

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 27th day of *March*, 1905.

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 by section eight of the Church Building Act, 1839, it is, amongst other things, further enacted, "That when by any Order of His 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 controul 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 Arthur Thomas, Lord Bishop of Newcastle, hath represented in a writing, dated the thirtieth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and four, to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend William Dalrymple, Lord Archbishop of York, as follows:—

"I, the Right Reverend Arthur Thomas, Lord Bishop of Newcastle, do hereby represent to your Grace, that there is in the county of Northumberland within my diocese the vicarage of Woodhorn, the parish whereof comprises amongst other places the townships of North Seaton and Hirst. Portions of these townships are more particularly defined in the schedule hereunder written and on the plan attached to the scheme hereunder written and coloured round with a red verge line and are hereinafter referred to as the said proposed new parish of Seaton Hirst.

"That the population of the said parish of Woodhorn is estimated to be thirteen thousand.

"That the population of the said proposed new parish of Seaton Hirst is estimated to be ten thousand five hundred.

"That there is a consecrated church dedicated to Saint John, situate within the said proposed new parish of Seaton Hirst, convenient for the use of the inhabitants thereof.

"That the net annual value of the said benefice of Woodhorn is three hundred and eighty pounds.

"That the patronage of the said benefice of Woodhorn being a vicarage, is vested in me as Bishop of Newcastle, and the Reverend Obadiah Rhodes is the Incumbent thereof.

"That the Incumbent of the said benefice consents to the scheme hereinafter proposed.

"That it appears to us that under the provisions of the Acts of Parliament passed in the sessions held in the first and second years of the reign of Her late Majesty, chapter one hundred and six, and the second and third years of the same reign, chapter forty-nine, portions of the said townships of North Seaton and Hirst may advantageously be detached from the said parish of Woodhorn and constituted a separate parish and benefice for ecclesiastical purposes.

"That pursuant to the directions contained in the twenty-sixth section of the first-mentioned Act of Parliament, I the said Lord Bishop have drawn up a scheme in writing appended to this representation describing the mode in which it appears to me the separation above proposed may be best effected and how the change consequent upon such separation may be made with justice to all parties interested. And I do submit the same to your Grace to the intent that your Grace may, if on full consideration and enquiry you shall be satisfied with the said scheme, certify the same and such consents as aforesaid 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:—

"SCHEME.

"It is proposed that such portions of the townships of North Seaton and Hirst, in the parish of Woodhorn and diocese of Newcastle, as are coloured round with red on the plan attached hereto and more particularly defined in the schedule hereunder written, shall be severed from