

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 Charles John, Lord Bishop of Chichester, hath made a Representation in writing, dated the 13th day of February, 1915, to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

“I, the Right Reverend Charles John, Lord Bishop of Chichester, in pursuance of the 26th Section of the Pluralities Act, 1838, do hereby represent to Your Grace as follows:—

“That there are in the County of Sussex, and my Diocese of Chichester, the Vicarage of the Parish Church of South Bersted, and the Vicarage of the Parish Church of St. John, Bognor, the limits and boundaries of the said Parishes respectively being well known and defined, the latter Benefice having by Order in Council dated the 5th day of February, 1873, been separated and detached from the original Parish of South Bersted, of which it then formed part, and constituted a separate Benefice, with Cure of Souls, comprising the original Tithing of Bognor, in the said Parish of South Bersted, with certain exceptions in the said Order in Council mentioned:

“That it is desirable that further portions of the said Parish of South Bersted, which, in consequence of the increase in population of the Town of Bognor, have been largely built over, and lie contiguous to the Boundaries of the Vicarage of St. John, Bognor, aforesaid, should, by a further Order in Council, be separated from the said Vicarage and Parish of South Bersted, and attached to the said Vicarage of St. John, Bognor, aforesaid:

“That the said Parish of St. John, Bognor, and the said contiguous portions of the said Parish of South Bersted, are delineated upon the Plan which accompanies this Representation, and that on such Plan the said Parish of St. John, Bognor, is coloured *blue*, and the said contiguous Parts of the Parish of South Bersted, proposed to be added thereto, are coloured *pink*:

“That according to the last Census the population of the said Parish of South Bersted, as now constituted, numbers 4,774 persons, and the population of the said Parish of St. John, Bognor, numbers 3,894 persons:

“That the population of the said Portions of the said Parish of South Bersted, which are contiguous as aforesaid to the said Parish of St. John, Bognor, numbers some 1,200 persons:

“That the said Parish Church of St. John, Bognor, is conveniently situated for, and adapted to, the accommodation of the Inhabitants of the said contiguous Portions of the said Parish of South Bersted, the most distant Portion being *three-quarters* of a mile and upwards from the said Parish of St. John, Bognor:

“That good roads lead from all parts of the said contiguous Places to the said Parish Church of St. John, Bognor:

“That it does not appear that any of the Inhabitants or Landowners of the said con-

tiguous Places possess any legal right, by Faculty or otherwise, to the exclusive right of any Pews or Sittings in the said Parish Churches of South Bersted, and St. John, Bognor, respectively:

“That the Patronage of both the said Vicarages belongs to your Grace by virtue of your Archbishopric:

“That the Vicar of the said Vicarage of the Parish Church of South Bersted is The Reverend Frederick Trevor Philips Evershed, Clerk in Holy Orders, and the Vicar of the said Vicarage of the Parish Church of St. John, Bognor, is The Reverend John Joseph Priestley, Clerk in Holy Orders:

“That it appears to me that the said contiguous Parts of the said Parish of South Bersted may, under the provisions of the Pluralities Act, 1838, be advantageously separated from the said Parish of South Bersted, and be annexed to the Vicarage of the Parish Church of St. John, Bognor, for ecclesiastical purposes:

“That, pursuant to the directions contained in the said 26th Section of the Pluralities Act, 1838, I have drawn up a Scheme in writing, appended to this Representation, describing the mode in which it appears to me that the alteration above proposed 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 I do submit the same to your Grace, together with the Consents in Writing of your Grace, the Patron of both the said Vicarages, and of the said Frederick Trevor Philips Evershed, as the Vicar of the Vicarage of the Parish Church of South Bersted, and of the said John Joseph Priestley, as Vicar of the said Vicarage of the Parish Church of St. John, Bognor, to the intent that your Grace may, if after full inquiry and consideration you should be satisfied with the said Scheme, certify the same and such Consents by your Report 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:—

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“That there shall be separated from the said Vicarage of the Parish Church of South Bersted, and be annexed to the said Vicarage and Parish Church of St. John, Bognor, for ecclesiastical purposes, all those contiguous Parts of the said Parish of South Bersted which are comprised within the Plan hereto annexed, and thereon coloured *pink*.

“That the said contiguous Parts shall be subject to the same Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction as the said Vicarage of the Parish Church of St. John, Bognor, and the Incumbent of the said Vicarage of the Parish Church of St. John, Bognor, shall have exclusive Cure of Souls within the limits of the same.

“That all Fees, and other Ecclesiastical Dues, and Payments, for Marriages, Churchings, Burials, and other Ecclesiastical Offices, solemnized and performed within the Parish or