

"There is a church in the parish of Betteshanger having accommodation for one hundred and twenty persons and there is also a church in the parish of Ham having accommodation for eighty persons.

"The portion of the parish of Eastry which is verged red on the map or ordnance sheet hereto annexed and known as 'Updown' is contiguous to the parish of Betteshanger and has a population of thirty and the portion of the said parish of Eastry which is verged green on the map or ordnance sheet hereto annexed and known as 'Ham Cottages' is contiguous to the parish of Ham and has a population of thirty or thereabouts the said portion or district known as Updown lies nearer to and is more conveniently situated with regard to Betteshanger Church than Eastry Church as is also the district known as Ham Cottages with regard to Eastry Church and Ham Church respectively and for a long period the parts of Eastry which are proposed to be annexed to Betteshanger and Ham respectively have been under the spiritual care and oversight of the Rector of Betteshanger-with-Ham by arrangement and the residents have attended his ministrations.

"The portion or district of the parish of Northbourne which is verged purple on the map or ordnance sheet hereto annexed is contiguous to the parish of Betteshanger having a population of about one hundred and thirty the said portion or district lies nearer to and is more conveniently situated for the attendance of the inhabitants at Betteshanger church than at Northbourne church and has by a voluntary arrangement been under the spiritual charge of the said rector of Betteshanger-with-Ham for nearly thirty years: the inhabitants attend Betteshanger church and consider it their proper place of worship.

"That it therefore appears to me that under the provisions of 'The Pluralities Act 1838' the portion or district of the said parish of Eastry verged red and green and the portion or district of the parish of Northbourne verged purple on the map hereto annexed may with advantage to the interests of religion be separated from the said parishes and benefices of Eastry and Northbourne respectively and be united and annexed for ecclesiastical purposes to the said parish or benefice of Betteshanger-with-Ham.

"That in pursuance of the twenty-sixth section of the said Act of Parliament I have prepared the following scheme in writing describing the mode in which it appears to me that the alterations may best be effected and how the changes consequent on such alteration in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction glebe lands tithes tithe 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 which scheme together with the consents thereto of myself as patron of Eastry and Northbourne, of Lord Northbourne as patron of Betteshanger-with-Ham and of the Reverend Charles Dudley Lampen as vicar of Eastry the Reverend George Litting as rector of Northbourne and the Reverend John Worthington Bliss as rector of Betteshanger-with-Ham I do certify by this my report to Your Majesty in Council to the intent that Your Majesty in Council may in case Your Majesty in Council shall think fit so to do make an Order for carrying such scheme into effect."

And whereas the scheme and consents referred to in the said Archbishop's report, are in the words and figures following:—

"The SCHEME above referred to.

"That there shall be separated from the said parish and benefice of Eastry and united and

annexed for ecclesiastical purposes to the said parish and united benefice of Betteshanger-with-Ham All that part of the said parish of Eastry which is bounded by an imaginary line starting from the corner of the parish boundary in the middle of the road at the south end of the footpath or listway forming such parish boundary between Eastry and the detached portion of Ham and running thence in a north-westerly direction along the said road to the middle of the Roman road near the pond called Buttsole thence southward along the said Roman or Dover road to the point where such road crosses the boundary line between the parishes of Eastry and Tilmanstone thence eastward along such boundary to the point where the said boundary line of Eastry parish joins the boundary line of Betteshanger parish at the corner of Longlands plantation and thence northward along the boundary line between Eastry and Betteshanger and the detached portion of Ham back to the point started from. And there shall also be separated from the said parish and benefice of Eastry and united and annexed for ecclesiastical purposes to the said parish or united benefice of Betteshanger-with-Ham all that part or parts of the said parish of Eastry which are bounded by an imaginary line starting from Ham Bridge and running in a south-westerly direction in a straight line to the north rear corner of the gardens of three cottages known as Ham Cottages thence along the rear line of the said gardens to the road leading from Ham Bridge to Ham House and along the parish boundary line in the middle of the road to the point where the footpath to Eastry joins the said road thence along the said footpath in a westerly direction to its junction with a footpath running south to Ham House thence along this second path back to the road and parish boundary and thence north-eastward along such road back to Ham Bridge the point started from, but so nevertheless that the said portion verged green shall be considered as attached to the parish of Ham and the said portion verged red as attached to the parish of Betteshanger.

"That there shall be separated from the said parish and benefice of Northbourne and united and annexed for ecclesiastical purposes to the said united benefice of Betteshanger-with-Ham All that part of the said parish of Northbourne which is bounded by an imaginary line starting from the parish boundary line in the middle of the road at the junction of four roads immediately north of Betteshanger Cottages and running thence in a south-easterly direction to the road leading from West-street to Northbourne National Schools thence following the course of such last-mentioned road southward (to its junction with another road which runs northward past the Corn Mill) thence westward along a private road on the north side of the Mill House property and (from the point where such private road turns in a north-westerly direction to Little Cherrygarden Farm) in a straight line to the southern corner of the grounds surrounding the house known as Little Betteshanger and thence in the same straight line in a westerly direction to the boundary line between the parishes of Northbourne and Betteshanger and thence first northward and then eastward following such parish boundary along the road past the parish church of Betteshanger and Cæsar's Camp Plantation back to the point started from. Such portion of the parish of Northbourne is verged purple on the map hereto annexed.

"That the said separated portions of the said parishes of Eastry and Northbourne shall be