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At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 29th day of *January*, 1904.

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 inquiry, be satisfied with any such scheme, or modification thereof, and shall certify the same and such consent as aforesaid, by his report to His Majesty in Council, it shall be lawful for His 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 John, Lord Bishop of Saint Davids, hath, pursuant to the enactment aforesaid, represented in a writing dated the sixth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and three, to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

"I, the Right Reverend John Lord Bishop of Saint Davids do in pursuance of the twenty-sixth section of the Act of Parliament of the first and second years of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria chapter one hundred and six hereby represent to your Grace that there is in the county of Radnor and my diocese of Saint Davids the vicarage of Nantmel (hereinafter referred to as the benefice of Nantmel) which is a distinct and separate ecclesiastical parish defined by well-known metes and bounds and having a population that by the census of nineteen hundred and one amounted to nine hundred and forty-four.

"That there is also in the same county of Radnor and my diocese of Saint Davids the vicarage of Rhayader (hereinafter referred to as the benefice of Rhayader) which is also a distinct and separate ecclesiastical parish defined by well-known metes and bounds adjoining the said benefice of Nantmel and has a population that by the census of one thousand nine hundred and one