

What I want you kindly to tell me, is this. Would it be sufficient to take an Attorney's opinion about it (in which case I should apply to the Bishop's Secretary - though by the way his Lordship has not suggested that course) - or do I require Counsel's opinion? In the latter alternative, I suppose it would be well for the Bishop's Secretary to prepare the case. -

You would do me a great kindness if you would just tell me what I had best do - I am very sorry to plague you in such a way, but I know you will forgive it.

I think it pretty certain that the Insurance of the Church would have been specified in setting apart the Repair Fund - but at that time insurance was a voluntary matter - as I believe it still is as to Churches - that of Chancery is now thrown upon Incumbents by act of Parliament.

"Celestial Objects" is about to appear in a French dress - & the Abbe Verjuzo, who expects nothing from it, wants to get the right for nothing, or as little as may be. I have suggested to Longmans that it might be fair to charge him nothing now, but to claim a royalty on all paying copies. What I will do I don't know. - I have never yet seen Coggia.

Believe me
My dearest Arthur

Your very affectionate friend
J. W. Webb.

Hardwick Vicarage, 29 June 1874.

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My dearest Arthur,

The book you have kindly lent me had arrived quite safe, & I am much obliged, but have as yet had no leisure to examine it. I have just now a heap of other business on hand, and some about which I am induced to draw upon your good-nature. I don't like giving you all this trouble, but I know how kind you are - & I hope my query may admit of a ready & speedy answer. -

The case is this. -

In 1856 I was presented to this ~~par~~ benefice, ~~as~~ under the Bishop's Licence, as Perpetual Curate of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Hardwick, in the Parish of ~~Hardwick~~ Clifford, a district being ^{also} ~~at the same time~~ attached to the Church, with the right of performing Baptisms, Burials, & Marriages & receiving the Fees: - the Tithe and Church Rate being reserved to the Mother Church of Clifford, (and according to Counsel's opinion the right of seats in Church) - and the New District being endowed with