

AT the Court at Windsor, the 28th day of June, 1892.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section 26 of "The Pluralities Act, 1838," after reciting that "Whereas in some instances tithings, hamlets, chapelries, and other places or districts may be separated from the parishes or mother churches to which they belong with great advantage, and places altogether extra-parochial may in some instances with advantage be annexed to parishes or districts to which they are contiguous, or be constituted separate parishes for ecclesiastical purposes," it is, amongst other things, enacted "That when, with respect to his own diocese, it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, or when the Bishop of any diocese shall represent to the said Archbishop 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 by section six of 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 any such scheme or modification as aforesaid may be drawn up according to the regulations and directions in the hereinbefore in part recited Act contained, subject to the consent in writing of the patron or patrons of the benefice or benefices to be affected thereby under his or their hands, notwithstanding the vacancy of such benefice or benefices; and that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council thereupon to make an Order for carrying such scheme, or modification

thereof, as [the case may be, into effect; and that such Order being registered in the registry of the diocese, as directed by the hereinbefore in part recited Act, shall come into operation, and shall be forthwith binding on all persons whatsoever, notwithstanding such vacancy or vacancies."

And whereas the Right Reverend William, Lord Bishop of Oxford, hath, pursuant to the provisions of the said Pluralities Act, 1838, represented in a writing, dated the twenty-third November one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Edward White Lord Archbishop of Canterbury as follows:—

"To the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Father in God Edward White by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan.

"I William by Divine Permission Bishop of Oxford, do in pursuance of the twenty-sixth section of 'The Pluralities Act 1838,' hereby represent to your Grace as follows:

"1. There is in the county of Buckingham and my diocese of Oxford the benefice (being a rectory) of Hartwell Saint Mary with Little Hampden, Little Hampden being a chapelry, the boundaries whereof are well known and defined.

"2. The population of the said parish of Hartwell Saint Mary exclusive of the said chapelry of Little Hampden is one hundred and forty-six and the population of the said chapelry is forty-six.

"3. The net annual value of the said benefice of Hartwell Saint Mary with the said chapelry (including the value of the rectory house) is two hundred and seventy-three pounds or thereabouts.

"4. There is within the said chapelry a church providing accommodation for thirty-five persons. Such chapelry is distant nine miles or thereabouts from Hartwell. Baptisms churchings marriages and the service for the burial of the dead have from time immemorial been solemnized and performed in the said chapel.

"5. It does not appear that any of the inhabitants of the said chapelry of Little Hampden possess a right by faculty or otherwise to the exclusive use of any pews or sittings in any church other than in the church or chapel of the said chapelry.

"6. The patronage or right of presentation to the said benefice of Hartwell Saint Mary with Little Hampden which is now vacant belongs to Edward Dyke Lee Esquire of Hartwell House Aylesbury in the said county of Buckingham.

"7. There is also in the said county of Buckingham and my diocese of Oxford the benefice (being a rectory) of Great Hampden Saint Mary the parish whereof contains a population of two hundred and fifty-five and is of the net value of three hundred and thirty pounds with a sufficient house of residence for the incumbent thereof.

"8. The patronage or right of presentation to the said benefice of Great Hampden Saint Mary if the same were now vacant belongs to the Earl of Buckinghamshire as tenant for life under the will and codicil of the late Right Honourable and Reverend Augustus Edward Earl of Buckinghamshire hereinafter referred to and the Reverend Thomas William Dell Brooks is the present rector thereof.

"9. The church or chapel of the hereinbefore-mentioned chapelry of Little Hampden is distant one mile and three quarters or thereabouts from the church of Great Hampden.

"10. It appears to me that the said chapelry of Little Hampden may be advantageously separated