Judgement of the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on the Petition of Read and Others v. The Archbishop of Canterbury; delivered August 3rd; 1888.

Present:

THE LORD CHANGELLOR [LORD HALSBURY.]
LORD HERSCHELL.
LORD HOBHOUSE.
LORD MACNAGHTEN.

SIR BARNES PEACOCK.

[Ecclesiastical Assessors.]

THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

THE BISHOP OF SALISBURY.

THE BISHOP OF ELY.

THE BISHOP OF MANCHESTER.

THE BISHOP OF SODOR AND MAN.

[Delivered by The Lord Chancellor.]

THEIR Lordships are of opinion that the Archbishop has jurisdiction in this case. They are also of opinion that the abstaining by the Archbishop from entertaining the suit is matter of appeal to Her Majesty; they desire to express no opinion whatever whether the Archbishop has, or has not, a discretion whether he will issue a citation; and they will humbly advise Her Majesty to remit the case to the Archbishop to be dealt with according to law.