

sent to Your Grace that at the date of the Order in Council hereinafter recited there were in the County of Wilts and my Diocese of Salisbury the Rectory or Benefice of Bishopstone and also the Rectory or Benefice of Stratford Tony.

" That by an Order of His Most Excellent Majesty in Council dated the 25th day of June, 1925, and published in the London Gazette on the 30th June, 1925, made under the provisions of the Union of Benefices Act, 1919, of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1921, and the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, it was ordered that the said Benefice of Bishopstone and the said Benefice of Stratford Tony should be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Bishopstone with Stratford Tony' but the parishes of the said Benefices should continue distinct in all respects and further it was ordered that upon the said union taking effect all the Tithe rent charges, Glebe lands and all other the endowments belonging to the United Benefice or which might thereafter belong thereto should be charged and for ever after be chargeable in favour of the Incumbents for the time being of the Benefices of Marlborough Saint Peter and Saint Paul with Saint Mary the Virgin and Edington both in the said Diocese of Salisbury with certain annual sums or yearly rent charges as therein mentioned.

" That adjoining the said Parish of Stratford Tony on the east is the Vicarage or United Benefice of Coombe Bissett with Homington consisting of the ecclesiastical parishes of Coombe Bissett and of Homington and that adjoining the United Benefice of Coombe Bissett with Homington on the east thereof is the Vicarage or Benefice of Britford all being in the County of Wilts and Diocese of Salisbury.

" That the ecclesiastical parish of Stratford Tony is shown on the plan annexed hereto and is thereon verged green, yellow, red, blue and brown of which the portions verged yellow, red, blue and brown are detached and are entirely within other neighbouring parishes of which they form part for civil purposes.

" That is to say :—

" (a) The outlying portion of the ecclesiastical parish of Stratford Tony coloured yellow is situate wholly within the civil parish of Coombe Bissett.

" (b) The outlying portions of the ecclesiastical parish of Stratford Tony coloured red and blue are situate wholly within the civil parish of Homington.

" (c) The outlying portion of the ecclesiastical parish of Stratford Tony coloured brown is situate wholly within the civil parish of Britford.

" That so much of the outlying portion of the ecclesiastical parish of Stratford Tony coloured blue and situate in the civil parish of Homington as is etched in red is glebe land formerly belonging to the Benefice of Stratford Tony but now to the United Benefice of Bishopstone with Stratford Tony and enjoyed by the Incumbent of that United Benefice for the time being and contains forty-three acres two roods or thereabouts.

" That according to the last census the population of the said ecclesiastical parish of

Bishopstone was five hundred and twenty-six and of the said ecclesiastical parish of Stratford Tony excluding the outlying portions thereof was eighty-six and the populations of the ecclesiastical parishes of Coombe Bissett and Homington including the outlying portions of Stratford Tony contained therein respectively were respectively four hundred and twenty-five and one hundred and eighty-six. That the population of the said ecclesiastical parish of Britford including the detached portion of Stratford Tony coloured brown was five hundred and seventeen.

" That there is a parish church in each of the said parishes.

" That the parish church of Bishopstone contains accommodation for two hundred and forty persons. That that at Stratford Tony contains accommodation for eighty-four persons. That that at Coombe Bissett contains accommodation for two hundred and fifty persons. That that at Homington contains accommodation for two hundred persons and that that at Britford contains accommodation for two hundred and forty persons.

" That the net annual value of the said United Benefice of Bishopstone with Stratford Tony is eleven hundred pounds or thereabouts of which the gross sum of forty pounds or thereabouts is derived from the said glebe land situate in the parish of Homington. That the net annual value of the said United Benefice of Coombe Bissett with Homington is three hundred and eighty-seven pounds or thereabouts and that the net annual value of the said Benefice of Britford is two hundred and eighty-nine pounds or thereabouts.

" That there is in the parish, of Bishopstone a house of residence and there is also a house of residence in the United Benefice of Coombe Bissett with Homington situate at Coombe Bissett and that there is a house of residence in the said parish of Britford.

" That the Patronage of the said United Benefice of Bishopstone with Stratford Tony belongs to the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery and to Corpus Christi College Oxford the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery having two turns in three and that the Reverend Francis Raikes is the present Incumbent thereof. That the Patronage of the said United Benefice of Coombe Bissett with Homington belongs to myself in right of my See and the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Sarum alternately and that the Reverend Charles Wood is the present Incumbent thereof and that the Patronage of the said Benefice of Britford belongs to the Dean and Chapter aforesaid and that the Reverend Canon Thomas John Woodall is the present Incumbent thereof.

" That it appears to me that under the provisions of the Act of Parliament of the 1st and 2nd years of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 106, and also of the 2nd and 3rd years of the same Reign, Chapter 49, it will be advantageous to the interests of religion :—

" 1. To separate the said outlying portions of the said ecclesiastical parish of Stratford Tony and to annex them for ecclesiastical purposes to the parishes in which they are situate, that is to say, the portion shown on the plan and coloured yellow to the parish of Coombe Bissett, the portions coloured red