

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 21st day of *February*, 1935.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Cosmo Gordon, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, has, under Section 26 of the Pluralities Act, 1838, made a Report to His Majesty in Council, in the following terms:—

"That there is in the County of Kent and my Diocese of Canterbury the Rectory or Benefice of Ickham with the Chapel of Weld the Parish whereof contains a population (according to the last census) of six hundred and thirty-two or thereabouts with accommodation in the Parish Church for two hundred persons.

"The net annual value of the said Benefice of Ickham with the Chapel of Weld is nine hundred pounds or thereabouts.

"That there is also in the same County and Diocese the Vicarage or Benefice of Bekesbourne the Parish whereof contains a population (according to the last census) of three hundred and twenty-six or thereabouts with accommodation in the Parish Church for one hundred and fifty persons.

"The net annual value of the said Benefice of Bekesbourne is three hundred and twenty-four pounds or thereabouts.

"That it appears to me that under the provisions of the Pluralities Act, 1838, the said Chapel of Weld the boundaries of which are well known and defined and are more particularly delineated on the plan annexed to the Scheme appended to this Report and thereon verged pink may be advantageously separated from the Rectory or Benefice of Ickham with the Chapel of Weld and annexed to the Vicarage or Benefice of Bekesbourne to which it is contiguous.

"That I am the Patron of both of the said Benefices of Ickham with the Chapel of Weld and of Bekesbourne the Reverend Canon Reginald Joseph William Henry Potter being the present Incumbent of Ickham with the Chapel of Weld and the Reverend Alfred Amos Fletcher Lamplugh being the present Incumbent of Bekesbourne.

"Pursuant to the directions contained in the twenty-sixth Section of the Pluralities Act, 1838, I have drawn up the following Scheme in writing describing the mode in which it appears to me that the alterations above proposed may best be effected and how the changes consequent on such alterations 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 which Scheme together with my consent in writing as Patron of both of the said Benefices of Ickham with the Chapel of Weld and of Bekesbourne and also the consents of the Incumbents of the said Benefices I do certify by this my Report 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 an Order for carrying such Scheme into effect."

And whereas the said Scheme drawn up by the said Archbishop and the Consents referred to in the said Report are as follows:—

"SCHEME.

"1. That the said Chapel of Weld shall be separated from the Parish of Ickham with the Chapel of Weld and annexed to the Parish of Bekesbourne for Ecclesiastical purposes. The boundaries of the said Chapel are delineated on the plan annexed hereto and thereon verged pink.

"2. That the Incumbent of Bekesbourne shall have sole and exclusive cure of souls within such Chapel so to be separated from the Parish of Ickham with the Chapel of Weld and annexed to Bekesbourne.

"3. That the inhabitants of such Chapel shall be entitled to accommodation in the Parish Church of Bekesbourne but shall cease to be entitled to any right of accommodation in the Parish Church of Ickham with the Chapel of Weld excepting nevertheless any such inhabitants or inhabitant (if any) possessing a legal right by faculty or otherwise to any pew or sitting in the said Parish Church of Ickham with the Chapel of Weld who may not be willing to relinquish and give up the same.

"4. That the inhabitants of the aforesaid Chapel shall have such and the same right to have marriages baptisms churchings and burials solemnized and performed in the said Parish Church of Bekesbourne as but for the said separation they might have had in the Parish Church of Ickham with the Chapel of Weld.

"5. That all fees ecclesiastical offerings and emoluments arising from the said Chapel so to be separated from the Parish of Ickham with the Chapel of Weld and annexed to Bekesbourne shall henceforth belong to the Incumbent of the Benefice of Bekesbourne who shall have all such rights and remedies for enforcing payment of the same as are now or would in the future but for the said separation be exercisable by the Incumbent of the Benefice of Ickham with the Chapel of Weld.

"6. That all that portion of the Tithe Rent Charge belonging to the said Benefice of Ickham with the Chapel of Weld and arising from the said Chapel of Weld particulars whereof are set out in the Schedule hereto shall belong to and be attached to the proposed Benefice of Bekesbourne with the Chapel of Weld and be held received and enjoyed by the Incumbent thereof for the time being accordingly.

"7. That all glebe lands and buildings situate in the said Chapel of Weld shall belong to and be attached to the said proposed Benefice of Bekesbourne with the Chapel of Weld for ever and be held and enjoyed by the Incumbent thereof for the time being accordingly.

"8. That no alteration except as aforesaid shall be made in the endowments of the said Benefices or either of them.

"9. That no alteration shall be made in the Patronage of the said Benefices or either of them.