

Parish Church of St. John, Bognor, in respect of the said contiguous Parts of the said Parish of South Bersted, shall from henceforth belong to the Incumbent of the said Vicarage of the Parish Church of St. John, Bognor.

“That the Inhabitants of the said contiguous Parts of the said Parish of South Bersted shall not in future be entitled to any accommodation in the said Parish Church of South Bersted, and shall be exonerated from all liability to repair the said Parish Church, but shall be entitled in common with the Parishioners of the said Parish of St. John, Bognor, and shall be liable, subject to the provisions of ‘The Compulsory Church Rate Abolition Act, 1868,’ to the repair of the said Parish Church of St. John, Bognor.

“That this Scheme shall in no wise affect the Endowment or Income of the said two Benefices of South Bersted, and St. John, Bognor, but the present Endowment of the said contiguous Parts of the said Parish of South Bersted shall be retained by the said Benefice of South Bersted.

“CONSENTS.

“We, The Right Honourable and Most Reverend Father in God, Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury, the Patron or person entitled by virtue of our Archbishopric to present to the Vicarage of the Parish Church of South Bersted, and also to the Vicarage of the Parish Church of St. John, Bognor, if the same or either of them were now vacant, The Reverend Frederick Trevor Philips Evershed, the Vicar of the said Vicarage of the Parish Church of South Bersted, and the Reverend John Joseph Priestley, the Vicar of the said Vicarage of the Parish Church of St. John, Bognor, do hereby respectively signify our Consent to the Scheme above proposed and set forth, and to every matter and thing therein contained.

“In witness whereof we have respectively hereto set our hands this 8th day of March, 1915.

“RANDALL, CANTUAR.

“F. TREVOR P. EVERSHERD.

“JOHN J. PRIESTLEY.”

And whereas the said Scheme hath been transmitted by the said Bishop to the said Archbishop for his consideration:

And whereas the said Archbishop, being satisfied with the said Scheme, hath certified the same, and the Consents aforesaid, to His Majesty in Council by his Report dated the 9th day of March, 1915, which said Report is in the words and figures following:—

“We, the undersigned, Randall Thomas, Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury, do hereby represent to Your Majesty in Council:—

“That The Right Reverend Charles John, Lord Bishop of Chichester, has represented unto us (amongst other things):—

“That there is in the County of Sussex, and his Diocese of Chichester, the Vicarage of South Bersted, the Parish whereof contains a population of 4,774 persons, or thereabouts:

“That there is also, in the same County and Diocese, the Vicarage of St. John, Bognor,

the Parish whereof contains a population of 3,894 persons, or thereabouts:

“That it appears to the said Lord Bishop that, under the provisions of the Pluralities Act, 1838, certain Parts of the said Parish of South Bersted (which are more particularly delineated on the Map or Plan annexed to the Scheme of the said Lord Bishop, and thereon coloured *pink*), may be advantageously separated therefrom, and be annexed to the Parish of St. John, Bognor, to which they are contiguous:

“That pursuant to the directions contained in the 26th Section of the said Pluralities Act, 1838, the said Lord Bishop has drawn up a Scheme in writing, describing the mode in which it appears to him that the proposed alteration may best be effected, and how the changes consequent upon such alteration in respect of 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, which Scheme, together with the Consents thereto in writing of myself, the Patron or person entitled, by virtue of my Archbishopric, to present or nominate to both the said Benefices of South Bersted, and St. John, Bognor, (in case the same or either of them were now vacant), The Reverend Frederick Trevor Philips Evershed, Incumbent of the said Benefice of South Bersted, and The Reverend John Joseph Priestley, Incumbent of the said Benefice of St. John, Bognor, has been transmitted to us by the said Lord Bishop for our consideration:

“The Representation and Scheme of the said Lord Bishop, and the Consents above referred to, are hereunto annexed:

“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 Consents 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 *December*, 1915.

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, Chaptries, and other Places, or Districts,