

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 31st day of *October*, 1921.

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 Hubert Murray, Lord Bishop of Oxford, hath made a Representation in writing to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as follows:—

"We, Hubert Murray Lord Bishop of Oxford, in pursuance of the 26th section of the Pluralities Act, 1838, do hereby represent to Your Grace as follows:—

"There is in the County of Buckingham and Diocese of Oxford the Vicarage or Benefice of Buckland the Parish whereof contained a population of six hundred and eighty-nine or thereabouts with accommodation in the Parish Church for one hundred and seventy-five persons.

"The net annual value of the said benefice of Buckland is Two hundred and sixty pounds or thereabouts.

"There is also in the same County and Diocese the Vicarage or Benefice of St. Leonards the Parish whereof contains a population of one hundred and thirty or thereabouts with accommodation in the Parish Church for one hundred and thirty persons.

"The net annual value of the said Benefice of St. Leonards is three hundred pounds or thereabouts.

"A certain portion of the said Parish of Buckland known as Buckland Common with a population of two hundred and fifty or thereabouts is distant about three miles from the Parish Church of Buckland and in close proximity to the Parish Church of St. Leonards.

"That it appears to me and I do hereby represent to Your Grace that under the provisions of the said Pluralities Act, 1838, the said portion of the said Parish of Buckland known as Buckland Common more particularly described in the hereinafter mentioned Scheme and delineated on the plan annexed to such Scheme appended to this Representation and thereon coloured pink, may be advantageously separated therefrom and be annexed to the said Parish of St. Leonards to which it is contiguous.

"The Right Honourable Frederick, Baron Birkenhead, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, as such Lord High Chancellor is the Patron in the right of the Crown of the said Benefice of Buckland and the Reverend Aylmer Vivian Arthur Scott is the present Incumbent thereof.

"Messieurs Joseph Grout Williams, Charles Edward Briggs, Ernest Mathews, Stewart William Jenney, Constantine Osborne Phipps, Thomas Vernon Garnier, and Sir Charles Frederick Hadden, K.C.B., are the Patrons of the said Benefice of St. Leonards and the Reverend Gordon Frank Sharp is the present Incumbent thereof.

"That pursuant to the directions contained in the 26th Section of the Pluralities Act, 1838, I, the said Lord Bishop have drawn up a Scheme in writing annexed 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 of 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 do hereby submit the same to Your Grace together with the consents in writing of the Patrons of both of the said Benefices of Buckland and St. Leonards and also the consents of the Incumbents of the said Benefices to the intent that if Your Grace shall on full consideration and enquiry be satisfied with such Scheme you may certify the same and such consents aforesaid 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:—

"SCHEME."

"It is proposed to separate from the Parish of Buckland and annex to the Parish of St. Leonards all that portion of the Civil Parish of Buckland known as Buckland Common which lies to the south of a wood known as