

“ 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 by another Act of Parliament passed in the second and third years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled “ An Act to make better provision for the Assignment of Ecclesiastical Districts to Churches or Chapels augmented by the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne; and for other purposes,” it is, amongst other things, further enacted, “ That when by any Order of Her Majesty in Council, as aforesaid, a separate parish for ecclesiastical 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 shall not in anywise be subject to the control or interference of the incumbent or incumbents of the benefice or benefices to be affected by such Order, if he or they shall have consented to such Order as aforesaid.”

And whereas the Right Reverend Charles John, Lord Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, hath represented in a writing dated the thirtieth March one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Edward White, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury as follows:—

“ To the Most Reverend Edward White Lord Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury.

“ I the Right Reverend Charles John Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol do hereby represent to your Grace that to the benefice (being a vicarage) and parish church of Highworth in the county of Wilts and my diocese of Gloucester and Bristol belongs among other places an ancient parochial chapelry or hamlet known by the name of South Marston the limits and boundaries whereof are well known and defined.

“ That according to the census of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one the population of the parish of Highworth exclusive of the said chapelry or hamlet of South Marston is two thousand one hundred and ten and the population of the said chapelry is four hundred and one.

“ That there is in the said chapelry or hamlet of South Marston a church or chapel affording accommodation for about two hundred persons and distant from the parish church of Highworth about four miles in which church or chapel of South Marston Divine service is performed by the vicar of Highworth or his curate.

“ That baptisms, marriages, churchings, and burials have been from time immemorial and are now solemnized and performed in the church or chapel of South Marston and in the burial-ground thereto belonging.

“ That the net annual value of the said vicarage of Highworth exclusive of the value of the vicarage house situate at Highworth aforesaid is five hundred pounds or thereabouts.

“ That the patronage of the said vicarage and parish church of Highworth belongs to me in right of my bishoprick and the Reverend James Charles Norman is the present incumbent of the said vicarage.

“ That it appears to me that under the provisions of the Acts of Parliament passed in the sessions holden in the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty chapter one hundred and six and in the second and third years of the same reign chapter forty-nine the said chapelry or hamlet of South Marston may be advantageously separated from the said vicarage and parish church of Highworth and be constituted a separated parish for ecclesiastical purposes and a perpetual curacy and benefice.

“ That the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have undertaken (subject to certain conditions) to transfer and grant to the said proposed separate parish and benefice of South Marston, as a permanent endowment for the same, a yearly sum or payment of one hundred and twenty pounds being part of the yearly sum or payment of one hundred and seventy-five pounds heretofore paid by them (subject to certain conditions) to the incumbent for the time being of the said vicarage and parish church of Highworth.

“ That pursuant to the direction contained in the twenty-sixth section of the said first-mentioned Act, I have prepared the following scheme which together with the consents thereto of the patron and of the incumbent of the said vicarage I submit to your Grace to the intent that your Grace may, if on full consideration and enquiry you shall be satisfied with such scheme certify the same and such consents by your report to Her Majesty in Council.”

And whereas the said scheme drawn up by the said Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, and the consents referred to in the representation are as follows:—

“ SCHEME.

“ The chapelry of South Marston shall be separated from the vicarage and parish church of Highworth and be constituted a separate parish for ecclesiastical purposes and a perpetual curacy and benefice by the name or style of ‘ The Perpetual Curacy of South Marston ’ of which the church or chapel within the said chapelry shall be the parish church.

“ The proposed separate parish and benefice of South Marston shall be subject to the same ecclesiastical jurisdiction as the said vicarage of Highworth and the incumbent of such separate parish and benefice shall have exclusive cure of souls within the limits of the same.

“ The vicarage house with its garden and appurtenances situate at Highworth and all the glebe lands and tithe rent-charge forming the endowments of the said vicarage shall belong to the vicar of Highworth and his successors who shall