

"And we the said Archbishop being on full consideration and inquiry satisfied with the said scheme do hereby pursuant to the said Pluralities Act, 1838, certify the same and such consent as aforesaid to Your Majesty in Council to the intent that Your Majesty in Council may in case Your Majesty in Council shall think fit so to do make and issue an Order for carrying the said scheme into effect.

"*Randall Cantuar.*"

Now, therefore, His Majesty in Council by and with the advice of His said Council is pleased to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the said scheme be carried into effect.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *November*, 1909.

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 Edgar Charles Sumner, Lord Bishop of Gloucester, hath, pursuant to the enactment aforesaid, made a representation, dated the fourteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and eight, to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

"I, Edgar Charles Sumner, by Divine permission Bishop of Gloucester, 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 Gloucester and my diocese of Gloucester the vicarage of Holy Trinity (Forest of Dean), the parish whereof contains according to the census for 1901 a population of five thousand four hundred and ninety-one. The net annual value of this benefice arising from income payable by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and other sources is two hundred and ninety pounds or thereabouts.

"2. There is also in the same county and diocese the rectory of Littledean, the parish whereof contains according to the census of 1901 a population of eight hundred and twenty-three. The net annual value of this benefice arising from tithe rent charge and income payable from other sources is one hundred and forty pounds or thereabouts.

"3. There is also in the same county and diocese the vicarage of Flaxley, the parish whereof contains according to the census of 1901 a population of one hundred and thirty-five. The net annual value of the said benefice arising from fees and other sources is one hundred and seventy pounds or thereabouts.

"4. There is also in the same county and diocese the vicarage of Westbury-on-Severn, the parish whereof contains according to the census of 1901 a population of two thousand and five. The net annual value of the said benefice arising from tithe rent charge is one hundred and twenty-eight pounds or thereabouts.

"5. There is also partly in the county of Gloucester and partly in the county of Hereford but wholly within my diocese of Gloucester the vicarage of Lea, the parish whereof contains according to the census of 1901 a population of one hundred and ninety-two. The net annual value of this benefice arising from tithe rent charge is one hundred and eighteen pounds or thereabouts.

"6. A certain district of the said parish of Westbury-on-Severn known as the Dirty-lane district lies at a distance of about two miles from the parish church of Westbury-on-Severn, but less than half a mile from the parish church of Flaxley.

"7. A certain district of the said parish of Holy Trinity (Forest of Dean) known as Chestnuts Hill lies at a distance of about five miles from the parish church of Holy Trinity, but only about half a mile from the parish church of Littledean.

"8. Another district of the said parish of Holy Trinity (Forest of Dean) known as Pope's Hill lies at a distance of about five miles from the parish church of Holy Trinity, but only about half a mile from the parish church of Flaxley.

"9. A certain district of the said parish of Holy Trinity (Forest of Dean) known as the Lea Bailey Hill lies at a distance of about four miles from the parish church of Holy Trinity, but only a distance of about one mile from the parish church of Lea.