

"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 Alwyne, Lord Bishop of Ely, hath made a representation in writing, to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

"I Alwyne by Divine permission Bishop of Ely do hereby represent to your Grace.

"There is in my diocese of Ely and the county of Bedford the rectory or benefice of Campton with the chapelry of Shefford.

"There are also in my said diocese and the said county of Bedford the rectory or benefice of Clifton and the vicarage or benefice of Southill both of which are contiguous to the said chapelry of Shefford.

"The population of Campton is four hundred and thirty-seven with church accommodation for three hundred persons, of Shefford eight hundred and seventy-four with church accommodation for five hundred, of Clifton one thousand two hundred and sixty-three with church accommodation for four hundred and forty-five.

"Sir Algernon Osborn Baronet of Chicksands Priory Shefford is the patron of the benefice of Campton-with-Shefford, the Reverend Henry Hugh Miles of 10 Albany-road St. Leonards-on-Sea is the patron of the benefice of Clifton, Samuel Whitbread Esquire of Southill Park Biggleswade is the patron of Southill.

"The Reverend George Montagu Osborn is the Incumbent of Campton-with-Shefford, the Reverend John Pycock is the Incumbent of Clifton, the Reverend John Alexander Guillebaud is the Incumbent of Southill.

"The benefice of Campton-with-Shefford is of the annual value of two hundred and seventy-six pounds or thereabouts, the benefice of Clifton is of the annual value of three hundred and three pounds or thereabouts, the benefice of Southill is of the annual value of two hundred and twenty-five pounds or thereabouts.

"It is proposed to separate the whole of the chapelry of Shefford from Campton and to annex to such chapelry (1) a certain district from the contiguous parish of Clifton (2) a certain district from the contiguous parish of Southill (3) a certain district of the contiguous extra-parochial place of Shefford Hardwick which is also in my diocese and the county of Bedford which said three districts are severally hereinafter described.

"The chapelry of Shefford has a church of its own. The several portions or districts proposed to be severed from Clifton, Southill and Shefford Hardwick are in close proximity to Shefford Church and the residents there are in the habit of attending Shefford Church. Shefford is too large and too important a place to be merely a chapel of ease to Campton and its severance from Campton and the annexation thereto of the several portions or districts before referred to will make a convenient new parish.

"The population of the proposed new parish will be one thousand four hundred or thereabouts.

"The income of the Incumbent of such new parish or benefice will be provided by a charge of sixty pounds a year on the endowments of the rectory of Campton, fifty pounds a year on the endowments of Clifton and by the raising of a capital sum sufficient to provide a further twenty pounds that is to say one hundred and thirty pounds per annum. Fees and contributions

of parishioners will it is hoped provide twenty pounds a year more.

"It therefore appears to me that under the provisions of the Pluralities Act 1838 the said chapelry of Shefford and the several portions or districts hereinbefore described of the parishes of Clifton and Southill and of the extra-parochial place of Shefford Hardwick may advantageously be respectively separated from the said several parishes to which they now belong and be united and annexed for ecclesiastical purposes so as to form a separate parish or benefice and in pursuance of the twenty-sixth section of the said Act 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 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 has the consent thereto of Sir Algernon Osborn Baronet as the patron of Campton with Shefford of the Reverend Henry Hugh Miles as the patron of Clifton and of Samuel Whitbread Esquire as the patron of Southill and of the Reverend George Montagu Osborn, the Reverend John Pycock and the Reverend John Alexander Guillebaud respectively as the Incumbents of the said several parishes of Campton with Shefford, Clifton, and Southill, and I do hereby represent the same to your Grace in order that if your Grace shall on full consideration and enquiry be satisfied with such scheme you may certify the same and such consents as aforesaid to His Majesty in Council for an Order in Council for carrying the same into effect.

"Alwyne Ely."

And whereas the said scheme drawn up by the said Bishop of Ely, and the Consents referred to in the said Representation, are as follows:—

"SCHEME.

"There shall be separated from the said benefice of Campton with Shefford the chapelry of Shefford the boundaries of which are well known and defined and it is proposed on such separation from the parish of Campton of the whole of the chapelry of Shefford to annex thereto from the parish of Clifton.

"1. That part or district of the said parish of Clifton which lies to the north and west of an imaginary line drawn from the boundary mark indicated on the Ordnance Sheet as 'B. M. 163.5' on 'Hoo Hill' at the north-western corner of the field numbered 220 and thence along the northern side or hedge of the said field thence along the west side or hedge of field numbered 205 and thence northward along the Clifton-road to a point in the middle of the said road due south of the point where the northern boundary line or hedge of field No. 153 on the said Ordnance Sheet meets the brook which forms the boundary between the parishes of Clifton and Southill and thence from the said point in the middle of the road due north to the said parish boundary at the point indicated on such boundary and coloured pink on the plan hereto annexed.

"2. From the parish of Southill that part or district of the said parish of Southill which lies to the west of an imaginary line (from the point where the course of the 'River Ivel Navigation' and the parish boundary begin to follow the same line westward) drawn first north then west and then north again following the eastern boundary of field No. 79 to the road leading from Shefford to Stanford and thence westward along the said road to the eastern angle in the middle of the said