequent upon such alteration may be made with justice to all parties interested and I do submit the same to your Grace 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 consents as aforesaid to Her Majesty in Council.

“Given under my hand this first day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

“E. R. Newcastle.”

And whereas the scheme and consents referred to in the said representation are as follows:—

“The SCHEME referred to in the annexed Representation is as follows:—

“It is proposed to separate the township of