

“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 the Right Reverend Edgar Lord Bishop of Newcastle hath pursuant to the enactment aforesaid represented in a writing dated the twenty-first day of November one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend William Dalrymple Lord Archbishop of York as follows:—

“To the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Father in God William Dalrymple by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of York, Primate of England and Metropolitan.

“We the Right Reverend Edgar by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of Newcastle do in pursuance of the twenty-sixth section of an Act of Parliament of the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria chapter one hundred and six hereby represent to Your Grace as follows:—

“1. There is in the county of Northumberland and diocese of Newcastle the vicarage of Chatton the parish whereof contains according to the last census a population of one thousand one hundred and forty-five.

“The net annual value of the benefice of Chatton is at present two hundred and forty-eight pounds.

“The patronage of the said vicarage is vested in the Right Honourable Earl Percy and the Reverend William Robert Finch is the present vicar thereof.

“2. There is in the same county and diocese the vicarage of Wooler the parish whereof contains according to the last census a population of one thousand five hundred and seventeen.

“The net annual value of the benefice of Wooler is four hundred and twelve pounds.

“The patronage of the said vicarage is vested in the Right Reverend the Bishop of Newcastle and

the Reverend Joseph Samuel Wilsden is the present vicar thereof.

“3. There is in the same county and diocese the vicarage of Doddington the parish whereof contains according to the last census a population of five hundred and ten.

“The net annual value of the benefice of Doddington is two hundred and thirty-four pounds.

“The patronage of the said vicarage is vested in the Right Honourable Earl Percy and the Reverend Conrad John Howland is the present vicar thereof.

“4. There is in the same county and diocese the vicarage of Lowick the parish whereof contains according to the last census a population of one thousand three hundred and ten.

“The net annual value of the benefice of Lowick is two hundred and sixty pounds.

“The patronage of the said vicarage is vested in the Very Reverend Dean and the Chapter of Durham and the Reverend Ferdinand Harley Williams is the present vicar thereof.

“5. It appears to us that under the provisions of the said Act of Parliament of the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria chapter one hundred and six and of another Act passed in the second and third years of the same reign chapter forty-nine the following alterations in the contents and boundaries of the above-mentioned parishes may advantageously be made.

“a. The separation of portions of the parish of Chatton known as the ancient townships of Weetwood and Cold Martin and more particularly described in the first schedule hereunto annexed from that parish and the annexation of the same to the parish of Wooler.

“b. The separation of another portion of the said parish of Chatton being a portion of the ancient township of Hetton and more particularly described in the second schedule hereunto annexed from that parish and the annexation of the same to the parish of Doddington.

“c. The separation of another portion of the said parish of Chatton also forming part of the ancient township of Hetton and more particularly described in the third schedule hereunto annexed from that parish and the annexation of the same to the parish of Lowick.

“Such alterations as aforesaid are in our opinion desirable owing to the fact that such portions of the parish of Chatton are nearer to the parish churches of the parishes to which it is proposed to annex the same respectively than to the parish church of Chatton aforesaid to which such portions now respectively belong and such alterations will be for the convenience of the inhabitants thereof.

“Pursuant to the directions contained in the said twenty-sixth section of the said first-mentioned Act of Parliament we the said Lord Bishop have drawn up a scheme in writing annexed to this representation describing such portions of the said parish of Chatton above referred to and the mode in which it appears to us that the alterations may be best effected and to have the changes consequent thereupon in respect of ecclesiastical jurisdiction glebe lands tithes tithe rent charges and other ecclesiastical dues and payments and in respect of patronage and the right to pews may be made with justice to all parties interested. And we do hereby submit the same to Your Grace together with the consents in writing of the said patrons and incumbents and in case you shall on full consideration and enquiry be satisfied therewith we request that Your Grace will be pleased to certify the same and the consents aforesaid by your report to Her Majesty in Council.