

"That baptisms marriages and churchings have been from time immemorial and are now solemnized and performed in the church or chapel of Pensford and burials in the burial ground belonging thereto for the parishioners of the parish of Stanton Drew with Pensford residing in the neighbourhood of Pensford Church.

"That the said chapel or district of Pensford is contiguous to the said parish of Publow forming practically one village and the church or chapel of the said chapel is only about half-a-mile from the church and vicarage of Publow and it could be more easily visited by the Vicar of Publow than by the Vicar of Stanton Drew.

"That the population in the neighbourhood of Pensford is likely to increase very considerably within a short space of time there being at Pensford a station on the North Somerset Railway by which communication with Bristol (from which it is only six miles distant) is made easy, and also owing to the opening of a large mine in the vicinity which will afford employment for a large number of hands, while on the other hand the parish of Stanton Drew is not very likely to increase to any large extent being almost entirely an agricultural district.

"That the patronage of the said perpetual curacy or vicarage of Publow is vested in myself as Bishop of Bath and Wells jointly with the Venerable Hilton Bothamley as Archdeacon of Bath and the Reverend John Galbraith Vicar of Chew Magna and that the Reverend Henry Howard Tripp is the Incumbent of the said perpetual curacy or vicarage. And the patronage of the vicarage of Stanton Drew with Pensford belongs to the said Archdeacon of Bath alone in his official capacity, the Reverend John Wynn Werninck being the present Incumbent of such last-mentioned benefice.

"That it appears to me that under the provisions of the Pluralities Act 1838 the portion of the said chapel of Pensford adjacent to Publow may be advantageously separated from the said vicarage and parish church of Stanton Drew and be united and annexed to the said perpetual curacy or vicarage and parish of Publow for ecclesiastical purposes as the parishioners would then be within half-a-mile of the vicarage instead of two and a half miles away.

"That pursuant to the directions contained in the twenty-sixth section of the said Act I have prepared the following scheme which together with the consents thereto in writing of the patrons and incumbents of the said vicarages of Publow and Stanton Drew with Pensford I do 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 His Majesty in Council."

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

"The SCHEME.

"That the said chapel of Pensford with a district comprising two hundred and fifty-nine acres or thereabouts of land nearest to the parish of Publow set out in the schedule hereto annexed and coloured pink on the accompanying plan shall be separated from the said vicarage and parish church of Stanton Drew and be united and annexed to the parish of Publow aforesaid for ecclesiastical purposes and that the parish be henceforth called or known as Pensford with Publow.

"That the said chapel and district shall be subject to the same ecclesiastical jurisdiction as the said perpetual curacy or vicarage of Publow is and that the Incumbent of Publow shall have the exclusive cure of souls within the limits shown by a pink colour on the said plan.

"That the tithes of the lands so proposed to be transferred to the vicarage of Publow and which were commuted at the sum of thirty-nine pounds seventeen shillings and threepence (of the present annual value of twenty-six pounds or thereabouts) as set out in the schedule hereto annexed shall henceforth be received by the Vicar of Publow but that none of the other endowments belonging to the said vicarage of Stanton Drew with Pensford shall be affected by the proposed separation but shall continue to be payable to the Vicar of Stanton Drew as heretofore.

"That the Vicar of Stanton Drew for the time being shall not hereafter be liable to repair or contribute to the repair of the chancel of the said church or chapel of Pensford but that such and the same liability as now attach to him shall hereafter attach to the perpetual curate or vicar of Publow for the time being who shall become entitled to receive all moneys set aside for such repair and obtainable from the Trustees of the Church Lands Charity.

"That all fees and ecclesiastical dues and payments (if any) for churchings marriages burials and ecclesiastical offices solemnized and performed within the parish of Pensford with Publow in respect of any inhabitants who may reside within the district now proposed to be transferred shall belong to the Incumbent and church officers of the said parish of Pensford with Publow.

"That the owners and occupiers of any lands and hereditaments in Pensford within the limits coloured pink on the said plan shall not hereafter be liable to contribute to the maintenance and repair of the parish church of Stanton Drew or to the expenses incidental to the due performance of Divine service therein but shall be so liable (subject to the provisions of the Compulsory Church Rates Abolition Act 1868) for or in respect of the said parish church of Publow and the said chapel of Pensford when thereto annexed.

"That the owners and occupiers of lands and hereditaments in Pensford within the limits coloured pink on the said plan shall not hereafter be entitled to accommodation in the parish church of Stanton Drew but shall be entitled in common with the parishioners of Publow to accommodation in the church of Publow and in the church or chapel of Pensford.

"CONSENTS.

"We George Wyndham Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells Hilton Bothamley Archdeacon of Bath and John Galbraith Vicar of Chew Magna the persons or person entitled to nominate or present to the perpetual curacy or vicarage and parish church of Publow in case the same were now vacant and I Henry Howard Tripp Clerk Master of Arts the Incumbent of the said perpetual curacy or vicarage and parish church of Publow and I the said Hilton Bothamley Archdeacon of Bath and as such the patron or person entitled to present to the vicarage of Stanton Drew with Pensford in case the same were now vacant and I John Wynn Werninck Clerk the Incumbent of the said vicarage of Stanton Drew with Pensford do hereby severally consent to the scheme above prepared and set forth and to every matter and thing therein contained."