

*Judgment of the Lords of the Judicial Committee
of the Privy Council on the Petition of the
Reverend Robert Atherton, under the Clergy
Discipline Act, 1892, in the matter of Lee v.
Atherton, from the Consistory Court of the
Diocese of Ely ; delivered the 4th August 1904.*

Present :

THE LORD CHANCELLOR.
LORD MACNAGETEN.
LORD DAVEY.
LORD ROBERTSON.
LORD LINDLEY.
SIR ARTHUR WILSON.

ECCLESIASTICAL ASSESSORS :

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.
THE BISHOP OF LLANDAFF.
THE BISHOP OF RIPON.

[Delivered by the Lord Chancellor.]

THEIR Lordships are of opinion that the amount of time that has elapsed since Judgment was given, 16th January 1904, is not sufficiently accounted for. The long delay between then and the time, 19th July 1904, when this Petition was lodged, requires perfect explanation in order to justify their Lordships in enlarging the times limited by the Rules made under the Clergy Discipline Act, 1892, for prosecuting appeals. That explanation has not been given, and the consequence is, that their Lordships will humbly advise His Majesty to dismiss this Petition.

