

“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 Huyshe, Lord Bishop of Worcester, hath, pursuant to the enactment aforesaid, represented in a writing dated the thirteenth of May, one thousand nine hundred and nine, to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

“I, Huyshe, Bishop of Worcester, beg leave to represent to your Grace that the parish of Arrow, in the county of Warwick and diocese of Worcester, has belonging to and forming part of it a hamlet, place, or district known by the name of Oversley, the limits and boundaries whereof are well known and defined, and that the said hamlet adjoins the parish of Alcester, in the same county and diocese, which comprises a chapelry known by the name of Weethley, the limits and boundaries whereof are well known and defined, and which said chapelry adjoins the parish of Arrow.

“That the said chapelry of Weethley formerly belonged to the parish of Kinwarton, in the county of Warwick and diocese of Worcester, from which it was separated and annexed to Alcester by an Order in Council, dated the ninth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

“That the parish of Arrow and the hamlet of Oversley contain respectively two thousand four hundred and thirty-five acres and one thousand five hundred acres or thereabouts, and a population of three hundred and seventeen and one hundred and sixty-four respectively.

“That the parish of Alcester and the chapelry of Weethley contain respectively one thousand six hundred acres and five hundred and fifty acres or thereabouts, and a population of two thousand three hundred and three and twenty-eight respectively.

“That the hamlet of Oversley is much nearer by road to Alcester than to Arrow, and the

parishioners of Arrow residing there have to pass through the town of Alcester to attend their parish church a distance of a mile and a half.

“That the church of the chapelry of Weethley is distant about three miles from the town of Alcester and about two miles from the church of Arrow.

“That the churchyard of the parish of Arrow is nearly full and the obligation as to burials from the workhouse situate in the hamlet of Oversley would under the hereinafter proposed changes be transferred to the parish of Alcester wherein a large cemetery has lately been opened.

“That the apportioned rent-charge payable in lieu of tithes of the lands within the said hamlet of Oversley amounts to one hundred and forty-nine pounds and twelve shillings, and that the amount of such tithe rent-charge payable for the year preceding November last after deducting the rates thereon was ninety-four pounds.

“That there is no glebe land within the said hamlet.

“That the net annual value of the rectory of Arrow excluding the said rent-charge upon lands in Oversley amounts to about three hundred and seventy pounds.

“That the apportioned rent-charge payable in lieu of tithes of the lands within the said chapelry of Weethley amounts to one hundred and two pounds, and that the amount of such rent-charge payable for the year preceding November last after deducting the rates thereon was sixty-four pounds.

“That there is no glebe land within the said chapelry.

“That the net annual value of the rectory of Alcester excluding the said rent-charge upon lands in Weethley amounts to about one hundred and ninety-four pounds.

“That it does not appear that any inhabitants of the said hamlet of Oversley have any right by faculty or otherwise to the exclusive use of any of the pews or sittings in the parish church of Arrow, nor does it appear that any of the inhabitants of the said chapelry of Weethley have any such right to the exclusive use of any of the pews or sittings in the parish church of Alcester.

“That it appears to me that under the provisions of the Acts of Parliament called ‘The Pluralities Acts,’ the said hamlet of Oversley may be advantageously separated from the parish of Arrow and be annexed to the parish of Alcester for ecclesiastical purposes, and that the said chapelry of Weethley may be advantageously separated from the parish of Alcester and be annexed to the parish of Arrow for the like purposes.

“That pursuant to the directions contained in the twenty-sixth section of the Act, first and second Victoria, chapter one hundred and six, I have drawn up in writing a scheme appended to this representation describing the mode in which it appears to me that the alterations proposed may be best effected and how the changes consequent on such alterations in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction, glebe lands, tithe 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 I submit the same to your Grace together with the consents in writing of