

AT the Court at *Saint James's*, the 10th day of *December*, 1901.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section twenty-six 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 enquiry, 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 be, may into effect."

And whereas by section eight of "The Church Building Act, 1839," 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 Randall Thomas, Lord Bishop of Winchester hath made a representation in writing to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Frederick Lord Archbishop of Canterbury as follows:—

"I Randall Thomas by Divine permission Bishop of Winchester 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 Hants and my diocese of Winchester the vicarage of Odiham with the ancient chapelry of Greywell the parish whereof contains according to the census of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one a population of two thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, Odiham containing two thousand six hundred and sixty-seven, and Greywell two hundred and eighty-nine. The net annual value of the said benefice arising from title rent-charge of the commuted value of five hundred and eighty-three pounds and from other sources is two hundred and seventy-four pounds or thereabouts after deducting all outgoings including the stipend of a curate.

"2. The said chapelry of Greywell comprises eight hundred and seventy-six acres the boundaries of which are well known and defined. The proportion of income arising within the said chapelry from tithe and fees amounts to about forty-five pounds gross and it has a church (which is situate about two miles from the parish church) with accommodation for one hundred and twenty-eight persons in which baptisms churchings marriages and burials have been performed from time immemorial and it is a separate parish for civil purposes.

"3. It appears to me that under the provisions of the said Pluralities Act the said chapelry of Greywell may be advantageously separated from the said parish of Odiham and constituted a separate parish and benefice.

"4. After the separation is effected the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England will annex to the new benefice of Greywell the rectorial tithe rent-charge of one hundred and ninety-two pounds per annum which arises within the chapelry of Greywell.

"5. The said benefice of Odiham with Greywell is in my patronage in right of my Bishopric and the Reverend William Henry Windle is the present Incumbent thereof.

"6. Pursuant to the directions contained in the twenty-sixth section of the first-mentioned Act of Parliament I the said Bishop have drawn up a scheme in writing annexed to this representation describing the mode in which it appears to me the alterations may best be effected and how the changes consequent thereon in respect of ecclesiastical jurisdiction glebe lands tithes rent-charges and other ecclesiastical dues and payments and in respect to patronage and rights to pews may be made with justice to all parties interested. And I do hereby submit the same to your Grace together with this my consent thereto in writing as patron and the consent in writing of the said Incumbent. To the intent that if your Grace shall on full consideration and enquiry be satisfied with such scheme you may certify the same and such consents by your report to His Majesty in Council."