

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 2nd day of *December*, 1926.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Right Reverend William, Lord Bishop of Exeter, has, under Section 26 of the Pluralities Act, 1838, made a Representation to the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, in the following terms:—

"I, William, Bishop of Exeter, 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 Devon and Diocese of Exeter the Benefice or Rectory of Ashwater the Parish whereof contains a population of 624 persons or thereabouts with accommodation in the Parish Church for 250 persons.

"The Net annual value of the Benefice of Ashwater is £767 or thereabouts.

"There is also in the same County and Diocese the United Benefice or Rectory of Halwill with Beaworthy; the Parish of Halwill whereof contains a population of 410 persons or thereabouts with accommodation in the Parish Church of Halwill for 150 persons.

"The Net annual value of the United Benefice of Halwill with Beaworthy is £427 or thereabouts.

"That it appears to us and we do hereby represent to Your Grace that under the provisions of the said Pluralities Act, 1838, a portion of the Parish of Ashwater (the boundaries of which are more particularly described in the Scheme annexed to this Representation and also delineated on the Ordnance Map annexed thereto and thereon edged with red) may be advantageously separated therefrom and be annexed to the said Parish of Halwill to which it is contiguous.

"The Patron and Incumbent of the Benefice of Ashwater is the Reverend George Douglas Melhuish, M.A.

"The Patron of the United Benefice of Halwill with Beaworthy is the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain and the Reverend Francis George Powell, B.A., is the Incumbent thereof.

"That pursuant to the directions contained in the 26th Section of the Pluralities Act, 1838, we, the said Lord Bishop, have drawn up a Scheme in writing annexed to this Representation describing the mode in which it appears to us that the alterations above proposed may best be effected and how the changes consequent on such alterations in respect to the 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 hereby submit the same together with the consents in writing of the said Patrons and 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 as 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 Ashwater and annex to the Parish of Halwill all that part of the Parish of Ashwater known as the Hamlet of Langaford delineated on the Ordnance Map annexed hereto and edged with Red.

"That the Incumbent of the Benefice of Halwill shall have sole and exclusive Cure of Souls within such portion so to be separated from Ashwater.

"That any inhabitants of such portion shall be entitled to accommodation in the Parish Church of Halwill but shall cease to be entitled to any right or accommodation in the Parish Church of Ashwater.

"That any inhabitant of the aforesaid portion shall have such and the same right to have Marriages Baptisms Churchings and Burials solemnised and performed in the Parish Church of Halwill as they might have had in the Parish Church of Ashwater.

"That all fees Ecclesiastical Offerings and emoluments which may arise from the said portion so to be separated from Ashwater shall belong to the Incumbent of Halwill.

"That the Tithe arising out of the land numbered 1977, 1978, and 1979 on the Tithe Apportionment of the Parish of Ashwater shall remain the property of the Incumbent of Ashwater but the Tithe arising from the remaining portion of the land to be transferred amounting to £26 18s. 3d. shall be transferred from the Parish of Ashwater and shall belong to the Incumbent of the Parish of Halwill.

"That no alteration shall be made in the Patronage of the said Benefices.

"CONSENTS.

"We, The Reverend George Douglas Melhuish the Patron and Incumbent of the Benefice of Ashwater, The Right Honourable The Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain the Patron of the United Benefice of Halwill with Beaworthy, and the Reverend Francis George Powell the Incumbent of the United Benefices of Halwill with Beaworthy, hereby respectively signify to Your Grace our several Consents to the Scheme above proposed and set forth and to every matter and thing therein contained.

"In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our respective hands this 1st day of October, 1926.

"G. D. MELHUIH.

"CAVE, C.

"F. G. POWELL."

And whereas the said Archbishop being satisfied with the said Scheme has, under the provisions of the said Pluralities Act, 1838, by his Report dated the 5th day of November, 1926, certified the same and the Consents aforesaid to His Majesty in Council to the intent that an Order may, if His Majesty in Council so think fit, be made for carrying the Scheme into effect:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the said Scheme be carried into effect.

"M. P. A. Hankey.