

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 13th day of *June*, 1913.

## PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section 26 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 Frederic Edward, Lord Bishop of Salisbury, hath, pursuant to the enactment aforesaid, made a Representation in writing to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

"I, the Right Reverend Frederic Edward Bishop of Salisbury, do represent to Your Grace that there are in the county of Wilts and my Diocese of Salisbury, the vicarage of Overton, with the two chapelries of Fyfield and Alton Priors annexed and the rectory of Alton Barnes.

"That the said chapelry of Alton Priors is distant from the said parish of Overton measuring the distance by road from the

Church of Overton to the Church of Alton Priors about five miles, and is separated from the parish of Overton by a portion of the parish of Alton Barnes.

"That the said parish of Alton Barnes is adjacent to the said chapelry of Alton Priors and the distance from the Church of Alton Barnes to the Church of Alton Priors is about four hundred yards.

"That on the map hereunto annexed the said parish of Overton is coloured blue, the said chapelry of Fyfield is coloured yellow, the said chapelry of Alton Priors is coloured pink, and the said parish of Alton Barnes is coloured green.

"That according to the last available Census Report the population of the said parish of Overton, including the chapelry of Fyfield was 694; the population of the said chapelry of Alton Priors was 175; and the population of the said parish of Alton Barnes was 151.

"That there is in each of the parishes of Overton and Alton Barnes a parish church and in the chapelry of Alton Priors a church.

"That the Parish Church of Overton contains accommodation for 320 persons; that the church at Alton Priors contains accommodation for 150 persons, and that the Parish Church of Alton Barnes contains accommodation for 100 persons.

"That the net annual value of the benefice of Overton, including the chapelries of Alton Priors and Fyfield is £412 14s. 11d. or thereabouts, and that the net annual value of the benefice of Alton Barnes is £139 3s. 2d. or thereabouts.

"That there are houses of residence belonging to each of the benefices of Overton and Alton Barnes.

"That the patronage of the benefice of Overton with the chapelries of Fyfield and Alton Priors belongs to Alexander Taylor, of Manton House, Marlborough, Esquire, and the Reverend Henry Tootell is the present Incumbent thereof. That the patronage of the benefice of Alton Barnes belongs to the Warden and Scholars of Saint Mary College, of Winchester, in Oxford, commonly called New College, Oxford, and the Reverend Charles Andrew Sladen is the present Incumbent thereof.

"That if the said chapelry of Alton Priors be separated from the said parish of Overton and annexed to the said parish of Alton Barnes the Warden and Scholars of New College, Oxford, the patrons of the said rectory of Alton Barnes, have granted a capital sum of £150 for the increase of the endowment of the benefice of Alton Barnes with the chapelry of Alton Priors annexed.

"That it appears to me that under the provisions of the Act of Parliament passed in the session holden in the first and second years of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter 106, the said chapelry of Alton Priors may be advantageously separated from the said benefice of Overton and annexed to the said benefice of Alton Barnes.

"That pursuant to the directions contained in the 26th section of the said Act of Parliament I have drawn up a Scheme in writing describing the mode in which it appears to me 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