

dred pounds a year ; but he has increased it to more than one thousand pounds a year : and its real value, if the full tithes were paid, would be considerably more than one thousand four hundred pounds a year. Surely, this parish might be divided into at least four lesser parishes, each of which would be fourteen miles long and nine miles broad. This should be done upon the next vacancy of it. And I am told there are many such very extensive parishes in the north of England, and I suppose also in other parts of the kingdom. This might be done without affecting the rights of patronage, or the emoluments of the present incumbents of the livings, in the smallest degree. And the interests of religion would evidently be advanced by such a measure.

As to equalizing livings of very unequal value that are near each other, though it might be a beneficial measure when done, yet it would involve the rights of the patrons so far, and be so difficult to execute, that I do not wish to see it attempted. For