

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 John, Lord Bishop of Hereford, hath made a Representation in writing, dated the 17th day of August, 1916, to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

“We, The Right Reverend John, Lord Bishop of Hereford, do hereby represent to Your Grace as follows:—

“That within the county of Hereford, and Our Diocese of Hereford, is situate the Vicarage and Parish Church of Bishops Froome, which Parish extends to and comprises a District called Froome’s Hill:

“That in the year 1866 a Church was built at Froome’s Hill aforesaid upon a site duly conveyed under the authority of The Church Building Acts, and such Church together with the surrounding Churchyard was duly consecrated on the 20th day of March, 1866, and dedicated to St. Matthew, but no District has been assigned thereto:

“That the said Church of St. Matthew is distant from the Parish Church of Bishops Froome about 2 miles:

“That in the said County, and Our Diocese of Hereford, there is also situate the Rectory and Parish Church of Evesbatch, which is distant about 1 mile from the said Church of St. Matthew, Froome’s Hill, and the population of the said Parish of Evesbatch is only 55:

“That the population of the Parish of Bishops Froome is 720, and the number thereof residing at or near Froome’s Hill is about 200:

“That the net yearly income of the Vicarage of Bishops Froome is £482 4s. 8d., and the net yearly income of the Rectory of Evesbatch is £154:

“That the Patronage of the said Vicarage of Bishops Froome is now vested in Sybil Maude Hopton, wife of Colonel John Dutton Hopton, of Canon Frome Court, in the said County of Hereford, and the Patronage of the said Rectory of Evesbatch is now vested in us The Bishop of Hereford:

“That the Reverend William Cope Hopton is the Vicar of the said Vicarage and Parish Church of Bishops Froome, and The Reverend Pendarves George Kekewich is the Rector of the said Rectory and Parish Church of Evesbatch:

“That it appears to us that under the provisions of the Act of Parliament passed in the Session holden in the 1st and 2nd years of the Reign of Queen Victoria, Chapter 106, the District surrounding the said Church of St. Matthew, Froome’s Hill, may be advantageously separated from the said Vicarage of Bishops Froome, and be united to the said Rectory and Parish of Evesbatch, to which it is contiguous, for ecclesiastical purposes, which District is delineated, and the boundaries thereof shown by the colour *pink*, on the *Map* or *Plan* annexed hereto:

“That pursuant to the directions contained in the 26th Section of the hereinbefore-mentioned Act we have drawn up a Scheme in writing, appended to this Representation, describing the mode in which it appears to us that the alteration above proposed may best be effected, and how the changes consequent on

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, and we do submit the same to Your Grace, together with the Consents in writing of the respective Patrons and Incumbents of the said Vicarage of Bishops Froome, and of the said Rectory of Evesbatch, to the intent that Your Grace may, if on full consideration and inquiry you shall be satisfied with such Scheme, certify the same and such Consents as aforesaid by your Report to His Majesty in Council.

“J., HEREFORD.”

And whereas the said Scheme drawn up by the said Bishop, and the Consents referred to in the said Representation, are as follows:—

#### “THE SCHEME.

“1. That the District coloured *pink* on the *Map* or *Plan* hereunto annexed, at present belonging to and forming part of the Vicarage and Parish Church of Bishops Froome, in the County and Diocese of Hereford, shall be separated from the said Vicarage and Parish, and be united to, and be deemed part of, the Rectory and Parish of Evesbatch, in the said County and Diocese, for ecclesiastical purposes.

“2. That the said District shall be subject to the same Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction as the said Rectory and Parish of Evesbatch, and the Rector of the said Rectory and Parish of Evesbatch shall have exclusive Cure of Souls within the limits of the said District.

“3. That all Fees and other Ecclesiastical Dues and Payments for Marriages, Churchings, Burials, and other Ecclesiastical Offices, solemnized and performed in respect of Persons residing within the said District shall henceforth belong to the Rector of the said Rectory of Evesbatch.

“4. That the Parishioners of and residing within the said District shall not hereafter be entitled to accommodation in the said Parish Church of Bishops Froome, but shall be entitled in common with the Inhabitants of the said Parish of Evesbatch to accommodation in the Parish Church of Evesbatch, and the Church of St. Matthew, Froome’s Hill, and shall be exempted from all liability to repair the Parish Church of Bishops Froome, but shall be liable (subject to the provisions of the Compulsory Church Rate Abolition Act, 1868) to the repair of the said Parish Church of Evesbatch, and the Church of St. Matthew, Froome’s Hill.”

#### “CONSENTS.

“I, Sybil Maude Hopton, Wife of Colonel John Dutton Hopton, of Canon Frome Court, in the County of Hereford, the Patron or the person entitled to present to the Vicarage of Bishops Froome, in the County and Diocese of Hereford, in case the same were now vacant, and I, the Reverend William Cope Hopton, Clerk, Vicar of the said Vicarage, do hereby respectively signify to Your Grace our Consent to the Scheme above proposed for separating a District adjacent to St. Matthew’s Church, Froome’s Hill, from the Parish of Bishops Froome, and annexing the same to the Parish of Evesbatch, in the same County and Diocese, for ecclesiastical purposes.

“SYBIL MAUDE HOPTON.

“WILLIAM COPE HOPTON.”