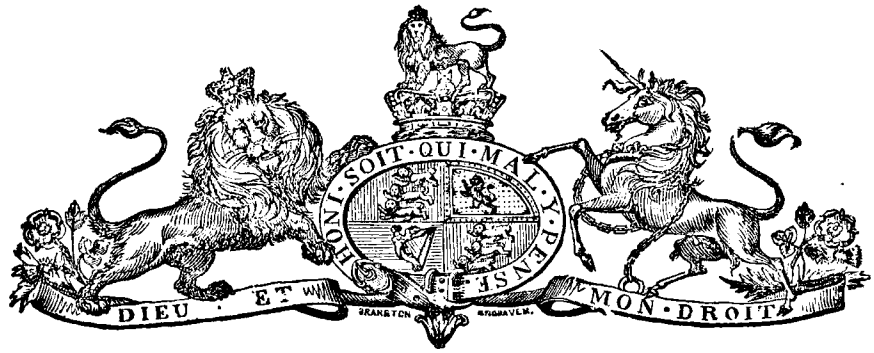


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CAP. XXX.

An Act for apportioning the Spiritual Services of Parishes in which Two or more Spiritual Persons have Cure of Souls generally throughout the Parish. [19th *July* 1839.]

WHEREAS there are several Benefices, in every of which more than One Spiritual Person is instituted or otherwise admitted to the Cure of Souls generally within the same: And whereas it would conduce to the Spiritual Good of the Inhabitants if the Cure of Souls were apportioned between or among the said Spiritual Persons: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Bishop of the Diocese in which any such Benefice having more than One Spiritual Person instituted or otherwise admitted or licensed to the Cure of Souls generally within the same is locally situated, from Time to Time to direct a Decree, with Intimation, to issue from the Registry of the Diocese, calling upon the Spiritual Persons instituted or otherwise admitted to the Cure of Souls, and upon the Churchwardens

In Benefices where there are more than One Spiritual Person instituted to the Cure of Souls the Bishop may

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order an Apportionment of Spiritual Duties, if no Cause is shown to the contrary.

or Chapelwardens and other Inhabitants of any such Benefice, or any of them, to show Cause before the Bishop in Person, at a Time and Place specified in such Decree, such Time not being within One Month from the Service of such Decree, and such Place being within the Diocese, why the Spiritual Duties of such Benefice should not be apportioned between or among such Spiritual Persons in the Manner and in the Proportions specified in such Decree; and if at the Time and Place appointed Cause to the contrary be not shown to the Satisfaction of the said Bishop, it shall be lawful for him to issue an Order in pursuance of and in conformity with such Decree, or, if Cause be shown, to withhold, amend, or vary such Order, as to him may seem just and proper; and every such Order shall issue under he Hand and Episcopal Seal of the Bishop, and shall, on its being issued, be registered in the Registry of the Diocese; and every such Decree and Order shall be served on every such Spiritual Person thereby affected, and on One of the Churchwardens or Chapelwardens of the Benefice, by delivering to them a Copy thereof, or leaving a Copy at the House or legal Residence of such Spiritual Person, Churchwardens or Chapelwardens, and on the Inhabitants of the Benefice, by affixing and leaving affixed a Copy thereof on the Doors of the several Churches or Chapels of such Benefice; and a Copy of such Order shall be deposited and preserved by the Churchwardens of the Parish or Parishes within such Benefice, or One of them, in the Parish Chest of every such Parish, and be shown without Fee to any Parishioner requiring to see the same, at reasonable Times; and in case any such Spiritual Person shall refuse or neglect to comply with such Order for the Space of One Month after such Service, or if any such Spiritual Person shall at any Time after such Service refuse or neglect to perform the Spiritual Duties of the Benefice in the Manner and Proportions in and by such Order directed, then and in any or either of such Cases it shall be lawful for the said Bishop to proceed against such Spiritual Person so neglecting or refusing to comply with such Order in the same Manner as the Bishop is empowered to proceed in the Case of a Spiritual Person by reason of whose Negligence the Ecclesiastical Duties of his Benefice are inadequately performed:

Proceedings in case of Neglect to comply with the Order.

Appeal.

Provided always, that any such Spiritual Person, or Churchwarden, Chapelwarden, or Inhabitant, who shall have appeared to show Cause against and who shall think himself aggrieved by any Order made by any Bishop in pursuance of the Powers given to the Bishop by this Act may, within Thirty Days from the Service of such Order, appeal against the same to the Archbishop of the Province, and the Archbishop shall hear and determine such Appeal, and confirm, revoke, or vary such Order, as to him may seem just and proper; and if he shall revoke or vary the same, such Revocation or Variation shall be registered in the Registry of the Diocese, and be served, preserved, shown, and enforced as herein-before directed with regard to the original Order; and it shall be lawful for the Archbishop, if he shall think fit, to order the Appellant to pay the Costs of such Appeal: Provided also, that in any Case in which an Appeal shall be interposed by any Spiritual Person Notice thereof shall forthwith be given, by or on behalf of the Bishop by whom the Order appealed from shall have been made, to the Churchwardens of the Parish and

Notice of Appeal.

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to the Spiritual Persons having the Cure of Souls in such Parish; and all Persons interested in such Order shall be entitled to be heard before the Archbishop to oppose the Revocation or Variation sought to be obtained by the original Appellant from such Order.

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