

Glebe, the Rent of a Farm, and the Interest of a sum vested with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

This was my original "status". - Subsequently, Lord Blandford's Act. (29 Vict. cap. 104) made Hardwike into a parish, ecclesiastically - and another act has conferred upon me the title - but not the tithes - of a Vicar.

There was a sum set apart at the consecration of the Church, and subsequently vested in the Church Building Society as Trustees - but subject to my charge for the Interest - for the purpose of repairing the Church. Such I believe to be the expression, without reference to any distinction between Church, and Chancel. (The deed is I think with the Church Commissioners.) The Church and Chancel have been till recently insured by the Moon estate from which the foundation & endowment proceed. -

Things have gone on in this way for years: but recently an act of parliament, enforced by the Bishop, requires the insurance of the Chancel by the Incumbent - and this has led me to consider as to the Repair of the Chancel also; both I presume going

together. And what I want to know is, whether being only Vicar by courtesy, and possessing no portion of Vicarial Tithes, ~~and~~ any liability lies upon me either to repair or insure the Chancel. (I have no doubt that as Incumbent I am liable to the <sup>Repair and</sup> insurance both of the Glebe House and the Farmhouse & buildings.)

The Moon Estate has just passed into fresh hands, & it is important that this point should be cleared as soon as possible: for if I am not liable in any way, the repair of the Chancel would I presume fall upon the ~~the~~ Church Repair Fund, & the Insurance either upon that, or the Estate.

A collateral question is this. There is as you know an Organ Chamber containing a valuable Organ opening by a window into the Chancel, but not communicating with it by a passage. If the Repair & Insurance ~~are not~~ <sup>are</sup> not mine, of course the question drops through, but if they are, it is important that I should know whether these adjuncts are to be considered part of the Chancel, or not.

I have consulted the Bishop about all this, but <sup>and says</sup> "it must be answered by some competent authority." He tells me it is entirely a legal question. - How